

2022-2023 MBTSA Technical Representative Report



I want to congratulate and sincerely thank all the technical members who have continued to work hard to provide great classes, programs, testing, meetings, and competitions this season. Our technical team and board members are all volunteers and I want to commend and thank them for their dedication and their willingness to pivot and work together. Our province may be small but we are mighty. We are seeing the results of our resilience as we continue to see the number of new clubs increase and the number of our recreation participants numbers increase.

The MBTSA technical rep, the technical team and board members, have provided many opportunities to our province and country last season. Listed in chronological order:

- 2022 and Currently - Virtual and Live Badge Testing and ongoing
- September 2022 – Sport Manitoba Girls in Sport Multi Sports Day – Girls tried out multiple sports, including baton.
- 2022 NCCP Petro Canada National Coaches Week – Winner of the Coaches Week \$200 Petro Canada gift.
- September - St. Amant Free the Spirit Festival – Interactive Baton Demo
- October - Fall Newcomer Sports Academy classes
- October – MB Baton Annual General Meeting and Athlete’s Banquet at the Winnipeg Winter Club
- November – Manitoba Hydro Santa Claus Parade – Walking entry – Sponsored by Vickar Chevrolet Winnipeg
- November – Manitoba Hydro and Christmas Cheer Board – Santa’s Workshop in the Gallery – Baton Demonstration to inner city families
- November - Winter Newcomer Sports Academy classes
- December – Canadian Tire Jumpstart program for Ukrainian refugees - baton/dance lessons for kids and presentation about entry level jobs in Manitoba for parents
- January 22 – Hosted the Winter Classic Competition. Judged by Loren Dermody
- February – Jets Tickets Raffle fundraiser
- March – Women to Watch grant from Sport Manitoba recipient Hailey Tsitritin
- March 19 – Unicity Competition
- April 10 – Manitoba Baton athletes celebrate World Baton Twirling Day
- April 30 - Provincial Competition – Judges Tracey Eyssens and Natalie Fehres
- May 6 – Spring Kids Festival
- May 27 – Athlete’s Rep - Pottery Painting Night
- June to August – Summer outreach program – coaches taught baton to children at schools, summer camp and daycares
- June 26 – Bowling Send off Party for Manitoba athletes competing at the Canadian Championship and Maple Leaf Open

- July 25 – Send off party at Sport Manitoba for athletes competing at Nations Cup and the World Championships in Liverpool, England
- July – Manitoba Baton received a grant from Obby Khan, the Honorable Minister of Sport, Culture & Heritage, to enhance our baton community in Manitoba

I would like to extend my utmost gratitude to all the volunteers, parents, athletes, board members, coaches, and judges for their continued commitment and their involvement. A special thanks to Tammy De Jong, Chairperson, to Olga Orlov, Publicity Rep and our technical team for continuing to help our baton community grow.

Thank you for a phenomenal season. I look forward to see what this next year holds for us, and I look forward to seeing our sport grow and develop.

Sincerely,

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MBTSA Technical Chair

