



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

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INFORMATION REGARDING THE 2026 CANADIAN TEAM TRIALS HOSTED BY CBTF

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FOR DISTRIBUTION TO: All coaches in your province

The Canadian Team Trials will be held May 15-17, 2026 at Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario.

Please be advised of the entry requirements and qualifying process that will be used to select the Canadian contingent that will participate in the 2026 IBTF World Freestyle & Rhythmic Twirl Championship and Nations Cup being hosted in Paris, France, August 3-9, 2026. Note that *there are changes from the previous Canadian Team Trial cycles.*

Everyone must be familiar with the IBTF Rulebooks: <https://www.ibtf-batontwirling.org/>

As that website states, Official IBTF Competition Rulebooks are subject to change at any time. It is your responsibility to visit the page to ensure that you have the latest version.

The IBTF event in Paris, France is composed of two separate competitions: the IBTF World Freestyle & Rhythmic Championship and the Nations Cup. The disciplines featured are Freestyle Solo, Rhythmic Twirl, Freestyle Pair, Freestyle Team, Nations Cup Level A Freestyle Team.

The disciplines offered at this year's Canadian Team Trials are as follows:

NATIONS CUP

Gender	Discipline	Age Divisions*	Level	# to Qualify
Mixed	Freestyle Team	Junior	A	1
Mixed	Freestyle Team	Senior	A	1

WORLD FREESTYLE & RHYTHMIC TWIRL CHAMPIONSHIP

Gender	Discipline	Age Divisions*	Level	# to Qualify
Women's	Freestyle Solo	Junior	World	3 + 1 alt
Women's	Freestyle Solo	Senior	World	3 + 1 alt
Men's	Freestyle Solo	Junior	World	3 + 1 alt
Men's	Freestyle Solo	Senior	World	3 + 1 alt
Women's	Rhythmic Twirl	Junior	World	3 + 1 alt
Women's	Rhythmic Twirl	Senior	World	3 + 1 alt
Men's	Rhythmic Twirl	Junior	World	3 + 1 alt
Men's	Rhythmic Twirl	Senior	World	3 + 1 alt
Mixed	Freestyle Pair	Junior	World	1
Mixed	Freestyle Pair	Senior	World	1
Mixed	Freestyle Team	single	World	1

Canada intends to send a full complement.

*Where age divisions apply, an athlete's age shall be determined as the age as at December 31st of the competition year, 2026. Minimum age of all competitors is 12 years.

Junior Freestyle Solo & Rhythmic Twirl	12-17 years of age
Senior Freestyle Solo & Rhythmic Twirl	18+ years of age
Junior Pair	Both athletes must be Junior age (12-17)
Senior Pair	Both athletes Senior age (18+) or One Senior + One Junior
Freestyle Team – World	12 years minimum age, no maximum
Nations Cup A Freestyle Team Junior	All members must be 12-17 years of age
Nations Cup A Freestyle Team Senior	Any member is 18 years or older, no maximum age, may include members of junior age

*Coaches MUST know and understand the IBTF rules regarding composition of Nations Cup A Freestyle Teams (members as well as content restrictions).

NOTE CBTF IMPORTANT REQUIREMENT

CBTF athletes who qualify in their disciplines at the Canadian Team Trials must compete in the discipline offered at the 2026 CBTF Canadian Championship in Regina, SK, in order to be eligible to compete in Paris, France, in August 2026, or they will forfeit their spot on the Canadian contingent and will forfeit their deposit and/or any payment made to CBTF (this will not apply to disciplines that are not offered at the Canadian Championship).

ENTRY INTO THE CANADIAN TEAM TRIALS

All athletes must hold a current 2025-2026 Type A CBTF Membership.

All coaches must hold a current 2025-2026 Type T1 or T2 CBTF Membership.

Freestyle Solo

1. Any athlete who has held a CBTF Membership at any time in the past must meet one of these standards:
 - a. Current Level A Freestyle athlete (i.e. competed Level A in 2024-25 or earlier, or has achieved the advancement score of 45.000 during the 2024-25 season and is now considered Level A for the 2025-26 season)
 - b. Any Level BI or BA Freestyle Solo athlete that achieved a score of 40.000 or higher in the 2025 Provincials or the 2025 Canadians
2. Any athlete who has never been a CBTF member prior to the 2025-26 season (i.e. has only ever held a CNBTA membership) may self-declare as Level A Freestyle Solo and enter the Canadian Team Trials.

Any athlete that completes an Intent to Compete Declaration for Level A Freestyle Solo at the 2026 Canadian Team Trials will automatically be advanced and compete as Level A for the entire 2025-26 season and beyond.

Rhythmic Twirl

1. Any athlete who has held a CBTF Membership at any time in the past must meet one of these standards:
 - a. Current Level BA Solo athlete
 - b. Achievement of Level BA Solo status PRIOR to the entry deadline for the 2026 Canadian Team Trials (i.e. an athlete may submit an intent to compete in October if they are not Level BA Solo but will not be permitted to submit an official entry if they have not achieved Level BA Solo by the official entry deadline).
2. Any athlete who has never been a CBTF member prior to the 2025-26 season (i.e. has only ever held a CNBTA membership) may self-declare as Level A Rhythmic Twirl and enter the Canadian Team Trials.

Athletes may only enter one of Freestyle Solo or Rhythmic Twirl at the Canadian Team Trials.

Freestyle Pair

1. Any pair made up of athletes who have held a CBTF Membership at any time in the past must meet one of these standards:
 - a. Current Level A Pair (i.e. competed Level A in 2024-25 or earlier, or has achieved the advancement score of 45.000 during the 2024-25 season and is now considered Level A for the 2025-26 season)
 - b. Any Level BI or BA Freestyle Pair that achieved a score of 40.000 or higher in the 2025 Provincials or the 2025 Canadians
 - c. Any new Pair partnership that the coach self-declares as Level A.
2. Any pair made up of athletes who have never been a CBTF member prior to the 2025-26 season (i.e. has only ever held a CNBTA membership) may self-declare as Level A Freestyle Pair and enter the Canadian Team Trials.

Any Pair that completes an Intent to Compete Declaration for Level A Freestyle Pair at the 2026 Canadian Team Trials will automatically be advanced and compete as Level A for the entire 2025-26 season and beyond.

INTENT TO COMPETE DECLARATIONS

Canadian Team Trial Intent to Compete Declarations must be submitted on or before midnight CDT (adjust for your local time zone) on October 22, 2025. Declarations must be submitted via the online form.

The JotForm link for the Intent to Compete Declarations for all athletes is:

<https://form.jotform.com/252777551020252>

The JotForm link for the Intent to Compete Declarations for teams is:

<https://form.jotform.com/252787832168268>

These Declarations must also include the \$200.00 fee **per athlete**. This fee is held as a deposit against future Contingent expenses and will be refunded only if the athlete competes at the Canadian Team Trials but is not selected for the Contingent – if the athlete withdraws from participation in the Canadian Team Trials or World Freestyle & Rhythmic Twirl Championship and Nations Cup or does not compete in the event offered at the 2026 CBTF Canadian Championship, the deposit will not be refunded.

An interim report describing the number of declarations received in each discipline/division/level as of October 22, 2025 will be distributed to coaches by October 24, 2025. Changes to the “Intent to Compete” declaration will be accepted up until October 26, 2025 (additions or deletions).

Declarations received after October 22, 2025 must also be accompanied by a Late Declaration Fee:

Athletes and Teams that do not submit an Intent to Compete Declaration by the initial deadline of October 22, 2025 for the 2026 Canadian Team Trials may enter disciplines being offered (by the official competition entry deadline), but will be required to pay a late fee of \$100 per discipline per athlete for individual/pair events and \$300 per team in addition to the standard entry fee. Also, if the \$200 deposit (per athlete) has not been paid, this will also be due at the time of entry.

CANADIAN TEAM TRIALS

All athletes are required to compete at the 2026 Canadian Team Trials, regardless of the number of declarations received in any particular discipline/level/division. The Canadian Team Trials will be held May 15-17, 2026 at Durham College in Oshawa, Ontario

Further details regarding the Canadian Team Trials, including entry fees and practice schedule will be posted on the CBTF website as they become available.

BUDGETING AND PLANNING FOR FRANCE

Specific details regarding the expenses at the Worlds/NC destination are not currently available. CBTF will make necessary arrangements in France for the Contingent (athletes, coaches, judges, team managers, officials, and any parent who is chaperoning multiple athletes in the capacity of a true chaperone, or an athlete who has medical needs that necessitate a companion) during the competition period. We will not make arrangements for spectators/tourists/guests, unless mandated by the host country. To assist individuals and clubs with planning for the event, everyone should be aware of the following costs:

- Hotel prices and rooming arrangement information has not yet been released by the host organization. You should anticipate that hotels in France will cost more than what you would pay in Canada. European rooms are smaller than what we are accustomed to. Most are restricted to double occupancy. Hotel charges are per person (not per room) and will be in the range of \$100+ CAD per person per night and higher.
- Spectator tickets will be required and venue transportation will be required for everyone other than athletes and coaches. People should budget for this. Note that there may or may not be block seating for the country.

There are other costs that will be shared equally by all participating athletes, such as the cost of sending a Canadian judge(s) and Team Manager(s), practice gyms, and ground transportation. There are additional costs such as competition meals, team dinners, Welcome Reception, Twirl Nations Clinic, and CBTF Admin Fees. The athletes will pay their own program, Team Canada jacket, name and events crests, and entry fees. For a European event, people should plan for \$1,200 (this is only an estimate). Reconciliations will be prepared once all costs are known. You may receive a refund, or you may have to pay additional fees.

- Air travel to France is also required. We will not be making a group booking. You are responsible for your own arrangements. It is anticipated that the arrival date will be July 29, 2026 (which means you will depart Canada on July 28, 2026), and the departure date from France will be August 10, 2026. We await confirmation of the scheduling details from France which may impact these dates.

Should you have any questions or concerns with respect to budgeting and planning for France, please contact Sue Mephram via email: office@cbtf.ca

All other questions regarding the Intent to Compete information should be directed to your Provincial Technical Chair, who will then contact the CBTF Technical Chair.