

CBTF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING GROUP EVENTS REP REPORT

Group Declarations

Over the past two years, we have introduced rule changes to 'relax' the Group Declaration requirements:

- The Declaration Deadline was set as the Provincial Entry Deadline
- The rules regarding alternates were also relaxed...
 - Alternates no longer needed to be listed on the Group Declaration
 - Substitutions could be made the day of the competition as long as the Size and Age of the Group did not change

These changes have made life easier for Group Directors but much more difficult for Competition Directors because scheduling became difficult when alternates were used and created 'back to back' conflicts.

These rule changes need to be revisited at the upcoming Fall Technical Meeting.

Data Submission

There was confusion all year to the changes in the process. As CBTF Group Events Rep, I received Declarations from only Manitoba and Ontario – no Declarations from the other provinces (they were sent directly to the Data Entry Coordinator).

Group results from Provincial Competitions were slow to be reported, though all were eventually sent to the Data Entry Coordinator. This made the calculation of the Group Challenge Cup award extremely difficult and a 'last-minute' affair. In the end, points could be awarded only to those clubs with declared groups from the CBTF membership and competition database.

I respectfully request that all provinces adhere to the requirement to submit their results to the CBTF Data Entry Coordinator within 7 days of the competition.

Events

I would like to encourage Club Directors to make use of the Pre-Group division, especially for young athletes and pre-competitive athletes of all ages. It is a good developmental tool enabling steady progress within our group structure.

There was growth in the Pom Pom division and some clubs reported the opportunity to perform with pom poms increased their club membership.

I recommend that we develop a CBTF Scale, including Role Model video, for CBTF Team (Small and Large). This would allow us to standardize the advancement score for both CBTF Team and Dance-Twirl Team.

This new CBTF Scale would be used at CBTF Open, Provincial and National Championship competitions. The WBTF Scale would be used at International Cup Qualifier, Provincial and Canadian Team Trial competitions. This recommendation will be brought to the upcoming Fall Technical Meeting.

Many thanks to Candy Tedford for her patience and assistance with both the Declarations and the Challenge Cup calculations.

Respectfully submitted,
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