



Canadian Baton Twirling Federation

La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif

President's Report – AGM September 2013

2012 World Championships & Summer Meetings

We sent a contingent of 18 athletes, 7 coaches, 2 judges, along with over 25 family and other supporters to the 2012 World Championships in Villebon sur Yvette, France. Steven Kopas was our Team Manager. All members of the contingent were 'wowed' with the popularity of the sport in France – on Finals day the arena was packed to capacity with approximately 6,000 raucous spectators exceeding 110 decibels!

Complete results are available on the www.wbtf.org website ([www.wbtf.org/events/Worlds 2012](http://www.wbtf.org/events/Worlds%202012)). All of our athletes qualified to the Final or Semi-Final rounds. Summarized Canadian results:

Junior Women	
7 th (Final)	Nicole Johnson
14 th (Semi)	Sydney Wright
17 th (Semi)	Julia Newton

Senior Women	
12 th (Semi)	Sara Black
13 th (Semi)	Kiera West
14 th (Semi)	Kayla McKinnon

Senior Men	
7 th (Semi)	Matthew Johnson

Junior Pair	
5 th (Final)	Rich/Wright

Senior Pair	
5 th (Final)	McKinnon/Thibeault

Team	
5 th (Final)	Team Athena

Based on these results, several Canadian athletes were invited to compete at the 2013 World DanceSport Federation Games, scheduled to be held in Kaohsiung China in September 2013 (Sara Black, Kiera West, Nicole Johnson, Matthew Johnson, McKinnon/Thibeault). Unfortunately, in February 2013 the WBTF withdrew from participation in that event due to organizational issues and concerns.

2012 was an election year for the WBTF. Elected to four-year terms:

WBTF Executive	
President	Sandi Wiemers
V-P	Jean-Patrick Rousset, France
Treasurer	Paul Rutten, Netherlands
Secretary	Jeff Johnson, Canada

Technical Committee	
Chair	Paola DeMarchi, Italy
Vice-Chair	Elisabeth Kleive, Norway
Secretary	Andrea Crawford, Scotland (later: Elan Paluck, Canada)

Judges Committee	
Chair	Jackie Stewart, USA
Vice-Chair	Xavier Papin, France
Secretary	Shirley Craig, Scotland

2013 WBTF Winter Meetings

The Winter Meetings have now become the 'working meetings' for all committees: Board, Technical and Judges. At these meetings, several changes to procedures were approved:

- All music will be submitted electronically. This was in effect at the 2013 International Cup for Team and Group. At the 2014 World Championships, this will be in effect for Freestyle, Pair and Team.
- The Disciplinary and Anti-Doping policies were updated to bring them into IOC and WDSF compliance.
- Beginning with the 2014 World Championships, countries will have to pay for their Music Test time.
- Revisions to several WBTF forms were approved. Beginning with the 2013 International Cup, these WBTF forms were also placed online and 'electronic signatures' became acceptable.
- As recommended by the Judges Committee, the Board approved a new Short Program Penalty. *EACH* element that does not bring on Count 1 will be assessed a 0.1 deduction (on the element score out of 10).
- As recommended by the Technical Committee, the Board approved the new WBTF Coaches Program and it scheduled some introductory sessions to be held at the 2013 International Cup.

2013 International Cup & Summer Meetings

We sent a contingent of 71 athletes, 13 coaches and 2 judges to the 2013 International Cup in Almere, Netherlands – our largest contingent to an International Cup (60 athletes attended the 2011 International Cup in Jacksonville, Florida). Leah Howard was our Team Manager. Joining the contingent members were over 80 friends and family – and they were a vocal and visible cheering section in the audience every time a Canadian athlete appeared on the floor.

In addition to this being the largest Canadian Contingent to an International Cup, this was also the largest International Cup ever – over 900 athletes were entered. The Preliminary day of competition was over 12 hours long and it is very likely the WBTF will move to a 5-day schedule for the International Cup in 2015.

Canadian results are available on the www.cbtf.ca website (www.cbtf.ca/ic2013/results) and complete results are available on the www.wbtf.org website (www.wbtf.org/results/2013/ic). Summarized Canadian medal results:

Solo

Junior A	
2 nd	Julee Stewart

Senior A	
1 st	Alyssa Larade

2-Baton

Junior B	
1 st	Maggie Bowman
2 nd	Anika Boucher

Senior B	
1 st	Geneviève Cormier
3 rd	Sarah Schulz

Junior A	
2 nd	Nicole Johnson
3 rd	Jasmine Runge

Senior A	
1 st	Alyssa Larade

3-Baton

Junior B	
1 st	Jasmine Runge
2 nd	Julee Stewart
3 rd	Maggie Bowman

Senior B	
1 st	Sarah Schulz
2 nd	Geneviève Cormier
3 rd	Zoë Bell

Junior A	
1 st	Anika Boucher

Adult A	
1 st	Kayla McKinnon

Artistic Twirl

Junior B	
1 st	Josi Treleaven
3 rd	Maggie Bowman

Adult B	
2 nd	Kayla Kamfoley

Senior A	
3 rd	Brigitte Moser

Artistic Pair

Junior B	
2 nd	Dietrich/Muyard

Senior B	
3 rd	Atkinson/Hendrickson-Alexander

Junior A	
3 rd	Runge/Stewart

Team & Group

Team B	
1 st	Team TOBA

Group B	
2 nd	Sinatra

In addition to the many wonderful results from the competition, another ‘Canadian Highlight’ occurred during the Closing Ceremony when the WBTF introduced Maureen Johnson as one of its newest Honorary Members. After a brief introduction by President Sandi Wiemers, Maureen was recognized with a standing ovation from the international audience.

Upcoming Changes for 2013-2014

At our 2012 Fall Technical and Board meetings, a number of changes were approved that will affect our sport for years to come. Please take the time to become familiar with these changes and how they will affect the programs in your province and in your club:

1. In support of the CBTF Progressional Model, the BN 8 & BN 14-16 Duet divisions were eliminated from the 2013 Canadians. The BN 9 age division will be eliminated from the Canadian Winner/Championship competition for the 2014 Canadians. All age divisions remain in the Canadian Maple Leaf Open. The minimum age for Group entries remains unchanged at 7.
2. As previously approved, the CBTF Grading System will be extended to the Juvenile age division for the 2013-14 season.
3. Revisions to the CBTF Event Hosting Policy were approved. These included a more clearly-defined set of roles and responsibilities as well as a revised Profit Sharing model
4. CBTF-Certified M2 and M3 Judges are now required to update their certification at least once every four years in order to retain their judging credentials and status.

It has been a pleasure serving as CBTF President over the past 5 years.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Johnson