

Ontario President's Report

This year was a very successful year for our Ontario athletes. The OBTA was able to offer a wide variety of opportunities for all our athletes of different ages and levels.

Baton Day is our first full day event of the year. This happened on October 29th, 2017. This day is geared towards our competitive athletes to have a full day of learning and practicing. This year we offered 2 special guests to work with our athletes. We also had our SDP Officer, Stephanie Hewis, organize badge testing to be available at the clinic. The day supports our provincial goal, of offering all our athletes the chance to learn and socialize outside of their club environments.

Training Camps were organized monthly from October to February to give the Ontario Athletes a chance to work with various guest coaches in preparation for the upcoming competition season. This was a new opportunity in Ontario this year and it was very successful in promoting growth for our athletes.

Rising Stars Day is an event that is aimed at our pre-event athletes. We offer a full or half day program. The morning is run as a mock competition to give athletes at this level a chance to see what competitions are like, as it is the first exposure many of them have with the (pre)competitive environment. In the afternoon, the technical committee ran a small clinic for these athletes to be able to work on the skills they are developing and build for the season ahead.

March Break Practices were held in two different areas of Ontario to allow our athletes a chance to practice in a group setting. This was open to all clubs and twirlers of all ages and levels. We had a very large turnout at both locations.

This year, Ontario hosted the 2018 Team Trial Qualifiers. This was held at Mohawk College in Hamilton. This event was run by our Local Organizing Committee headed by OBTA Past President, Kim Genton. This year's team trials was very successful and well received by all of the stakeholders.

For more technical information on what Ontario accomplished please see our technical chair's report for complete information.

With this being my first year as OBTA's President, I have learned so much more about the organization. Thank You to Kim Genton for making this transition easy and for helping me along the way. I look forward to the 2018/2019 baton season and everything it will bring.

Respectfully submitted,

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