



2017 FALL CONFERENCE MEETING
WBTF CANADIAN JUDGES REPRESENTATIVE
RON KOPAS-ANNUAL REPORT

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First, I would like to thank Dale White again, and Amy Kalin for doing the keys for the 2016/17 assignments. Thanks to Jeff Johnson for preparing the videos and also doing the results of the assignments. CBTF is lucky to have such a technical person for our organization. I arranged the ICQ assignment and Amy and I presented the Canadian assignments. Congratulations to the judges selected for the Grand Prix and International Cup plus, all the judges selected for the 2017 Canadians. I also helped Dale W. for the USTA assignments.

--We had a Webinar "What's New" in the fall and also had a Webinar for the Judges of ICQ. We reviewed the news and the restrictions for 1,2,3 baton and Artistic Twirl, Artistic Pairs and Teams. I had a webinar meeting with the Provincial Reps. end of October.

--Library: This year added WBTF events; elite and level B compulsories, Short Programs, Freestyle, Pairs and Teams. Thanks to all the judges who assisted me for the keys of the events. Kim Genton, Jenna Jemieff, Stephanie Infurnari, Catherine Lemyre, Tomoko from Japan, Massimo from Switzerland and I did all of the events as well. Each one did approx. 35 videos on each event. We now have a large library for focus meetings, assignments, etc.

--I was one of the coaches for the Ontario Baton Day Clinic.

--I ran a M2 Exam in New Brunswick Oct. 21-24.

--Sherri Carter presented the Master Exam for Deandra Leslie and Siobhan Hall, during a Clinic time in Ontario. I sat through the course to get the updated new material of the master exams. Periodically, I went out to coach at the clinic as well.

--I did a couple of Clinics in Ontario as well as a clinic in Manitoba. Two of them were for recreational athletes and was really fun working with this level.

--The CBTF education committee asked me to update the M3. I took all the old events, that are not part of our module out of the manuals, including the quizzes, exam etc. I have asked Wendy Cruickshank, other M3 conductor, to add on the quizzes and exam materials, so the numbers of questions would be the same as we had. We need now to decide what to do with the new events—twirl team, artistic group etc. Will we be adding these to the M3 or have a new module for those new events.

--I judged at the following Provincials (New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan}. Also, International Qualifier and Canadians plus 8 open competitions.

--ICQ and Canadians Championships had full updated focus meeting for judges who attended. Judges have to be updated within four years, so those judges will be updated until 2021. Remember any judge can obtain the full focus meetings for their updating.

--I have updated the Judges Database up to Aug. 31/17.

--I was asked to work on the new Role Models for Short Program for the elements that we did not have. Elements 2,3,4 and 8. I found 3 athletes for each element to view. We needed a couple of more to select the proper sub range. Japan had some more to review and we had a committee to complete the program. Those new role models should be presented this coming year. We also have new role models for compulsories. They are all junior level now and also will be presented shortly.

--Dale White has worked on the role models for the new Group Event as well. Will also be presented shortly. Now that we will have some new videos from the ICC competition, maybe Dale will add some of them on the role models. By the way, the Group Event was greatly entertaining to the judges and audience at the Croatia ICC/2017.

--I did not receive all of the competition sanctions this year. I am supposed to get those, so I can confirm the judges that are updated and certified. Thanks to the provinces that sent the judges list for their provincials and open competitions; also adding the head judge.

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