



**Canadian Baton Twirling Federation**

**La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif**

## **Technical Chair Report – 2017 Fall Conference**

I have really enjoyed my first year as CBTF Technical Chair. It has definitely been a year of learning, and I am so grateful for the 19 years that I spent as MBTSA Technical Chair, as attending the national meetings for all of those years was definitely beneficial to my transition as CBTF Technical Chair. Jeff Johnson, in his role as Past-Technical Chair, has been an invaluable resource to me. Thank you, Jeff, for all of your assistance over this past year!

### **Education Committee**

The 2016-2017 Education Committee was made up of the following members:

Dana Peteleski – Chair

Jeff Johnson

Joanne Moser

Karen Gratton

Maureen Johnson

Amy Kalin

I have submitted a separate Education Committee report outlining all of the projects and activities that took place over the past year. I'd like to thank all of the committee members for their contributions to the ongoing projects. I'd also like to thank Ron Kopas, Leisha Strachan and Sara Thibeault for taking on the positions of project lead on three of our projects.

### **2017 Competitions**

In the past, the role of Competition Director for the ICQ/TT and Canadian Championships, has been assigned to the CBTF Technical Chair. When I agreed to let my name stand for this position, I knew that my coaching responsibilities would not allow me to properly fulfill the on-site competition director duties at these competitions. It was very important to me to be able to continue to provide my athletes with the time and attention that I feel is required of a coach at national level competitions. I'd like to thank CBTF for agreeing to assign the competition duties to other highly-capable members this year. I was still able to contribute my time to the competitions during the advance preparations, and was available to assist with on-site situations as they arose, while still dedicating time to my athletes. I am very appreciative.

The 2017 International Cup Qualifier was held in Saskatoon, SK, under the direction of Cindy LaBrash and Joanne Moser, and host-province coordinator Cindy Dietrich. This team put together a wonderful competition for the athletes! A lot of time and effort was spent to ensure that we followed the WBTF Rules and Regulations for this competition in order to provide the athletes, coaches and judges with the experience that they need in preparation for the International Cup.

It was slightly disappointing to arrive at the International Cup to see that the WBTF did not follow all of the rules and regulations that they have outlined in their manual.

The 2017 Canadian Championships were held in Saint John, NB, under the direction of Jeff Johnson and host province co-ordinator, Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc. This was also a wonderful competition in a great facility for our athletes. Travel was a challenge for many participants (athletes, coaches, judges), but in the end, everyone arrived safely.

A few recommendations to consider for future championships:

- Aim to have the athlete party on-site (i.e. at the facility or the host-hotel) to avoid having to transport athletes
- Awards ceremonies – consider only bringing out those athletes/teams that will be announced for awards (i.e. top 5 or top 3), or announce all placements and have those not receiving medals leave the floor in an organized manner. The current process leaves the athletes/teams that don't make the podium standing out on the floor, unsure of what to do – they try to sneak off the floor and have named this the 'walk of shame'. Let's see what we can do to avoid this situation for our athletes.
- Pride of Canada Clinic – the current fee for coaches to observe is \$10. Not certain that this is collected. Consider free entry for coaches if they have a certain number of participating athletes. Also, if a coach chooses to actually participate in the classes, they should be paying the same fee as the athletes.

The Judges Selection Process for this season followed the same procedures that have been established in the past. Thank you to Jeff Johnson for handling the technical side of this process for us (online videos, applications etc.), and thank you to Ron Kopas and Amy Kalin for all of their work in preparing and marking the exams. The Selection Committee was comprised of CBTF Technical Chair Dana Peteski, CBTF Coaches Rep Maureen Johnson, CBTF Judges Rep Amy Kalin, Brenda Arsenault-LeBlanc (NB), Sheryl Baraniuk (ON), Cindy Dietrich (SK), and Shannon Webster (BC). Thank you to these volunteers for their contributions in selecting the 2017 judging panels. Once the panels were selected, Sue Mephram worked on the contracts and travel arrangements. There were some challenges that she faced in getting timely responses from selected judges, which did delay our ability to prepare and distribute the event schedules and documents.

## **2017 Grand Prix & International Cup**

The 2017 Grand Prix & International Cup was held in Porec, Croatia. Travel proved once again to be a challenge for some participants, but weather and flight cancellations and delays are out of our control. Everyone did arrive safely and were able to prepare for the competition. Thank you to Grand Prix Team Manager Jenna Jemieff and International Cup Team Managers Steven Kopas and Nancy Lighthead. The team manager report outlines some very important recommendations for the Board to consider going forward.

### *Grand Prix Medallists*

Team – Bronze, Black Ice

### *International Cup – Level B Medallists*

Junior B 15-17 Solo – Gold, Meaghan Schulz

Adult B Solo – Silver, Jessica Pososki; Bronze, Ashley Biggins

Senior Men's B Solo – Gold, Carlos Hardy

Junior B 2-Baton – Silver, Brooke Mauro; Bronze, Sydney Johnson

Senior B 2-Baton – Bronze, Sarah Wier  
Senior Men's B 2-Baton – Gold, Carlos Hardy  
Junior B 3-Baton – Gold, Emily Lewall; Bronze, Brooke Mauro  
Senior B 3-Baton – Gold, Sarah Wier; Bronze, Rumbi Mutswangwa  
Adult B 3-Baton – Silver, Jessica Pososki; Bronze, Alyssa Crispin  
Senior Men's B 3-Baton – Silver, Carlos Hardy  
Junior B 12-14 Artistic Twirl – Silver, Caitlyn Dignard  
Junior B 15-17 Artistic Twirl – Bronze, Emily Mathewson  
Senior B Men's Artistic Twirl – Gold, Carlos Hardy  
Junior B Artistic Pair – Gold, Federchuk/Johnson; Bronze, Dignard/Sarles  
Adult B Artistic Pair – Gold, Tan/Pososki  
Team – Bronze – A Beautiful Road

*International Cup – Level A Medallists*

Adult A Solo – Bronze, Taelyr Patton  
Senior Men's A Solo – Gold, Yonatan Orlov  
Junior A 2-Baton – Silver, Sophie Lightheart  
Senior A 2-Baton – Bronze, Mackenzie Ross  
Adult A 2-Baton – Gold, Taelyr Patton; Bronze, Tianna Tedford  
Senior Men's A 2-Baton – Gold, Yonatan Orlov  
Junior A 3-Baton – Gold, Brianna Middleton; Silver, Danielle Skinner  
Senior A 3-Baton – Gold, Jasmine Runge; Silver, Julee Stewart  
Adult A 3-Baton – Bronze, Alyssa Larade  
Senior Men's A 3-Baton – Gold, Yonatan Orlov  
Junior A Artistic Twirl – Silver, Danielle Skinner  
Adult A Artistic Twirl – Gold, Taelyr Patton; Bronze, Alyssa Larade  
Senior Men's A Artistic Twirl – Gold, Yonatan Orlov  
Junior A Artistic Twirl – Silver, Middleton/Bastarache

Special mention to the athletes that competed in the Elite Division at International Cup and made it to finals in highly competitive divisions:

Junior Elite Solo finals – Amina Egag, Sophie Lightheart  
Senior Elite Solo finals – Julee Stewart  
Adult Elite Solo finals – Alyssa Larade, Danelle Mocknowed  
Senior Elite 2-Baton finals – Julee Stewart, Jasmine Runge  
Adult Elite 2-Baton finals – Alyssa Larade, Danelle Mocknowed  
Senior Elite Artistic Twirl finals – Julee Stewart  
Adult Elite Artistic Twirl finals – Danelle Mocknowed  
Junior Elite Artistic Pair – Egag/Lightheart  
Senior Elite Artistic Pair – Runge/Stewart

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as CBTF Technical Chair this past year. I look forward to continuing my role and furthering the projects that I have undertaken this past season.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteleski