

Changes to CBTF Constitution and By-Laws

Changes must be approved at the Board Level, and submitted to Industry Canada for approval through a formal process. The changes proposed in this document are needed because of WDSF requirements, several are “housekeeping” in nature, and in response to a request to change provincial rights to vote in the event the chair cannot attend an AGM or BOD meeting.

The WBTF’s membership in the World Dance Sport Federation (formerly the ISDF) mandates that we adopt their anti doping rules, embodying them in our constitution (Charter). They have provided us with sample wording.

Changes to Constitution:

I have reviewed our existing Charter, and suggest the following .

Article A, Section 3, Affiliation now reads:

3 AFFILIATION

3.1 The CBTF shall be an affiliated member of the World Baton Twirling Federation (hereinafter referred to as “WBTF”) and shall be the sole representative of Baton Twirling in Canada to this body and all other bodies and all other international bodies.

In order to be aligned with the WDSF requirements, the following sections would be added to reflect the required wording:

3.2 The CBTF is a member of the WBTF. Members of the WBTF agree to and accept the principles of the International Olympic Committee and World Anti-Doping Code and its International Standards as well as the World DanceSport Federation (hereinafter referred to as “WDSF”) Statutes and WDSF Anti-Doping Code and related procedures as a condition of membership, requiring all athletes, athlete support personnel and other officials within their jurisdiction to recognize and be bound by these rules and procedures, and to abide the decisions and instructions of the WDSF Anti-Doping officials.

3.3 Members of the WBTF accept and recognize the authority of the WDSF Anti-Doping Commission and the WDSF Anti-Doping Director. The WDSF Anti-Doping Commission and the WDSF Anti-Doping Director are appointed by the WDSF Presidium. It is a condition of membership in WBTF that the WDSF Anti-Doping Code and all related procedures are accepted by all WBTF members and that all athletes, athlete support personnel and all other officials in WBTF are bound by these rules and procedures.

Changes to By-Laws:

Article C, section 4.4

The section says: ...Secretary of the Treasurer...

It should be corrected to ...**Secretary or the Treasurer**...

Article D, section 3.3

Indicates forms of individual members, if we include an Instructor category, then this needs to be added.

D) coaches/**instructors**

Article D, section 4.5 lists the provinces and territories.

We need to add:

Nunavut Territories

Article F, section 1.11 presently reads:

11.1 Each Provincial Association shall be represented at all meetings of the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, and at all other meetings as required, by the Provincial Chairperson/President.

This is restricted to the person appointed, and has the result of disenfranchising an entire province when that individual may not be available. The following additional clause is suggested:

11.1 A) In the event the Provincial Chairperson/President cannot represent his or her Provincial Association at a meeting of the Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation, or at any other meeting as required, then a representative of that Provincial Association, appointed by Provincial Board motion, a certified copy of which shall be provided to CBTF in advance of any such meeting, shall be entitled to represent that Provincial Association at that meeting. Such representative shall, notwithstanding Article G 1.2, have the right to vote at such meeting.

(Article G 1.2 prohibits power of attorney or proxy voting).

Article G, section 4 addressed telephone conference call meetings. It requires that the President contact each person by telephone to advise them of the meeting. It is proposed that this mechanism be changed from: “verbally via telephone call” to “**directly by electronic means with confirmation receipt**”.