Canadian Baton Twirling Federation – Group Report -2011-2012

Thank you for the opportunity to represent the group events in our organization. In addition, I was also a member of the Technical Working Group (TWG) this past season. The TWG addressed many technical issues and concerns designed to improve and upgrade the technical aspect of our sport.

* The Declaration process is still confusing to group and club directors. Perhaps, we should consider eliminating the declaration process completely.
* Theme/Production corps will be a minor event effective September 2012.
* The elimination of some group events has made the revision of the group manual a necessity. I wish to thank Jennifer Olson for her assistance. The revised manual should be formatted and ready for distribution in the fall.
* I will be proposing a restructure of our group events to include a Pre-team event for the Pre-Competitive athletes. This routine will be performed to the CBTF standard march music. For discussion will be whether the choreography should be set (as the individual pre-events) or Coach’s own choreography. I will also be proposing a Twirl Team Event to a Standard piece of music for the Level C Groups. This presentation will be introduced at the fall technical meeting for consideration, discussion and trial (pilot project!)

Some other recommendations will be:

* Group Size for Dance twirl teams should be 4-7 members (small)8-11 members (large) and 12 or members (line)…Trios could then compete separately to standard music- Age divisions would be determined by the oldest member, within our standard age groupings.
* If trios remain within the dance twirl team concept, I suggest Small (3-5 members) Medium (6 -8 members) Large (9-11members) and Line (12 or more members) Perhaps we can be more ‘creative’ with the headings!!
* In CBTF Team event…a CBTF score sheet should be used with the CBTF standard range of scoring utilized. This would be for Small Team (6-8 members) and Large Team (9 or more members)
* The WBTF score sheet and range of scores should be used for ICup events and Team Trial events .WBTF Team (6- 8 members) and WBTF Group (9 or more members) This would be the team Events for the Provincial and National trials for WBTF World Championships, as well as the Qualifier for the International Cup Competition.

Respectfully submitted,

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