

**CBTF Technical Chair
Annual Report
September 7, 2013**

The completion of my third year as Technical Chair for the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation is quickly approaching. Below is a brief summary of what has been accomplished this past year:

- *October- February:* Supported SDP representative, Denise Johnston as she wrapped up the renewal of the Skills Development Program
- *October- November:* Coordinated the ordering and distribution of Graded Medals
- *November- December:* Worked with Judges' Rep, Ron Kop and President, Jeff Johnson to administer the 2013 National Judges' Selection Process
- *January:* Distributed contracts to judges invited to the 2013 Canadian Championships
- *January:* Attended the WBTF Winter Technical Meetings in Holland.
- *January to July:* Co-directed the 2013 Canadian Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick. This included bi-weekly to monthly meetings to ensure that everything ran smoothly. It was an absolute pleasure to work with Brenda Arsenault and her group of volunteers.
- *February-March:* spear-headed two educational webinars:
 - the first was for our Canadian judges and coaches. Thank you to Ron Kopas for all of his work in the solo role model update. The webinar aimed to prepare coaches and judges for any changes for the new season,
 - A second webinar was hosted with our USTA friends and focused on ICup Content Restrictions.
 - Both webinars were held twice to accommodate the large number of registrants.
 - It was a tremendous amount of work to host these events, but feedback received to-date has been quite positive.
- *May:* Prepared good luck notes for all of the athletes earning a berth on the 2013 international Cup Contingent
- *June* –Prepared for and hosted the on line CBTF Pre Fall Technical Meeting
- *June:* Contributed to Coaches Rep, Kim Genton's project to develop enhancements for the delivery of the Level 1 coaches program.
- *July:* Co-Directed the 2013 Canadian Championships and the Coaches/Judges Interaction. I assisted with the hosting of the Pride of Canada Contingent Clinic by developing a standardized warm up for the athletes to use once they arrived in Almere.

- *August:* Represented Canada at the New Judging System meeting, the Coaches' Workshop, the Judges; Workshop, and Athletes' Clinic in Almere, Holland this past summer
- *September:* prepared for and hosted the 2013 FTM in Toronto, Ontario

It has been quite the year! I look forward to making progress on our longer-term technical plans during the 2013-14 season.

Sincerely,
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