

CBTF Coaches Rep Report

Representing the Canadian Coaches in our sport is a very involved position. Although we share the love of the same sport, our interests are often very different. I hope that all the coaches across Canada, whether they are recreational, or competitive, feel that they have strong representation in Canada.

Listed below are some of the areas that I have focused on or been involved in during my term.

The Continued Development of the Level One Coaches Program.

The Level One Coaches program is doing a much better job at educating our new coaches, however, there is still a great deal of work to be done in this area. Consistency of the delivery, and creating a better understanding across the country of the importance of “why” and “how to” coach beginner skills successfully, continues to be my focus and a focus of this program. My thanks to Maureen Johnson, Natalie Fehres, Ron Kopas and Elan Paluck for their support on this initiative.

Representation on the Technical Committee

The CBTF Technical Committee, which the Coaches Rep has a position on, meets monthly throughout the year for approximately four hours. From this meeting there are more meetings organized to discuss specific issues that require attention. The technical committee works together regularly to represent the interests of their membership.

Education

This year, I was the Competition Director for International Cup Qualifier. For this competition there was a need to have judges who understood and recognized the WBTF restrictions that were to be applied, if necessary, to our Level B and Level A athlete's routines. Requiring this, I organized three seminars in the province of the hosting competitions province, with WBTF Judges Rep Jackie Stewart, and Canadian Judges Rep Ron Kopas to offer education in this area. This was available to coaches as well throughout the province. It is my hope that the judges who

attended this educational opportunity on restrictions, will help provide Canada with additional knowledgeable judges to draw upon for the 2015 International Cup being held in Canada. I worked a great deal with Ron Kopas on this effort and believe that this effort supported the coaches across Canada's desire to always have educated and informed judges judging their athletes.

2013/2014 Goals and Objectives

: offer continued support to new L1 coaches on their personal development.

: continued work with the Level One Course Conductors on the delivery of the Level One so that we continue to work towards consistency on delivery

: begin to communicate with the Judging Course Conductors and the CBTF Judges to build awareness of the discussions and objectives of our L1 coaching programs so that they may be reinforced in our judging programs

: offer continued education of the Pre Events

: given that it is a world year, offer some online education on compulsories and short program

: fall webinar on multiple baton with Kathy Forsythe

I look forward to offering more opportunities for the coaches across Canada to learn and share, and be their voice at the CBTF Level.

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