

WBTF Meetings Report

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1. Pan Pacific Commission:

The commission reviewed the competition briefly in January, and circulated a final report afterwards. It was a success. The event will be held every second year, but it was decided to do it on the World Championship year instead of the International Cup year. The next one will be in 2020. Japan and Canada are putting in bids to host. Tourism Calgary is assisting Canada with their bid. We will present our bid at the Winter Meetings in 2018.

2. WBTF Board Meetings:

The most significant items arising out of the meetings are changes coming as IBTF discussions develop. The plan now is for everything to be under one organization for 2021.

The Board is presently voting on a proposal to change the Women's age division in International Cup. Once the vote is closed and a result announced, I will advise if anything further will come of that. It may see the creation of a Junior 1 and Junior 2 division in all women's events. The men's events were collapsed into Junior and Senior/Adult, until number increase. This will be in effect in 2019.

There will not be full Technical and Judges meetings at the WBTF Winter Meetings in 2018. There will be full board meetings. Instead of the Technical and Judges meetings, only the ETC will meet (Maureen Johnson is on the ETC).

The entry deadlines were changed again - with different timelines for World Championships and International Cup. Again, Canada will always be under pressure to get entries in.

Planning is underway for the World Championships in 2018 in Kissimmee, Florida. We had a brief presentation at the summer meetings. Host hotels have been selected and the venue information was given.

International Cup and Grand Prix 2019 will be in France. The indication is that it will be held in Bordeaux.

Worlds 2020 remains vacant. No one submitted bids.