

## **OBTA TECHNICAL REPORT TO CBTF**

JULY 15, 2023

TO: DANA PETELESKI, CBTF TECHNICAL CHAIRPERSON

FROM: DEARDRA LESLIE, OBTA TECHNICAL CHAIRPERSON

Purpose:

- This report will provide the technical activities of OBTA during – August 2022 – August 2023.

OBTA IS HUMBLLED AGAIN BUT PROUD TO BE THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2022 CBTF PROVINCE OF THE YEAR! THANK YOU FOR RECOGNIZING OUR TEAM WORK, SUPPORT AND DEDICATION TO ALL ASPECTS OF BATON TWIRLING.

Thank-you:

- CBTF for sharing and answering questions for us
- OBTA BOD for the endless dedication for our province
- OBTA Technical Committee for your willingness to volunteer and work diligently for all OBTA and CBTF members

Background:

- OBTA Technical Committee consists of: Technical Chairperson (Deardra), Coaches' Representative (Jennie), Judges' Representative (Kim), Group Representative (Susan), SDP Representative (Stephanie), Athletes' Representative (Shawna), Risk Management Administrator (Christina), and Sanctions Administrator (Sarah)
- 11 Technical Meetings were held to include one full OBTA Technical Membership meeting in August
- OBTA Baton Day and Critique day was a huge success for all levels of athletes
- OBTA Judges Rep and Coaches organized a seminar on the new events for Nations Cup for OBTA coaches, judges, and athletes
- OBTA Snowtacular was hosted to prepare our athletes for the season
- Our first local competition was cancelled due to weather
- 4 club competitions were held in Ontario
- Badge testing and information were provided by our SDP Rep
- SDP Rep and the Group Rep held 2 March Break practices for the athletes
- OBTA Training Day for the athletes was hosted
- OBTA is proud to have many athletes representing our province and Canada at the Nations Cup in Liverpool, England
- OBTA, as a team, hosted with success the 2022 Provincial Championships, Team Trials and Trillium Open

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- OBTA proudly recognized our coaches and judges; Honorary Recognitions for Lifetime Membership and our club milestones
- OBTA athletes (representing 7 of our clubs) competed at the CBTF Canadian Championships, Maple Leaf open and Pride of Canada clinic. 3 OBTA Judges were part of the CBTF panel for the competition.
- OBTA Coaches rep, and Technical Chairperson will be hosting the CBTF BTF Coaching Course on August 19, 2023.
- OBTA showed continued support to CBTF by our contributions through committees by our members' volunteering on committees and as well our Athlete's Rep, Judge's Rep, Coaches Rep, SDP Rep, Group Rep, and Technical Chairperson, working together for a stronger CBTF

### ACTION ITEMS:

#### Present:

- An OBTA performance group (all ages and all levels) was developed by Shawna and Susan performing at 2 events
- OBTA's website was revitalized
- OBTA's social media platforms improved
- 2 CBTF Town Halls occurred for our members

#### Future:

- Primary focus – continue to expand our athlete, coaches' and judges' base
- Mentor Judges and Coaches
- OBTA Sports Recognition – continue and complete requirements needed to make an application re-join the Ontario Sports Recognition through our Grow Ontario Initiative

### RECOMMENDATIONS TO CBTF:

- Our repetitive concern is for CBTF to gain Sports Recognition: OBTA cannot complete all Sports Recognition requirements for the province because CBTF does not have their National Sports Recognition. This is a vital requirement from the Ontario Sports Federation. OBTA would like to urge CBTF to continue to work to achieve this outcome and keep every province aware of the progress. Not having our sports recognition, does not put OBTA on an equal playing field with other provinces. This Sports Recognition affects any grants or fundraising that OBTA would like to apply for our athletes and technical members. Please seek volunteers who are willing to increase awareness in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, British Columbia, northern Ontario, and the Territories
- Grassroots: OBTA would like CBTF to enhance baton twirling in Canada more through a national campaign to assist provinces recruiting new members to enhance all levels of participation for athletes, coaches, judges and volunteers
- Coaches' Courses: OBTA would like know how the next levels of Coaching Courses are proceeding and what can we do to help?
- Judges' Courses: OBTA has judges who would like to further their career in judging. When will the courses be available? Is there anything that OBTA can do to assist with this?

- OBTA would like to re-present our idea for the CBTF Membership Forms: OBTA realizes the importance of our members to get their Vulnerable Sector Police Checks. (For coaches, club directors, judges, adjudicators and BOD members) OBTA feels that a good time to submit these approved forms is along with the membership form. Would it be possible for the CBTF to approve an extra column or space that the Provincial Membership Administrators could check off that they have in fact received the signed approval form for Vulnerable Sector Police Checks? In several provinces, a Vulnerable Sector police check is required for everyone who works or volunteers with children.

**OBTA IS EXCITED TO HOST THE 2024 CBTF CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS, TRILLIUM OPEN AND PRIDE CLINIC IN ONTARIO!**

Thank you,

*Deandra Leslie*