

CBTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING COACHES REPORT

It has been a pleasure to serve as the CBTF Coaches Rep. I recognize the importance of the position and the necessity for continued growth amongst our coaching professionals. I hope I have contributed to this and look forward to any feedback or questions regarding my report.

CBTF Coaching Technical Database

In regards to coaching, our 2010 /2011 seasons have seen some “ steps forward” in areas that directly effect our Canadian Coaches. Long overdue, was an effort to have an updated list on the coaching levels and expertise of all of our Canadian Coaches.

I am really proud to say that we now possess a list, done by province, with the following information on each coach.

- : membership number
- : coaching levels
- : areas of coaching interest
- : if they are involved in the skills development program
- : if they judge, and if so, what levels
- :personal interests that enhance their coaching credentials

examples, dance teacher, personal trainer, french and english speaking, etc.

With this information, CBTF will be able to meet the needs of our coaches more effectively, understanding their interests and what further training is necessary.

Level One Coaching Program

Our CBTF Level one Coaching Program has been enhanced and is ready for the technical committee's approval for implementation in the 2011 Fall Season. With the help of Deardra Leslie, Sandi Watt, Ron Kopas, Tina Larson, Myra Kirk, Elan Paluck, Karen Gratton, and Denise Johnson, our committee has with great enthusiasm, made the program's primary focus be to assist new coaches with the information required to start coaching effectively. We have changed the structure of the assessment part of the program to include a practical teaching component so that new coaches will be able to get feedback from the course conductors on their strengths and weaknesses. This assessment will be based on technical knowledge as well as coaching style and delivery.

Areas such as warm ups, cool downs, lesson planning weekly, monthly and short and long term goal setting, routine structure for parades, recitals, parent nights, will all be areas that will be given more attention than in the past, hopefully preparing new coaches with greater confidence.

A new pre entrance exam has been prepared that focuses on the following areas

- : good coaching practices
- : lesson planning, warm ups, cool downs,
- : what to teach, how to teach it and to whom
- : what is age appropriate and skill level appropriate

The pre exam will introduce these areas to the new coach and then it will be the Course Conductors job to assess the needs of the class and focus on the areas that require support. The pre exam is now going to be worth twenty five percent of the coach's overall grade and is made up of true false, multiple choice and short answer questions to support all types of learning styles.

Additional changes to the existing Level One Coaching Program:

- : you must be 16 years of age to take the course
- : no NCCP required until Level Two
- : no badge testing necessary, however Level One encompasses material from white ribbon to maroon badge.
- : participant must pass the pre entrance exam as well as the practical component to pass the course. A seventy percent average will be expected on both
- : all two baton material has been taken out of the Level One program
- : pre entrance exam follows the same order as the manual for easy reference for the coach during the program and for future reference.

What does this mean for our Course Conductors

: Course Conductors will be having a conference call before the new program begins to ensure that the new course's objectives are met and that the program is delivered the same by all. Individuals that have written specific areas such as Deardra Leslie for warm ups and cool downs, will be on the call to answer questions and give advice regarding delivery.

: Course Conductors will not have to send exam results to the Coaches Rep but instead go onto the CBTF website and the coaching credentials data base and post the results. How to do this will be presented by Jeff Johnson on the call.

I strongly believe the enhancements that have been made to the Level One Program will assist our new coaches with a better understanding overall on how to “start” coaching. The program to date has been utilized by many and effective. I hope these enhancements will continue to meet the needs of our coaches and will prove to be enlightening to all who participate.

My heartfelt thanks to the committee who has helped with this project. I hope the CBTF embraces the changes and believes strongly in the program. I am always available for discussion or information on the work I have accomplished to date.

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