

# 2023 CBTF Fall Conference

## Report from WBTF Technical Advisor

As the WBTF partnership with WFNBTa deepens and transitions to the IBTF, the WBTF Technical Committee has been focussed on the adoption and implementation of the new Freestyle Judging System and the consequences that system will have on existing WBTF disciplines (notably, Short Program).

### Rolls Code of Points Clinic (Italy)

I was invited to present, with Julie Stewart demonstrating, the WBTF Rolls Code of Points to the Italian Twirling Federation. This clinic was held in December 2022, outside Milan. The 12-hour clinic was held over two days.

The purpose of this clinic was to present every Level C, Level D and Level E roll from the new Rolls Code of Points. It was a very detailed clinic, including coaching points, technical tips, coaching progressions, in addition to the demonstration of each roll performed 'as expected'.

The clinic was very well-attended (over 300 people), by athletes and coaches from across Italy. The instruction and demonstrations were recorded, and this video is being provided to the WBTF for use in their education programs for the new freestyle judging system.

### Rolls Code of Points Clinic (Canada)

At the Pride of Canada Open Clinic, a similar version of the Italian Clinic was presented, but the Canadian clinic was limited to 3 hours.

This served as an introduction to the new Rolls Code of Points system - further study for all coaches and judges is required, and webinars are being planned for the upcoming season.

### WBTF Short Program

The WBTF Board approved the proposal from the WBTF Technical Committee to remove Short Program after the 2024 World Championship.

For the 2023-24 season, the CBTF programs involving Compulsory Move and Short Program can remain unchanged.

Beyond that, the CBTF Technical Committee should engage in a thorough review of the place and role of both Compulsory Moves and Short Program throughout all of our programs - Badge Program (Silver Pin, Gold Pin, Diamond Pin, and Maple Leaf Pin) and our Competitive Program (Level A, BI, and C Compulsories, and Level BA and A Short Program).

**Action Item:** Recommendations from this review should be added to the 2024 Fall Conference agenda.

### New Freestyle Judging System

The 2024 World Championship will be used as a final test platform for the new system. The WBTF Board has agreed that the new system will be used to judge Freestyle Solo at the 2026 World Championship - the test phase will be over!

As a reminder, the new system brings together many different parts:

- Code of Points charts for Aerials and Rolls... these are intended to standardize the scoring for different skills
- Routine design requirements... these establish and standardize the technical requirements and expectations of a Freestyle Solo routine: the number (and type) of aerials, as well as the roll series requirements.

- Technical Scoring standardization... for the Technical Merit portion of the final score, the score is defined in the Code of Points, as are bonuses and deductions
- Component Scoring transparency... the 'Component Score' has several sub-divisions, each with a more specific focus than the former 'Artistic Expression'
- as an aid to the Technical Merit judges, the aerial and roll elements are defined and submitted in advance - using a 'fiche'. The 'potential technical merit score' is determined in advance - the job of the technical panel is to evaluate the quality of the elements performed. Athletes are expected to perform the elements as stated in their fiche (including any entrance/release and exit/catch) - there are penalties and deductions if they change their elements 'on the fly'.

**Action Item:** A significant amount of training, for both judges and coaches, in the new system will be required, and this must all be done during this upcoming season. WBTF is preparing formal education for both coaches and judges, with plans to release it in Fall/Winter 2023.

## **2023 IBTF Nations Cup and World Championship - Liverpool**

I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire Canadian Contingent to the inaugural IBTF Nations Cup and World Championship. Not only is it a wonderful achievement to qualify and an exciting opportunity to travel and meet athletes from around the world, it is priceless to be part of such a major transition in our sport.

Respectfully submitted,  
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