

2016-2017 Education Committee Report

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The EC has held five online meetings since the fall of 2017. With the large span in time zones, and the coaching and work commitments of the members of the EC, it is a challenge to find meeting times. As an alternative, I implemented an online Project Management System called Asana. This is a free system that allows us to track all of the current and upcoming projects of the EC, list tasks for each project, assign projects to members and guests, assign tasks as well as due dates. Asana allows for “conversations” to take place with respect to a specific task, which means that instead of searching through email strings, the specific conversation related to a task or project remains in one place! This also allows the EC members to work and update their projects on their own time, and all members of the EC can check in on the status of any project at any time and provide input.

Below is a summary of the projects that the EC is working on, along with a short description of the project, and update, and the current status. You will see that there are a lot of projects that have carried forward from the previous year. As well, certain projects are ongoing (webinars, vignettes) that we continue to update according to the perceived needs of the organization and its members. As such, some of the projects that were identified at the 2016 FTM still have a status of “project lead to be identified”. Stepping into the position of Technical Chair and Education Committee Lead, I felt it was important for me to get a good understanding of where all of the existing projects were at, and assign project leads to get the older/existing projects up and running.

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	UPDATE	STATUS
Webinars	The EC will host informational webinars for the Technical Association members	<p>The EC initially determined that two webinars would be held during the 2016-2017 season.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What's New Webinar 2. Compulsory Progressions C-B-A Webinar <p>Recently discussed adding a "book club" style webinar on Artistic Group (participants will pre-view the WBTF webinar, and CBTF will host a Q&A webinar book-club style)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What's New Webinar hosted in November 2016. 2. Compulsory Progressions – will be scheduled for Fall 2017 after the EC Project on the review of the compulsory progressions is complete 3. Artistic Group Book Club Webinar – initial target was April or May 2017, however this was post-poned due to the busy competition season
Vignettes	The EC will publish Vignettes to the website on relevant topics throughout the season.	<p>The EC established a list of vignette topics:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early stretches for illusions 2. Wraps 3. Forward illusions 4. WBTF Warm-up trick line 5. Basic March technique 6. Forward Motion chasse and retire technique 7. Compulsory #9 progressions 8. Fujimi Rolls 9. Core Strengthening Exercises 10. Reverse Illusions 11. Short Program Elements 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Published "The Early Bird Gets the Illusion" 2. Published "That's A Wrap!" 3. Published "It's All An Illusion" 4. Filming complete 5. Filming complete 6. Filming complete 7. This was instead published as a "Technical Tool" 8. Published "Shortcuts to Cutbacks" 9. Filming complete – target May 31 publication 10. TBA 11. TBA

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Group Handbook	Publication of a Group Handbook with information on CBTF Group Events	Draft handbook was approved at 2016 FTM along with a Group Roster (electronic listing of group members that automatically calculates average age)	Published to CBTF website in November 2016. All Technical Association members have free access via their website login. Next step is to translate the Group Handbook and Roster to French.
Competition Director Handbook	Publication of a Competition Director Handbook with focus on Open Competitions.	Draft handbook was approved at 2016 FTM.	Published to CBTF website in January 2017. Open access to the public (as not all competition directors are members of the Technical Association). Next step is to determine if translation to French is required.
Twirl Team Supporting Material	This is a new Major Event for CBTF for the 2016-2017 season. Judging material to be developed.	Event purpose and definition are in the Group Handbook. Primary focus and secondary considerations to be developed to align with material that we have in place for other group events. Role models to be developed. Exam materials to be developed.	Primary and secondary considerations and role models to be presented at FTM. Exam materials to be developed. Videos from Canadians 2017 will be used, and we need to continue to build this library over the next few years.
Video Library	To develop a library of videos with standard scoring keys to be used as practice material in any judging course, as assignment material in future judge selection cycles, and as material for self-study and self-improvement programs.	Events that have videos for which standard scoring keys are being developed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Compulsories 2. B Compulsories 3. WBTF Freestyle Team 4. A & B Freestyle 5. Pairs 6. Short Program Events that provinces have been asked to video tape this season: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Twirl Team 2. All Pre-Competitive Events 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In progress 2. Round 1 complete, in review 3. Round 1 complete, in review 4. Round 1 complete, in review 5. In progress 6. In progress

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SDP Adjudicator Course	To update the SDP Adjudicator Course and all of it's supporting materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Adjudicator Manual 2. Review the Role Model Video 3. Review practice adjudicating video 4. Review exam questions 5. Review exam videos 6. Review current grading standards 7. Determine need for adjudicators to be better equipped to assess, identify and reward quality 8. Review adjudicator contract 9. Develop SDP Adjudicator Refresher 10. Determine online certification requirements for S2 and higher 	<p>Project lead assigned.</p> <p>Update TBA.</p>
Realignment of the Coaching & Judging Courses	To review current content of the coaching and judging courses, realign as necessary, and develop an online aspect to the courses.	<p>Align the coaching programs with the athlete programs that are in place (i.e. recreational, pre-competitive, competitive, elite)</p> <p>Align the judging programs and review certifications (especially wrt groups)</p> <p>Recruit an educational consultant with adult online learning experience.</p>	<p>An educational consultant has been identified (SK) and will be contracted to work with the EC on this project.</p> <p>Online tutorials and in-class outlines being developed for the coaching program to coincide with the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model.</p>
M3 Update	Need to add WBTF Artistic Group to the M3 judging course	This project will work in conjunction with the Realignment project.	
French Translation of the SDP Manual	This is a development manual and is a priority for French translation	The starter SDP manual (White to Bronze Pin) has been translated to French. Will need to continue to translate Grey to Diamond.	In progress

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French Translation of the Coaches L1 Manual		Translation has begun.	On hold while we navigate the realignment of the coaching courses.
Pre-Competitive Program Refresher	Create and deliver a refresher course for coaches and judges highlighting the recent revisions to the pre-competitive program	An interactive online presentation was developed that included text slides to read, videos to watch with verbal explanations of the events and the program as a whole, and mini quizzes along the way to maintain engagements.	Launched in February 2017. Direct email sent to each individual Technical Association member. Survey at end of the refresher to gather feedback and track names of those that have completed the refresher. It is approximately one-hour in length and feedback so far has been excellent. Completion rate was 25% of the TA membership.
Compulsory Progressions C-B-A	This project is designed to review the CBTF Level C and B compulsories and ensure progressions to Level A (Elite) are appropriate and up-to-date with any changes that WBTF has implemented	<p>Word source documents of original C & B Compulsories not available.</p> <p>Review will include preparation of a list of suggested changes (if any) to the EC for approval and will then be brought forward to the 2017 FTM.</p> <p>Current example videos need to be re-done (regardless of if there are changes or not!)</p>	<p>Re-typed word documents for C & B compulsories so that they are available for revisions.</p> <p>Review complete and will be presented at the FTM.</p>
Athlete Levels and Advancement	The purpose of the project is to investigate the development of a system to replace the current mandatory advancement by score. For presentation at the 2017 Fall Conference.	This is targeted at individual/duet events, but could also include Freestyle/Pairs.	<p>A project lead to be identified.</p> <p>Conducted mini-brainstorming session at the Coaches and Judges social evening at Canadians. Input is being summarized and will be available for the project committee as a starting point for further investigation.</p>

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Canadian Level B Athletes at International Cup	This project will investigate the pros and cons of Canada sending Level B athletes to the WBTF International Cup.		A project lead to be identified Topic of discussion at FTM
National Coordinator of Course Conductors			A project lead to be identified
M1 Course Conductor Refresher	Webinar-based update to bring all M1 Course Conductors current with the EC and CC expectations (logistical and regarding course delivery).	This will fall into place along with the Realignment project.	
Technical Rulebook	Publish an online reference which is a current reflection of the specific rules that govern the events held at our competitions.	An easier way for members to search and view the information that they need without having to sift through motions or policies which can sometimes be confusing (and often need to be pieced together to come up with the current status).	An online tool “Technical Reference Manual”. This resource is available to Technical Association members via their website login. Sections still to be added, but has proved a very useful point of reference!
Practice Judge Process Review	A review of the current practice judging processes and requirements.		A project lead to be identified
Canadians Practice Gym Stations	A review of the current guidelines for the practice gym at Canadians wrt Group Day	A recurring FTM agenda item that the EC will attempt to address taking into consideration our current rules.	A document utilizing “zones” was developed and piloted at the Canadians. Survey was sent to all participating coaches with excellent feedback received. To be reviewed and finalized at the FTM.