

# **CANADIAN BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION**

## **FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT ANNUAL REPORT**

**2024 - 2025**

### **CBTF Annual General Meeting - September 2025**

As CBTF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, I was involved in the following tasks and issues during the 2024-25 season.

#### **HONOURS AND AWARDS**

- Developed the CBTF Officials (Technical Association) Recognition Program to recognize coaches, judges and adjudicators at certain milestones. This will be included in the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President's portfolio. *\*Still a "Work in Progress"*
- Conducted the 2024-25 CBTF Annual Awards nomination process. With thanks to the Selection Committee members, the nominations and result procedures ran successfully. Many thanks to Board member, Micheleine Babineau, for assuming a seat on one of the committees due to conflicts of interest.
- Prepared the Return of Travelling Awards Chart to be filled in at the Canadians so that a record can be maintained as to who has the awards, how many awards need to be replaced/repaid and how many empty plates are remaining on each plaque.
- Contacted the 2024 award recipients who needed to get plaques engraved and returned for 2025 presentation. Thanks to Joanne for looking after the awards at Canadians.
- Provided brief written introductions for the Awards Ceremonies announcer.
- Provided written award descriptions for the Canadians Program.
- Prepared certificates for the award recipients. My appreciation to Joanne Moser and Sue Mephram for helping with the printing of the CBTF Certificates and the ordering of the "keeper" plaques for the Athletes of the Year.
- Many thanks to Dana Peteski for developing and maintaining the Province of the Year Points System.
- I am currently working on the certificates and gifts for the Canadian Contingent athletes, coaches, judges & team manager to the 2025 IBTF Nations Cup & World Technical Baton Championship in Turin, Italy. Many thanks to Shawna Spencer for designing and producing the commemorative pins.

Thanks to Jeff Johnson for posting the nomination forms on our website and to Danielle Skinner for posting nomination information on social media. Thank you to those who took the time to nominate and congratulations to the recipients of the 2025 CBTF Annual Awards.

#### **CBTF COMMITTEES**

##### **CBTF Awards Review Committee**

Due to time constraints and ongoing changes, this committee has not been able to meet. However, I have completed a draft of the Procedure for the committee to review and, hopefully, we will be able to meet before the Fall Conference or shortly after.

##### **Equality, Diversity & Inclusivity (EDI) Committee**

This Committee was formed after the 2022 Fall Conference and a Terms of Reference document was Board approved in January 2023. The Committee has met twice in the past six months and there have been some interesting ideas and topics discussed.

#### OTHER

I have participated in various email discussions, eVotes, Bye Policy applications, webinars and conference calls for the various committees, Executive and Board of Directors throughout the year. I was unable to participate in the first Strategic Planning call but attended the next one.

I have sent the CBTF Secretary the "World Athletes & Judges List from 1980" containing all the stats and information I had gathered to date. I will continue to add more as needed. Thank you to all the athletes, coaches and judges who have provided a vast amount of information for this important document.

I provided the CBTF Secretary with the complete Motion Handbook as requested.

I continue to update the Technical Reference Book that I have been maintaining for several years.

I wish to extend sincere appreciation to Dana, Joanne, Jeff, Sue, Danielle and Shawna for assisting me in the various tasks I've been involved in this past year. I also wish to congratulate and thank all the wonderful athletes, coaches, judges and administrators for their dedication to our sport.

SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS to the athletes, coaches and judges who represented our country so proudly in Italy this past summer. It was so thrilling to see the results and know that the future for Baton Twirling in Canada and around the world looks promising and exciting!

It has been my pleasure and certainly a privilege to work on behalf of CBTF and I look forward to a successful year ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

**KAREN GRATTON**

CBTF 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

*Attachment:*

*List of CBTF Annual Award Recipients as presented during the 2025 Canadians in Moncton.*

**CANADIAN BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION  
2025 CBTF AWARD RECIPIENTS  
2025 CANADIAN WINNER/CHAMPIONSHIPS – JULY 1-5, 2025 – MONCTON, NB**

PRESIDENT'S CUP	No Recipient
PROVINCE OF THE YEAR	ALBERTA
HONOURARY MEMBERSHIP	KATIE BURLEY-VALENTE
LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD	No Recipient
LYNDA GARLAND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE	JENNIFER MERON
SHARON HOLLIDAY MEMORIAL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD	SIRAYA FRANKLYN
VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR	TERRY STEWART
CBTF ATHLETE SCHOLARSHIP	ELISE MILLER
ATHLETE "SPIRIT OF TWIRLING" AWARD	MORGAN DIXON
JUNIOR INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE AWARD	MADELEINE BLANCHARD
SENIOR INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE AWARD	ALLISON QUO
GROUP CHALLENGE CUP	TRILOGY TWIRLING TEAM

5 YEAR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE	ELISE MILLER, SYDNEY JOHNSON
10 YEAR INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION CERTIFICATE	No Recipient

**2025 ATHLETES OF THE YEAR:**

- JUNIOR FEMALE ATHLETE	LEAH BARANIUK
- SENIOR FEMALE ATHLETE	ELISE MILLER
- JUNIOR MALE & SENIOR MALE ATHLETES	No Recipients
- PAIR	HANNE ROHRMANN & SVEA THORSTEINSON
- TEAM	PHOENIX "HIT THE ROAD JACK"
- OVERALL ATHLETE OF THE YEAR	ELISE MILLER
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**2025 GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONS:**

- WOMEN'S SOLO	DANIELLE SKINNER
- MEN'S SOLO	No Recipient
- DUET	ELISE MILLER & ALLISON QUO
- MEDLEY	DANIELLE SKINNER
- SOLO DANCE TWIRL	DANIELLE SKINNER
- 2-BATON	MORGAN DIXON
- 3- BATON	BRIANNA MIDDLETON
- DANCE TWIRL TEAM	NEW HEIGHTS "LUCK BE A LADY"
- TWIRL TEAM	NEW HEIGHTS "TEAM ROUGE"

**2025 APPRECIATION GIFTS**

NATIONAL QUALIFIER COMPETITION DIRECTOR	DANA PETELESKI
NATIONAL QUALIFIER HOST PROVINCE COORDINATOR	KANDIS BOYD
NATIONAL QUALIFIER HEAD TABULATOR	CINDY DIETRICH
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION DIRECTOR	DANA PETELESKI
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HOST PROVINCE COORDINATOR	MICHELINE BABINEAU
CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP HEAD TABULATOR	CINDY DIETRICH
RETIRING EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S)	No Recipient

85 CBTF CANADIAN CONTINGENT MEMBERS (61 athletes, 20 coaches, 2 judges & 2 team managers) RECEIVED CERTIFICATES FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION AT THE 2025 IBTF TECHNICAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND NATIONS CUP IN TURIN, ITALY. COMMEMORATIVE PINS WERE PRESENTED TO LEVEL A & B MEDALLISTS IN NATIONS CUP AND TO TOP 10 FINALISTS IN THE TECHNICAL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP.

Report to the Board of Directors  
September, 2025  
Via Zoom  
Submitted by: Beth Swain  
CBTF 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

I'm pleased to submit my report to the CBTF Board of Directors at this fall meeting.

Overall, the membership registration continues to run smoothly. Changes in membership types continue to be processed by 2<sup>nd</sup> VP only and tracked manually.

As the SafeSport compliance Officer, it was expected that all coaches, judges, administrators and board members submit their certificate of completion by May 1, 2025. A screenshot of the profile on coach.ca, showing name and Safe Sport Completion date is to be emailed to 2<sup>nd</sup> VP. To date, I have received less than 50 confirmations.

The membership totals are as follows. I have included totals from previous years for comparison purposes. Overall, there was quite an increase in membership numbers.

2024 – 2025 Season	A Competitive	B and B/G Pre Comp/Group	BR & BR/G Recreationa/ Group	G Group	D Executive	E Volunteer	T1 Technical over 18	A, G or D, T2/T1	TOTAL
Direct							1		1
British Columbia	11	29			3	12	7	1	63
Alberta	68	52	144	1	34	135	25	22	481
Saskatchewan	66	23	127		10	125	14	6	371
Manitoba	36	35	36	9	5	34	11	13	179
Ontario	90	29	31	1	2	28	37	21	239
New Brunswick	46	51	53		9	2	8	8	177
Nova Scotia	14	9				1	6	2	32
Totals	331	228	391	11	63	337	109	73	1543

Total at Aug.31	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
British Columbia	56	79	36	32	47	50	43	32
Alberta	352	527	549	489	443	469	607	608
Saskatchewan	318	309	306	310	346	383	385	423
Manitoba	137	148	124	132	154	197	179	179
Ontario	222	225	242	194	286	272	275	306
Quebec	n/a	n/a	N/A	N/A	54	17	17	23
New Brunswick	157	142	143	116	117	127	147	119
Nova Scotia	27	15	12	13	31	46	45	50
Direct	1	0	3	5				
Total	1269	1448	1415	1291	1474	1561	1698	1740

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Swain  
2<sup>nd</sup> VP, CBTF



# 2024-2025 ABTA Board Report

## Past Year Summary

The ABTA board has focused on the following this year:

### Qualifier for IBTF Technical World Championship and Nations Cup

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In January, ABTA proudly hosted the *Qualifier for IBTF Technical World Championship and Nations Cup* at the *Seven Chiefs* facility in Calgary. Thanks to the dedication of a fantastic volunteer team—whose planning efforts began in the spring of 2024—the event was an outstanding success. Not only did it run smoothly and showcase our athletes, but it was also financially successful, generating a profit of **\$6,099.83**.

### True North Competition

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As part of the *Qualifiers*, ABTA hosted the inaugural True North Competition on the Friday evening. This event provided younger and less experienced athletes with the opportunity to participate, observe a higher level of competition, and gain valuable experience. In addition, it served as a revenue stream to help offset the costs of the larger Qualifiers event, raising an additional **\$3,266.00** in entry fees, which was added to the Qualifiers' total revenue. It is strongly recommended that future *Qualifier* events host a *True North* competition.

### ABTA Strategic Plan

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In 2024, we adopted a new strategic plan and, over the past year, have focused on ensuring our activities align with its three core pillars: development (athletes, coaches, and judges), structure (clubs, regions, and competitions), and promotion (increasing awareness of the sport).

### Bylaws, Governance, and Policies

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Over the past year, the ABTA Board has focused on strengthening governance by updating our bylaws, developing a governance manual, and expanding our policies and procedures. While several gaps remain, we have worked diligently to build greater structure and clarity. An updated set of bylaws was submitted to the Government of Alberta but was not accepted; we are now addressing their concerns and anticipate presenting the revised version to our membership in September.



## **Safe Sport and Respect in Sport**

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As a recipient of Government of Alberta funding, ABTA is required to comply with updated provincial sport policies, including Safe Sport and Respect in Sport. Over the past year, we have been working to align our policies and procedures with these requirements.

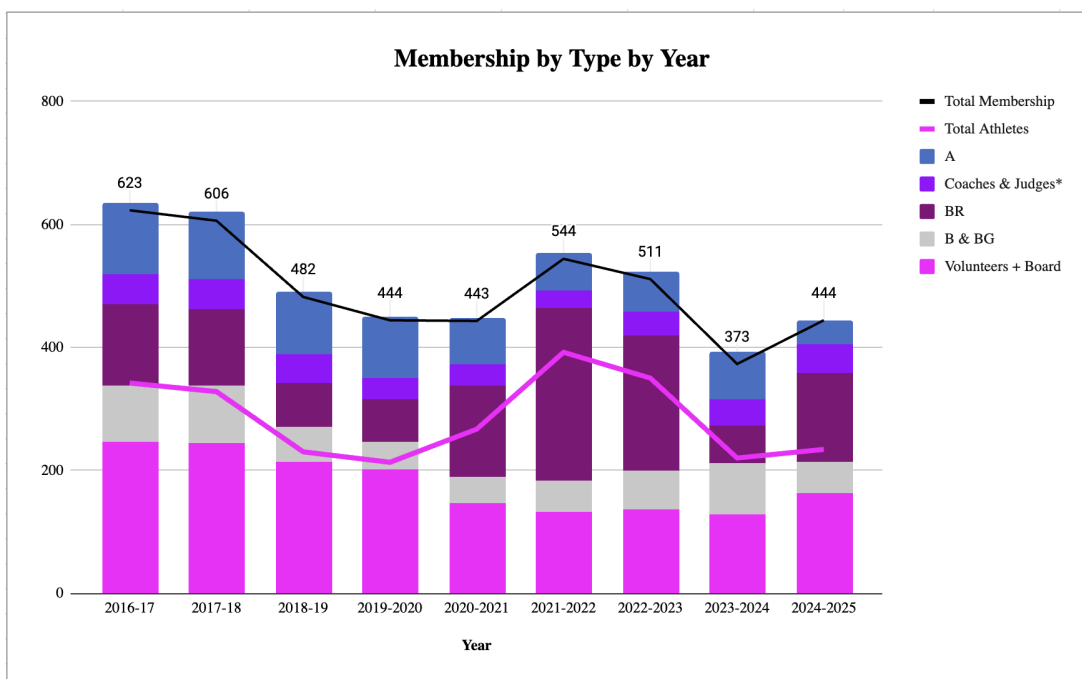
## **Competition Support**

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To make Alberta-based competitions easier to organize, reduce confusion, and involve more parents as volunteers, ABTA has invested significant effort into developing new tools, supports, and materials. Beginning with Tab, we have successfully streamlined the process of creating a set system: what once took weeks from registration deadline to draft system now takes only hours. This improvement enables competition directors to share draft set systems with coaches more quickly, ensuring faster reviews and corrections. It also substantially reduces the workload for competition volunteers. Once our efforts are complete, we will work with CBTF and other Provinces to share what we have developed.

## **ABTA Membership Trends**

The chart below highlights ABTA's membership trends over the past nine years. In the past year, overall membership grew by 71. While the number of competitive and pre-competitive athletes declined from 158 to 90, our base of recreational athletes more than doubled from 62 to 144. Looking ahead, we anticipate a further drop in competitive athletes, as several members had continued specifically to participate in the Nations Cup. To retain their passion and expertise, we are actively encouraging these retiring athletes to consider coaching or judging, ensuring they remain engaged and continue contributing to the sport. At the same time, we remain focused on keeping current athletes involved and on expanding outreach to new participants through free camps and targeted promotional efforts.



## 2024-25 Calendar of Events

Month	Details
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BTF Coaching Course held - 9 participants</li> <li>Learn to Twirl one-day school programs held Sept-August - continuing to run from grant funding awarded last year</li> </ul>
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABTA Annual General Meeting was held. Brie Robertson was elected as ABTA Vice Chairperson, Shannon Mauro as ABTA Treasurer, Roxanne Barbo as ABTA Secretary (1 year term)</li> <li>ABTA Fall Training Workshop was held in Airdrie - 63 athletes</li> <li>ABTA Free Camp - 91 participants</li> <li>Revising bylaws and policies</li> </ul>
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuing to plan for the Nations Cup Qualifier</li> </ul>
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalizing NCQ preparations</li> </ul>
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Snow Much Fun Competition</i> - held in Stony Plain - offered NC events to help athletes prepare for NCQ</li> </ul>
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>2025 Nations Cup Qualifier and True North Open</i> were held at Seven Chiefs Sports Centre on Tsuut'ina Nation just west of Calgary</li> </ul>



<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Central Region hosts the <i>Wild West</i> competition in Calgary</li> <li>• Grant received from SPAR to host 12 <i>Twirl, Spin, Flip Girls Camps</i> across the province until July 2026</li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parkland Region held the <i>Sweet Pea</i> competition in Olds</li> <li>• <i>Tulip Twirl</i> competition held in Airdrie - focuses on pre-competitive athletes</li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Provincial Championships</i> were held in Olds</li> <li>• Calgary Stampeders half time performance with over 50 athletes from across Alberta performing</li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Movin' On Up Competition</i> held in Airdrie, AB</li> <li>• BTF Coaching Course held - 9 participants</li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABTA Board Working Session</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparing for upcoming season - updating documents, club membership packages, forms, etc</li> </ul>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bylaws and policies update - Special meeting to be held in Sept</li> <li>• Pursuing <i>Safe Sport</i> and <i>Respect in Sport</i> programs</li> <li>• Working on creating an <i>ABTA Competition Directors Handbook</i></li> <li>• Actively pursuing community grants and alternative fundraising avenues to build revenue for the association</li> <li>• Events: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ BTF Coaching Course in September 2025</li> <li>○ 2025 Fall Training Workshop is scheduled for October</li> <li>○ 2025 Evolve Technical Seminar (receive grant funding)</li> <li>○ <i>2026 Provincials</i> - confirmed for <b>May 8-10, 2026</b> at Olds College</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



# Baton NB Annual Report for 2024-2025

It was another busy year at Baton NB. Here are some of the highlights:

- The BNB Executive Committee ensured that all policies and by-laws, including our Safe Sport policy, were up to date and being followed. As part of our core funding application with the Province of NB, we also did a board governance self-assessment.
- Memberships: we had 140 athletes and 15 technical memberships this year as well as our board of directors and committee volunteers. There's been some conflicting information as there were some glitches in the system when pulling reports so these numbers may not be 100% accurate.
- In August, we struck our Canadians organizing committee and met regularly all through the year to ensure everything was planned and ready for the 2025 Canadians. The committee put in a significant amount of time and effort to ensure this competition was as successful as possible.
- In September, we had our AGM in Saint John, NB. We have a few new board members this year which is nice to see more engagement from our members, and we anticipate the same in the coming year.
- We have a new club in the province, Spinning Stars, which brings us to a total of 4 active clubs in NB. This is encouraging as it shows the sport is growing!
- We continued using our BNB Competition Committee to plan and organize all competitions in the province. This model is working very well, and we plan on continuing this way.
- We had 2 pre-competitive competitions and 3 other competitions for both pre-competitive and competitive athletes during the year, including our Provincial Winner/Championship in May. We had a record number of athletes compete this year, including some from clubs in Nova Scotia. We also hosted the NS Provincial Winner/Championship to ensure their athletes were able to qualify for Canadians.
- We hosted two badge clinics. We're very happy that so many athletes participate in this program. We had one athlete complete the SDP program this year. Congratulations to Valika Allain!
- We hosted the BNB Fall Clinic again this year using the new format established in 2023. We had a total of 48 athletes and 9 coaches participate.
- We had a past athlete receive her A1 Adjudicator certification. Congratulations to Clara Stanert.
- We also have a new judge in the province. Congratulations to Katrine Bourgeois.
- We had 8 athletes representing New Brunswick in February at the 2025 Qualifier. Congratulations to Brianna Middleton for qualifying for the World Championship and congratulations to Valika Allain, Sophie Babineau, Madeleine Blanchard & Lucy Gray for qualifying for Nations Cup.
- In June, we had our annual awards banquet with over 120 people in attendance where we recognized well-deserving athletes for their accomplishments throughout the year. We also recognized our BOD, volunteers, judges and coaches for all their hard work throughout the year.
- In July, 45 athletes from New Brunswick competed at the 2025 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open in Moncton, NB.

Respectfully submitted,

Micheline Babineau  
President, Baton NB



## **BTABC 2024/2025 Report**

The Baton Twirling Association of British Columbia (BTABC) was created to foster the development of Baton Twirling within the province of BC. It is BTABC's mandate to provide and maintain the highest standards of twirling, coaching, and judging possible within the province of BC. We strive to encourage and develop the highest proficiency in baton twirling through the development and continued support of our recreational, competitive, and elite programs.

### **BTABC 2024/2025 Board**

- Chair: TRACY EYSENS
- Technical Rep: KELDA PILUKE
- Treasurer /Membership Officer: DENISE DEWOLFF
- Secretary: Vacant
- Coaches Rep: ROBYN SANFORD
- Judges Rep: KELDA PILUKE
- SDP Rep: JENNIFER DEWOLFF
- Group Rep: KAREN GRATTON
- Athlete's Rep: ANNABELLE PORTER
- Past Chair: SHANNON WEBSTER

### **BTABC Clubs**

BTABC had 2 active clubs operating in BC throughout 2024/2025:

- Pheonix School of Dance (Kelda Piluke)
- Xtreme Talent Dance Company (Robin Sanford)
- Kootenay Konnection: (Karen Gratton) Inactive

### **Certified Coaches and Judges**

<b>Certified Coaches</b>	<b>Certified Judges</b>
Kelda Corkum-Piluke	Kelda Corkum-Piluke
Jennifer DeWolff	Jennifer DeWolff
Tracy Eyssens (Inactive)	Tracy Eyssens *M1 Conditional Course Conductor
Shannon Webster	Shannon Webster
Karen Gratton	
Denise DeWolff	
Lindsey Rempel	
Lisa Neil	
Robin Sanford	
Mackenzie Ross	

Tracy Eyssens was selected and judged at the 2025 Canadian Winner/Championship & Maple Leaf Open held in Moncton New Brunswick.

## **BC Events**

The following events were held in BC throughout 2024/2025:

- October 6 2024: BTABC AGM
- February 8, 2025: Winterfest Baton and Dance Competition hosted by Fraser Valley Baton Club
- April 12 2025: Spring Fling hosted by Fraser Valley Baton Club

It is BTABC's plan to continue to pursue opportunities to develop twirling in various communities across BC through recreation and community-based programming. BTABC will continue to be there to assist new groups set up a good foundation, support their growth and development and provide them every opportunity possible to make their goals a reality.

BTABC is the sole voice and only BC representative within the Canadian Baton Twirling Federation and will continue to be involved in sport promotion and community events across the province. All to build a better BC!! We are committed to continue to do so as long as there are batons and athletes that want to twirl them!!

Tracy Eyssens Chair  
Baton Twirling Association of BC



**Canadian Baton Twirling Federation**

**La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif**

## **2025 Canadian Qualifier Report**

The 2025 Canadian Qualifier took place February 21-23, 2025, at the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex in Tsuut'ina, AB.

The 2025 Canadian Qualifier Organizing Committee was appointed by the CBTF Board and consisted of:

Competition Director: Dana Peteleski

Entry Processor: Nancy Lightheart

Lead Tabulator: Cindy Dietrich

Host Province Coordinator: Kandis Boyd

ABTA assembled an excellent local organizing committee who met frequently to ensure the planning for the competition was on track. As competition director, I attended regular meetings with the LOC so that I could answer any questions and stay informed of the competition plans.

CBTF Treasurer, Terry Stewart and I worked with ABTA Treasurer Shannon Mauro to finalize a budget and ensure expenses were on track. ABTA worked with Tourism Calgary and secured a grant.

ABTA successfully ran an open competition on the Friday evening after the opening ceremonies. This helped to offset some of the competition expenses and provided an opportunity for Pre-Competitive and Competitive athletes to participate in the True North Open.

The competition had 7 judges, with 75 athletes from five provinces.

### **Financials**

Please refer to the CBTF Treasurer's report for the complete financial statement for the competition. The competition budget showed an anticipated loss of \$4188. I am happy to report that the competition saw a profit of \$6100.

"Stay to Play" was in effect for this competition and resulted in a \$2380 rebate to the competition.

### **Tabulation**

Thank you to Cindy Dietrich and team for their work in tabulation throughout the competition.

Overall, it was a successful competition. Thank you to Kandis Boyd and the wonderful team of volunteers from Alberta that assembled to run this event.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteleski  
2025 Canadian Qualifier  
Competition Director



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## 2025 Canadian Winner/Championship and MLO Report

The 2025 CBTF Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open took place July 1-5, 2025, at the Avenir Centre in Moncton, NB.

Continuing the 5-day schedule that we implemented out of necessity due to facility restrictions in 2024, the same schedule was utilized in 2025. We were able to run an efficient schedule and wrap up each day at a reasonable hour for a competition of this size.

The 2025 Canadians Organizing Committee was appointed by the CBTF Board and consisted of:

Competition Director: Dana Peteleski

Entry Processor: Nancy Lightheart

Lead Tabulator: Cindy Dietrich

Host Province Coordinator: Micheline Babineau

CBTF Treasurer, Terry Stewart and I worked with BNB to finalize a budget and work within the constraints of some granting agencies.

A survey of clubs to gather potential participant information (number of individual event entries per discipline plus number of group entries) was conducted. This information was useful in preparing the preliminary schedule.

The competition had 12 judges, with 195 athletes from six provinces.

### Recent Metrics

	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Location</b>	Virtual	Moncton, NB	Edmonton, AB	Oshawa, ON	Moncton, NB
<b>Venue</b>		Avenir Centre	Grant MacEwan University	Durham College	Avenir Centre
<b>Date</b>	Jul 2-4	July 2-5	Jul 2-7	Jul 1-5	Jul 1-5
<b># Athletes</b>	NB 26	NB 32	NB 22	NB 23	NB 45
	NS 2	NS 0	NS 0	NS 0	NS 11
	QC 0	QC 0	QC 0	QC 0	QC 0
	ON 36	ON 34	ON 56	ON 94	ON 67
	MB 15	MB 10	MB 11	MB 8	MB 8
	SK 55	SK 38	SK 43	SK 37	SK 31
	AB 15	AB 23	AB 60	AB 28	AB 33
	BC 1	BC 0	BC 0	BC 0	BC 0
	Total 150	Total 137	Total 192	Total 190	Total 195
<b>Profit (Loss)</b>	\$3,948	(\$14,806)			TBA

### Financials

Please refer to the CBTF Treasurer's report for the complete financial statement for the competition. At the time of writing this report, the final numbers are not available, and I am not able to provide an analysis within the report. Details will be discussed at the meetings.

"Stay to Play" was in effect for this competition. There were some challenges with some participants booking outside of the designated blocks at the hotels, and this will be addressed directly.

Terry Stewart, CBTF Treasurer developed a judges claim form specific to the Canadian Championship in the hopes of making the process smoother for all involved (judges, competition director and treasurer).

The CBTF National Competition Expense Reimbursement Policy was in effect and aided in clarifying most expenses associated with the event.

### **Competition Schedule**

The 2025 Canadians ran with 12 judges at peak.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Events</b>
<b>Tuesday, July 1</b>	Paid Practice, Opening Ceremony, Compulsories & Short Program
<b>Wednesday, July 2</b>	Preliminary Rounds & MLO 3-Baton, 2-Baton, Solo, Duet, Medley, Solo Dance Twirl, X-Strut
<b>Thursday, July 3</b>	Final Rounds, Awards and Grand Nationals 3-Baton, 2-Baton, Solo, Duet, Medley, Solo Dance Twirl
<b>Friday, July 4</b>	Preliminary Rounds – Freestyle MLO Groups Winner/Championship Groups, Awards and Grand Nationals
<b>Saturday, July 5</b>	Preliminary Rounds – Pair Final Rounds – Freestyle and Pair Awards Pride of Canada Clinic Athlete Party & Technical Social

### **Tabulation**

Thank you to Cindy Dietrich for leading the tabulation throughout the competition.

I would also like to thank our Host Province Coordinator, Micheline Babineau for all the work in the year leading up to the competition. BNB had an amazing committee that worked seamlessly together to put on this wonderful competition!

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteleski  
2025 CBTF Canadian Winner/Championship  
Competition Director

### **2024-2025 CBTF President's Report**

This past year has been a year of incredible growth and support for the sport of baton twirling. We are seeing a rejuvenation after the impact of the pandemic. Thank you to everyone who has stayed with our sport and supported our development.

We continued to see larger competitive age division groups, plus engagement in our skills development program. This year will also see the development of a large cohort of new CBTF trained judges. We are very excited about that for the future of our sport.

I continued with involvement in the Education Committee meetings and the Marketing and Communication Committee meetings and attended those throughout the year.

I judged at a local competition in Saskatchewan. I also filled in at the Qualifier, and the Canadian Winner Championship. At the Qualifier, I held the contingent meeting, and with the assistance of Sue Mepham, coordinated Canada's entry to Torino, organized hotel, transportation, team wear, meals, practices, and general needs of the contingent. Dana Peteski and Madi McKnight were amazing as our Team Managers. Canada did very well at the Nations Cup in both the Level B and A divisions. I am particularly proud of our world championship small but mighty contingent, who placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall at the World Championship! What an accomplishment and testament to our strong sport development in Canada.

I assisted with organizing the CBTF annual awards and team awards for the contingent.

We organized and held online CBTF Board meetings – both formal and informal. I participated in some of the CBTF webinars.

I attended the IBTF Winter Meetings online. I accepted IBTF's request to serve on the IBTF Audit Committee as the secretary of that committee, and I attend those meetings quarterly, and also review the books of IBTF. I provide the secretary's report on those meetings to the IBTF Board and auditor. The Pan Pacific Commission has not had any formal meetings this year.

I attended the Nations Cup and Technical World Championship in Torino, Italy. I attended the IBTF summer Board Meeting and the Audit Committee meeting. I assisted the Team Managers in contingent related matters and had a number of meetings with them prior to the event and consulted with him throughout my time there.

I have attended numerous other meetings, webinars, conference calls, and assisted with organizing the fall conference, with the assistance of the executive.

Thank you to all of the executive, technical and board members who have worked so hard through a very busy year. I congratulate our athletes who were supported by amazing coaches, our judges who were working hard to ensure our athletes could compete, and of course our parents and volunteers who made things happen. I look forward to next season and seeing what wonderful things our membership will do!



**Canadian Baton Twirling Federation**

**La Fédération Canadienne de Baton Sportif**

## **Technical Chair Report – 2025 Fall Conference**

I'd like to first take the opportunity to thank the CBTF Technical Committee and the Provincial Technical Chairs for their dedication over the past season! Thanks to the commitment of the many volunteers in CBTF, we continue to deliver high quality programs across Canada.

### **Athlete Programs**

#### Pre-Competitive Program

The Pre-Competitive program is into its third full year of implementation following the revision leading up to the launch in 2022-2023. This program, in conjunction with the SDP, serves as excellent groundwork material for coaches and athletes in the beginning stages of development. Work continues on the development of Role Model videos and scripts for the standard group routines. It is important for competition directors to remember that pre-competitive disciplines are to be single judged, and this includes group routines.

#### Graded Program

The Graded Program for individual and group disciplines has remained consistent, with no changes implemented. As with the pre-competitive program, competition directors should only be assigning one judge to assess any divisions that are within the graded program.

#### Competitive Program

CBTF has a strong competitive program designed to offer a variety of disciplines to our athletes and ultimately support their participation in Provincial, National and International competitions. We continue to see changes being made at the International level as IBTF determines its slate of disciplines. We are committed to being flexible in our adaptation of these changes to allow our athletes to qualify and compete at these events. It's equally important that we carefully consider any and all changes to the CBTF programming and ensure that our strong history of progression development remains at the forefront of our decisions.

### **Coaching, Adjudicating, and Judging Programs**

We are making slow but good progress on our Coaching Certification Courses, with Baton Twirling Foundations (BTF) Practical courses being held. Our Competition 1 (C1) Theory is available in the Education Portal, and the Practical portion of that course is under review. We will aim to publish the Competition 2 (C2) Theory and focus on finalizing the Practical portion of that course.

The Master Evaluator program is ready for approval at the BTF level and the concepts should be easily transferrable to the C1 and C2 programs.

A reminder that our Coach-In-Training Part I and Part II programs are free of charge. Simply register for an account on the Education Portal, proceed through the Theory and download the handbook to track your hours! This is a great program for those that are 13+ years of age showing an interest in assisting with coaching!

This year there was heavy focus on the Judging Courses. The Division 1 (D1) course ran last fall and successfully certified 8 new judges! The Division 2 (D2) Course is currently underway with 11 participants preparing to write their exams in October. D3 and D4 will require dedicated time to get started.

I acknowledge that the preparation of the new courses has taken longer than expected. It is essential that the work is done diligently with the idea of longevity.



## **Education Committee**

The 2024-2025 Education Committee was made up of the following members:

Dana Peteleski – Chair

Kim Genton

Andrea James

Jenna Jemieff

Jeff Johnson

Maureen Johnson

Joanne Moser

I have submitted a separate Education Committee report outlining all of the projects and activities that took place over the past year. These definitely take a good portion of my time, but are vital to the advancement of our organization. I'd like to thank all of the committee members for their contributions to the ongoing and new projects.

## **2025 Competitions**

Reports have been submitted for the two major competitions held by CBTF this season.

- The 2025 Canadian Qualifier was held in February in Tsuut'ina at the Seven Chiefs Sportsplex.
- The 2025 Canadian Winner/Championship and Maple Leaf Open was held in July at the Avenir Centre in Moncton.

Congratulations to the athletes that represented Canada at the 2025 IBTF Nations Cup and World Technical Baton Twirling Championships in Torino, Italy. We sent a contingent of 61 athletes. Congratulations to all athletes and coaches, recognizing those that made World finals: Danielle Skinner (Solo, X-Strut, Artistic Twirl), Brianna Middleton (Artistic Twirl, 3-Baton), and Elise Miller and Allison Quo (Artistic Pair)

## **Canadian Sport Support Program**

With a quick turnaround time, we were provided the opportunity to apply to the Canadian Sport Support Program for core funding last fall. I worked on the application and required documentation along with Joanne Moser, Terry Stewart and Cindy Dietrich.

We were not successful this time – here is a copy of the response:

*The Sport Support Program – Core funding was vastly oversubscribed, which means that, in total, the amount of funding requested far exceeded the amount of funding available. Sport Canada received applications totaling over \$243.9 million in requested funds for an available amount of \$145.5 million for 2025-26. The oversubscription of the Sport Support Program – Core funding, combined with the limited available funds resulted in many good applications not being recommended.*

*Your proposal was reviewed in consideration of the priorities of the Program, the number of requests received by the Program, and the merit of each proposal in terms of its alignment with program objectives. It is within this context that I regret to inform you that your funding request for 2025-26 has not been recommended because you did not meet the governance requirements as set out in the evaluation criteria in the Program Guidelines and priority was given to sports on the calendar of a major games.*

*We want to emphasize that many of the proposals we received were promising projects and as such, there were some difficult decisions.*

As an organization, we will work towards meeting the governance requirements to increase our chances of a successful application in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as CBTF Technical Chair over the past nine years. I do enjoy being able to give back to the sport that has provided me with so many experiences and opportunities. Working alongside so many other amazing CBTF volunteers is a great experience, and I hope that we inspire the next generation to volunteer and contribute to our wonderful sport.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Peteleski

# 2025 CBTF Fall Conference

## Report from CBTF Coaches' Representative

Please refer to the IBTF Technical Advisor Report - there are many items from IBTF that affect CBTF coaching.

### Freestyle Solo

Coaches creating Level A Freestyle routines need to become familiar with the WBTF New Judging System for Freestyle Solo. The new system will change the way you approach choreography and design for this discipline.

IBTF offers education on the new system on its TwirLED platform - <https://twirled.ibtf-batontwirling.org>. Coaches should register for the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program.

### IBTF ParaTwirl and Twirl-IN

IBTF is considering adding ParaTwirl and Twirl-IN programs to its portfolio - more detail is contained in the IBTF Technical Advisor Report.

IBTF England has developed a complete program at their national level and will be sharing this information with IBTF. If Canada is interested in developing a similar program, I suggest we also use the IBTF England program as our starting point.

### TwirLED Learning Paths

IBTF continues to expand its coaching and judging education and certification programs. At this point, IBTF coaching certification is not being required to enter athletes at IBTF competitions but the education programs are still very useful for any CBTF coach.

Separate Learning Paths are defined for coaches and judges. All Learning Paths begin at Module 1. All Modules must be followed in succession for certification.

Module 1 (Technical Foundation Certification Training Course). The Module 1 course is available in two learning paths covering education in theory and technique for both coaches and judges. This is a self-paced course in TwirLED.

Module 2 (Basic skills, Standard Solo and B level technical disciplines). The Module 2 course also covers two learning paths covering education for both coaches and judges. This is a self-paced course in TwirLED.

Module 3 (A Level technical disciplines). Currently under development

Module 4 (Elite/World level technical disciplines). Currently under development

Module 5 (Module 5 Technical Specialist and Master Level Judge Certification course. This also covers training and certification for Freestyle Pair and Freestyle Team.

### TwirLED content

I have been asked to present three separate topics, from a coaches' perspective, that will be incorporated into the Module 3 TwirLED courses:

1. Roll Development. Topics: Group C rolls showing step-by-step progressions to Group D, using the Rolls Code of Points chart
2. Team, with Kim Genton. Topics: Concept Summary and Expectations of the discipline
3. Artistic Twirl, with Sonia Johnson. Using a Level A Artistic Twirl video, discuss body movement, musicality, and the design/choreography.

## **IBTF Competitions**

As background, IBTF runs its World competitions on a two-year cycle:

- Odd-years (e.g. 2025), IBTF runs the World Championship and Nations Cup for its Technical and Majorettes disciplines. The Technical disciplines are: Solo, 2-Baton, 3-Baton, Artistic Twirl, Duet, Artistic Pair, Twirl Team, DanceTwirl Team, Twirling Corps, Artistic Group. Artistic Team was offered in 2025, but is being removed from the Technical disciplines and will not be offered in 2027.
- Even-Years (e.g. 2026), IBTF runs the World Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl Championship and Nations Cup. In 2026, the World Championship disciplines will be Freestyle Solo, Rhythmic Twirl, Freestyle Pair, Freestyle Team. The Nations Cup discipline is: Freestyle Team (Level A only).

## **Other**

In addition, as CBTF Coaches' Rep, I participated regularly with the CBTF Education Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Johnson  
CBTF Coaches Rep

# Canadian Baton Twirling Federation (CBTF) Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Committee Annual Report

**Reporting Period: March – August 2025**

## **Committee Meeting Dates:**

- March 9, 2025
- May 25, 2025

## **Committee Members:**

Kristin Macaraeg (Chair), Meghan Stanger, Sarah Cimino, Laura Tymchyshyn, Siraya Franklyn, Joanne Moser, Karen Gratton

## **Key Topics and Decisions**

### **1. Inclusion - Land Acknowledgement**

- Each meeting began with a land acknowledgement to recognize and honour Indigenous Peoples and support truth and reconciliation.
- **Proposal:** Implement land acknowledgements at the opening of all CBTF and Provincial Board meetings and all sanctioned competitions.
- **Action:** Recommend inclusion of standardized language in the *Competition Announcers Handbook* and *Competition Directors Manual*.

### **2. Equity – Solo Event Divisions**

- Discussion around **merging men's and women's solo event divisions** to align with International Baton Twirling Federation (IBTF) practices.
- Raised questions about the impact on existing awards such as:
  - Ron Kopas Award
  - Senior Men's Athlete of the Year
  - Overall Athlete of the Year
- The committee unanimously agrees that the Ron Kopas Award should still be a continued legacy.
- **Action Items:**
  - **Review and revise award procedures and calculation charts** to ensure alignment with new competitive structures and inclusive practices.
  - **Increase visibility and support for male athletes** through expanded role model video content and stronger representation in CBTF/IBTF communications.

### **3. Inclusion– Name Pronunciation**

- Proposed the **requirement of correct name pronunciation** during competitions to foster an inclusive environment.
  - [The Name Generator | Procter and Gamble](#)
  - [phonetic-spelling-instructions.pdf](#)
  - [Pronounce Names - Your Dictionary of Name Pronunciation, Learn How to Pronounce Names of People & Places](#)
- **Recommendation:** Include this expectation in the *Competition Announcers Handbook* and *Competition Directors Manual*.

### **4. Diversity – Self-Declaration**

- Discussed implementing a **voluntary self-declaration process** for individuals from equity-denied groups, following definitions used by ParticipACTION.

- **Purpose:** To support diversity tracking, strategic planning, and eligibility for national sport recognition.
- **Proposal:** Include a self-declaration option in membership registrations or member surveys.

#### 5. Diversity - Costume Inspection

- Identified that current compulsory event guidelines (e.g., “beige, white, and black shoes” and “flesh-coloured tights”) lack inclusivity.
- **Proposal:** Recommend that CBTF advocate for **IBTF updates** to costume regulations to reflect a full range of skin tones in shoes, tights, and costumes.

#### 6. Inclusion - Accessible Formats

- **Suggestion:** Add the statement “*Accessible formats available upon request*” to all CBTF communications and documents to support members with visual impairments or other accessibility needs.

#### 7. Update from Heritage Canada

- The committee will be discussing the **update from Heritage Canada** regarding federal expectations for equity, diversity, and inclusion in sport.
- **Implication:** Supports the importance of EDI practices for ongoing funding and national recognition.

#### 8. Leadership Diversity

- A question was raised around whether CBTF should be **actively addressing diversity in leadership and governance structures**.
- **Recommendation:** Board to consider developing strategies or targets to ensure leadership better reflects the diversity of CBTF’s membership.

#### Next Steps & Recommendations for Board Consideration

1. Approve use of **land acknowledgements** at all CBTF functions and include in official manuals.
2. Endorse the **merging of solo event divisions** and update **award procedures and calculations** accordingly.
3. Adopt **name pronunciation protocols** for competitions.
4. Approve implementation of **voluntary self-declaration** for equity-denied groups.
5. Support **revision of costume inspection guidelines** and recommend updates to IBTF.
6. Include “**Accessible formats available upon request**” on all CBTF and provincial board communications and websites.
7. Review and respond to the **Heritage Canada update** to ensure compliance and funding eligibility.
8. Begin a discussion on **diversity within leadership** and potential action steps to improve representation.

#### Submitted to the CBTF Board of Directors

**Date:** August 31, 2025

**Prepared by:** CBTF Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Committee

## 2024-2025 Education Committee Report

Prepared by Dana Peteleski

August 27, 2025

The Education Committee has met monthly from October to June (9 meetings).

Below is a summary of the projects that the EC is working on or has delivered, along with a short description of the project, update, and the current status.

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	UPDATE	STATUS
Webinars	The EC will host informational webinars for the Technical Association members	The EC held the following Webinars/Meetings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Judges Re-Entering the Judging System</li><li>2. Study Group for the NJS Judges Exam #1</li><li>3. Study Group for the NJS Judges Exam #2</li><li>4. New D1 Judges Meeting with Mentors</li><li>5. Learning Progressional Rolls</li><li>6. What's New in CBTF for the 2024-25 Season</li><li>7. Annual Judges Update (three separate offerings of the same update)</li><li>8. Judging Multiple Baton</li><li>9. Learning Progressional Contact Material</li><li>10. Intro to D2 Role Models for D1 Judges</li><li>11. Caption Judging Group Events</li><li>12. IBTF's X-Strut Scoresheet Review</li><li>13. CBTF CPD Program Update</li><li>14. Study Group for Solo (three offerings with three different hosts)</li></ol>	Fifteen webinars/meetings/update held with a variety of presenters.  Webinars were recorded and made available on the CBTF Education Portal for those that couldn't attend live.
Video Library	To maintain a library of videos with standard scoring keys to be used as practice material in any judging course, as assignment material in future judge selection cycles, and as material for self-study and self-improvement programs.	Ongoing work.	The focus was on developing the scoring keys for use in the D2 Practical Course and Exams.

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	UPDATE	STATUS
Technical Rulebook	Publish an online reference which is a current reflection of the specific rules that govern the events held at our competitions.	An easier way for members to search and view the information that they need without having to sift through motions or policies which can sometimes be confusing (and often need to be pieced together to come up with the current status).	An online tool “Technical Reference Manual”. This resource is available to Technical Association members via their website login.  Information continues to be updated and added.
Announcers Handbook	Publish a handbook to be used by announcers for our national events.	Handbook is in draft form. Thank you to Jeff Johnson for his work on this project.	Need to do final review and then publish.
Elite Training for International Competitions	Investigate the possibility of developing a training program for athletes competing at the Elite International Level.	Discussions surrounding virtual critique options. Further discussion at 2020 FTM resulted in the idea being sent back to the EC for further development. EC reviewed discussion points from 2020 FTM and determined that a sub-committee should be formed to work on this project. Sub-committee has been formed with Jenna Jemieff as the lead.	This continues to be a work in progress for both the sub-committee and the Education Committee.
CPD System	The Continuing Professional Development system currently in place needs to be re-visited and finalized.	New CPD program implemented for 2020-21 season. NSO’s are a part of the Coaching Association of Canada and must follow the NCCP Maintenance of Certification Requirements. All activity is tracked through the NCCP Locker. We will look into the possibility of adding Baton Twirling to the NCCP locker and tracking our CPD/Maintenance of Certification points via this method.	The EC reviews the summary of submissions and reports to the Winter Meetings. Work still to be done regarding using the NCCP locker as a tracking method.
Realignment of the Coaching & Judging Courses	To review current content of the coaching and judging courses, realign as necessary, and develop an online aspect to the courses.	Align the coaching programs with the athlete programs that are in place (i.e. recreational, pre-competitive, competitive, elite)  Align the judging programs and review certifications (especially with respect to groups)  Online tutorials and in-class outlines have been developed for the coaching program to coincide with the Long Term Development (LTD) model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Master Evaluator application ready for approval.</li> <li>• BTF Courses are running.</li> <li>• C1 Practical to be reviewed</li> <li>• C2 Theory to be published once C2 Practical is completed.</li> <li>• A2 &amp; A3 Course being completed by Sara Mougeot</li> <li>• A1, D1 &amp; D2 Courses are running</li> <li>• D3 &amp; D4 work to begin</li> </ul>

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	UPDATE	STATUS
BTF Portfolio Templates	Create an Evaluation Course in the Education Portal that includes the BTF Portfolio Templates	Templates are prepared.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dana and Jeff to meet to complete this work.</li> <li>Send notification to BTF participants when the material is available.</li> </ul>
Pre-Group Role Models and Scripts	Complete the Pre-Group Role Model video and scripts	Need videos of pre-groups in order to develop the Role Models. Consider preparing written descriptions without videos to begin with.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In progress.</li> </ul>

Respectfully submitted,  
Dana Peteleski



## **Group Representative Report – 2025 Annual General Meeting**

What a season! First, I must thank all the coaches and choreographers for sharing their imaginations and skills with us all. We are really fortunate in Canada to be able to witness such strong group routines.

Next, I want to congratulate all the groups who represented Canada at the 2025 Nations Cup in Torino, Italy. We had strong performances from all groups and incredible results as well. Special congratulations to our Nations Cup group medalists:

Luck Be a Lady – Gold medalists, IBTF A Dance Twirl

You Will Be Found – Gold medalists, IBTF B Dance Twirl

Phoenix - Silver medalists, IBTF B Twirl Team

Save The World – Bronze medalists, IBTF A Artistic Team

Team Rouge – Bronze medalists, IBTF A Twirl Team

I really enjoyed watching the groups at the 2025 Canadian Winner/Championships and Maple Leaf Open in Moncton, NB this past summer. Our Grand National champions have set the standard for our events and we are so lucky to have some talented athletes to follow. Congrats to Luck Be A Lady – 2025 Grand National Dance Twirl champions and Team Rouge – 2025 Grand National Twirl Team champions.

The Group Challenge Cup is always an exciting time every nationals. It is a time to celebrate the incredible work and depth of various clubs around the country. I want to acknowledge every club that contributed a group at any competition in the 2024-2025 season. Thank you for your dedication and time to giving group opportunities to your athletes. A special shout out to the top 10 in the Group Challenge Cup:

10 – Club Atlantik (NB)

9 – Airdrie Sky High Twirlers (AB)

8 – New Heights (AB)

7 – Spectrum North Baton Club (ON)

6 – Sundown Optimist Buffalo Group (SK)

5 – Camaros Baton Club (ON)

4 – Etobicoke Spectrum Baton Club (ON)

2 – TIE between Phoenix Baton Club (SK) and Starlight Destiny (ON)

AND... (drum roll)...

Special congratulations to the winner of the Group Challenge Cup for the 2024-2025 season – Trilogy Twirling Team (SK)!

Thank you to the provincial group reps for their work this season. I didn't quite attain my goal of connecting the reps more this season. We did try to tough base again in the spring but we just couldn't connect. Moving forward, it will be important for the new group rep to try to establish more communication with group reps from across the country. Everyone's voice is important as we work to make groups better!

The coming year is bringing a group review and it will be important to take a close look

at the groups we have, what IBTF is promoting, and how we can align that vision more in Canada. It might be worth it for us to look at our events for proper progression as well and to clarify what we value as Canadians and the Canada brand of groups. What do we want to be known for?

I have enjoyed my 4 years as group representative. It has been an honour. Wishing everyone a wonderful new season and see you all on the competition floor in 2026.

Take good care everyone.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'L Strachan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Leisha Strachan  
CBTF Group Representative

# IBTF JUDGES REP

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## 2024/2025 SEASON

- Attended the winter meetings virtually
- Judged at the 2025 Nations Cup Competition
- Attended the focus meeting for the 2025 Nations Cup competition
- Attended all IBTF judges trainings & module certifications
- I was asked to pilot the NJS for the team event
- I was the lead sub committee member on the dance twirl team event to create the role model videos

I am deeply grateful to the CBTF membership and board members for entrusting me with this prestigious position. It is an honour to represent both Canada and our judges on the international stage.

Throughout my time in this role, I have remained committed to volunteering and using my influence to strengthen Canada's presence globally. My ongoing efforts to build meaningful connections have opened opportunities for international collaboration, including presenting online and judging multiple times in Norway. This season, I am honoured to have been invited to judge in Slovenia, furthering our international engagement.

In addition, I have been invited by Jackie Stewart and Xavier Papin to participate in and lead subcommittees, a reflection of the respect they hold for my perspective as a judge. I will continue to promote collaboration, foster global connections, and proudly represent Canada at every opportunity.

# **IBTF SUMMER BOARD MEETING SUMMARY NOTES:**

Meeting summary

Friday Aug 1, 07:04-09:00 - Turin, Italy

## **Summary**

- Marketing and Communications Strategy Update
- Registration and Tabulation System Updates
- European Championship Host Selection Meeting
- Competition Planning and Elections
- Competition Registrar Position and Deadlines
- Competition Safety and Entry Logistics
- IBTF Technical Support Commission Rules
- Bylaw Proposal and Para Twirl Division
- Arena Ceremony Ticket Shortage
- Competition Opening and Closing Ceremonies
- Quick recap

The meeting covered updates on marketing and communications efforts, including social media engagement and website improvements, followed by a discussion of registration and tabulation system developments. The group addressed competition hosting challenges, particularly regarding the European Championship and Majorette Championship, and made decisions about upcoming competitions and elections. Various operational matters were discussed, including safety protocols, rule changes, and ceremony logistics, with particular attention given to ticket distribution challenges and parade of nations format changes.

## **Next steps**

- Executive Board to finalize decision on European Championship hosting by September 1st
- Countries interested in hosting Majorette Championship to come forward immediately
- 2027 / 2028 Bid Documents have been uploaded to File Share
- Executive Board to develop job description for competition registrar position
- Niklas to send information about July 10th, 2026 Fiche submission deadline and modification possibilities
- Technical Support Commission to develop safety protocol document for competition venues
- Executive Board to review and consider relaxing rule requiring Technical Support Commission Directors to give up national positions

- Technical Commission to investigate para twirl division implementation and competition structure
- Executive Board to reevaluate competition format and structure in January meeting
- Sandi will work with accounting to contact countries regarding judge's fee rebates within next month
- Executive Board to develop online education program for coaches on working with para athletes
- Technical Commission to organize Zoom meeting for coaches and judges about para twirl division
- Competition Act to review and address the issue of multiple ticket bookings and empty seats during the presentation ceremony
- Italy to explore the possibility of having the parade of nations start outside and enter the arena
- Italy to investigate if buses can pick up athletes from the back side of the arena
- Italy to check if buses can exit from the street behind the arena
- Competition staff to be seated in chairs in front of the arena for the opening ceremonies
- Pam to introduce competition staff, board, and judges during the opening ceremonies
- Judges to be prepared for recognition ceremonies at the end of each competition category
- Italy to work on logistics for bus pickup and drop-off locations

# **2025 CBTF Fall Conference**

## **Report from IBTF Technical Advisor**

### **New Judging System for Freestyle Team**

I attended meetings of a sub-committee chaired by Xavier Papin (France) to work on the new judging system for Freestyle Team.

All work is still in the 'proposal and testing' stage - none of this material is finalized.

The proposed system includes:

- Caption judging for the discipline. Three captions have been proposed: Content, Choreography & Design, and General Effect. Weights for these captions was not discussed.
- For the Content caption, the sub-committee has proposed that there are several required elements - 2 aerial elements and 2 roll elements. All members must do the same elements at the same time.
  - The aerial elements must be: either a stationary complex, travel complex, or spin
  - The roll elements must have at least two connected rolls coming from the Rolls Code of Points chart
- Penalties would be applied if all members of the team do not perform the element successfully. For example:
  - a 1.0 deduction if one athlete does not complete the element
  - a 2.0 deduction if two athletes do not complete the element
  - and this continues
- The details of the penalty could easily be different in the final proposal
- A modified fiche will be required for freestyle team - something that, at the very least lists the elements in the order they will be performed

The goal remains to have this new judging system in place for the 2026 Freestyle World Championship & Nations Cup competition in Paris.

### **New Judging System for Freestyle Pair**

For now, work on a new judging system for Freestyle Pair is on hold. Work will resume once the work on Freestyle Team has been completed.

### **ParaTwirl and Twirl-IN**

IBTF is considering adding ParaTwirl and Twirl-IN programs to its portfolio - this was proposed by the Technical Sport Commission and has received a favourable response from the IBTF Board Executive. ParaTwirl refers to a competition-based program, Twirl-IN (INclusive) refers to a participation-based program.

The Technical Sport Commission will proceed with defining the proposed disciplines and their details. There are many different options to consider - it is very likely that the disciplines will be refined over time as we gain more practical experience.

IBTF England has prepared a full program and will be sharing this information so that IBTF can use this as a starting point.

The Technical Sport Commission is proposing that ParaTwirl and/or Twirl-IN be presented during the the 2026 Freestyle World Championship with some potential exhibitions:

- Solo, Freestyle Solo, Freestyle Pair, Freestyle Team

## **2026 Nations Cup - Freestyle Team**

IBTF is introducing a Nations Cup component to the 2026 competition - Freestyle Team. The information available so far:

- Expect a 1-day competition
- Level A content restrictions will apply
- Two age divisions: Junior and Senior
- Each country may enter one Junior team and one Senior team

With Short Program being dropped for 2026 and the addition of Nations Cup Freestyle Team to the 2026 program, the 2026 competition is expected to run 5 days.

## **2025 IBTF Nations Cup & World Championship - Turin**

I would like to extend my congratulations to the entire Canadian Contingent to the 2025 IBTF Nations Cup and World Technical Championship.

Canada finished 6th in the World Cup standings - points are accumulated from the World Majorettes Championship and the World Technical Championship competition.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Johnson  
IBTF Technical Advisor for Canada

## CBTF Judges Report - Fall Meeting

### **CBTF Judges Representative Fall Report – Submitted by Kim Genton 2024–2025 Season**

It has been an exciting and productive year for CBTF judges across the country! I'm incredibly proud of the collaboration, dedication, and passion shown by our judging community.

Over the past season, we saw increased communication and cooperation among judges nationwide, allowing us to move forward on several important initiatives. Together, we successfully completed the Division I testing, ensuring our judges are fully prepared and confident in their evaluations.

I also completed the development of the Division II written exams for all individual events, and we are currently in the final stages of testing and implementation this September. Big thank you to Jenna Jemieff and Amy Kalin for assisting in the presentations. This marks another important step in maintaining consistency and excellence in our judging standards.

This year, we also established several committees to tackle key areas. Thank you to Sara Weir, Tonya Lee, and Sara Mougeot for putting a proposal together focusing on inappropriate scoring. Big thank you to our Provincial Judges Reps, LeeAnn Wilson, Debbie Middleton, Natalie Fehres, and Nancy Lightheart for taking on the initiative of getting videos scored and ranked for further education. Thank you, Jeff Johnson, for working with me on the website and the evaluation process for our new judges. These focused groups brought fresh perspectives and constructive solutions, helping to strengthen our overall system and support judge development.

Additionally, we introduced **bi-weekly judges' sessions** under the banner "*Come Play the Game*". These sessions offered a space for continuous learning, discussion, and connection - something we look forward to expanding in the coming year. Thank you to all of our presenters for making this happen and Dana for being on every session supporting the idea.

Looking ahead, I am filled with optimism. The momentum we've built through collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to excellence sets a strong foundation for the 2025–2026 season. Thank you to every judge who contributed their time, insight, and passion—you've made this progress possible. Special thanks to Jenna Jemieff for being such a supportive teammate! We still have a great deal to do!

Let's keep the energy high and continue moving forward together!



Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association  
CBTF AGM 2025 Report  
(Submitted by Trina Cimino, Chairperson)

Promotion of the sport through displays and performances continued this year, as did the use of our Website, Instagram and Facebook page which highlights club registrations, Provincial events, competitions and accomplishments.

Our membership numbers have remained somewhat steady. Our recreational numbers have increased with our programs in Winnipeg as well as Lac du Bonnet. A new club started on the West side of Winnipeg.

We held a pre-competitive and competitive clinic in April 2025.

Our annual awards were presented at our Athlete's Banquet in late October. We were able to retire our old high point trophies with plaques.

MBTSA has started our own MBTSA Hall of Fame. Lucinda McMaster was acknowledged at our banquet as the 1<sup>st</sup> recipient of this award.

MBTSA provided weekly Provincial gym times.

MBTSA was able to have provincial team outreach at our Unicity Competition as well as an information session with parents who were interested in what our Provincial Team has to offer. Invitations were sent to athletes who competed in at least BN Solo 12 years and up. Tryouts are in September 2025.

2025 was another year to review our Policies. All policies were reviewed with some minor changes. Waiting for approval at our AGM at the end of October 2025.

MBTSA had a Strategic Planning Session in May and are excited to implement the plan for the next 5 years starting in the fall of 2025.

MBTSA provided scholarships to the top placing athletes at Provincials.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to my fellow board members. We have had a challenging year and I can't express how proud I am of all of them and appreciate their efforts and passion for the sport of Baton Twirling.

Respectfully submitted  
Trina Cimino  
Chairperson – Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association

# CBTF National Sanction Officer Report

## August 2025

For the 2024-2025 baton season, the sanction process remained status quo.

The onus to complete and forward an application form to the Provincial Sanction Officer (PSO) is totally the responsibility of the CBTF member hosting an event within each province.

After the PSO has approved the application and assigned a number, the forms are e-mailed to the National Sanction Officer (NSO). All application forms received by the NSO are recorded, filed and, if applicable, are assigned an official national CBTF sanction number. The PSO is informed of the assigned CBTF number.

A special thank you to CBTF's Provincial Sanction Officers who continued to provide information on sanctions for their province:

BTABC	British Columbia	Kelda Corkum
ABTA	Alberta	Shari Foster Dmytruk (ABTA Office)
SBTA	Saskatchewan	Cindy LaBrash (SBTA Office)
MBTSA	Manitoba	Jen Atkinson
OBTA	Ontario	Shanice Boswell
BNB	New Brunswick	Anise Oullette

The following is a summary of the events that require **ONLY** the assignment of a provincial sanction number and that have been reported to the NSO. Three provinces report all of their provincial sanctions (ABTA, MSBTA and OBTA) and the other provinces report **some** of their provincial sanctions.

Provincial Sanctions Only	Number of Sanctions Issued		
Type of Event	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
Lessons and Practices	135	164	141
Demonstrations, Registrations, Performances	14	23	24
Parades	15	18	7
Fundraising	17	26	22
Award Banquets, Recitals, Socials, Parties, Meals	8	11	5
Club & Provincial Meetings	40	21	27

The following is a summary of the events that were issued **BOTH** the assignment of a provincial and national sanction number.

CBTF Sanctions Issued		Number of Sanctions Issued		
Classification	Type of Event	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
<b>1000</b>	<b>Courses, Conferences, SDP Testing</b>	23	14	11
<b>2000</b>	<b>Type C – Closed or Studio Competitions</b>	0	0	0
<b>3000</b>	<b>Clinics, Workshops</b>	17	7	14
<b>5000</b>	<b>Type B – Open competitions</b>	27	25	26
<b>6000</b>	<b>Type A – Provincial Championships, and Provincial Team Trials</b>	7	8	9
<b>7000</b>	<b>Provincial Annual General Meetings (AGMs)</b>	2	2	3
<b>8000</b>	<b>CBTF events: National Competitions and all CBTF Executive, BODs, Technical Meetings, and/or Conference Calls</b>	17	24	18

#### **NOTES:**

##### ***2022-23***

Late fees were charged for competitions that did not meet the required 8 weeks advance notice (7 Type B and 3 Type A competitions).

##### ***2023-24***

Late fees were charged for competitions that did not meet the required 8 weeks advance notice (4 Type B and 0 Type A competitions).

##### ***2024-25***

Late fees were charged for competitions that did not meet the required 8 weeks advance notice (5 Type B and 0 Type A competitions).

Respectfully submitted

Sue Mephram  
National Sanction Officer

## OBTA 2025 Annual Report to the CBTF Board of Directors

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah Weir – OBTA President

Throughout the 2024-45 season the Ontario Baton Twirling Association (OBTA) was successful in managing various events, addressing organizational challenges, and implementing new policies. The OBTA board took steps to address ongoing operational challenges, focusing our efforts on improving communication both between board members and to the membership at large.

### OBTA Board of Directors (2024-2025)

- President: Sarah Weir
- Past President: Jennifer Olson
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President: Susan Franklyn
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President: Sheryl Baraniuk
- Treasurer: Tonya Lee
- Secretary: Emily Harrison
- Risk Management Officer: Deandra Leslie
- Membership Administrator: Emily Harrison
- Communications Administrator: Shawna Spencer
- Technical Chair: Andrea James
- Judges Representative: LeeAnn Wilson
- Coaches Representative: Jennifer Meron
- Group Representative: Amanda Reid
- Skills Development Program Representative: Stephanie Hewis
- Athletes Representative: Morgan Dixon
- Sanctions Administrator: Shanice Boswell

### Events

Over the past season, OBTA has continued to offer various events throughout the year to support our membership, which includes eight clubs from across the province. In addition to these OBTA-hosted events, there were four club-run competitions and one club-run critique event held in Ontario this season.

Baton Day (November 3, 2024) - This one-day clinic took place in November and offered classes to all level of athletes to develop their baton skills, as well as offering SDP Adjudication for athletes.

NCCP Courses (various dates) - OBTA arranged for multiple sessions of NCCP courses for our BTF Coaches including the Making Ethical Decisions and Planning a Practice modules.

MOCKetition (January 12, 2025) - This was a new event for OBTA this year that was targeted towards the OBTA athletes competing in the IBTF Technical World Championship/Nations Cup Canadian Qualifier. This event gave those athletes the opportunity to receive feedback from judges and perform their routines prior to the Qualifier.

SNOWtacular Competition (January 26, 2025) - This competition hosted by OBTA was held in January to offer our athletes an early start to the competition season.

Provincial Winner Championships and Trillium Open Competition (May 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2025) - Our annual Provincial Championships and open competition were held at Durham College.

Performance at the Canadian National Exhibition (August 29-30, 2025) – OBTA Athletes from various clubs performed twice on the International Stage at the Canadian National Exhibition.

## Special Awards and Recognitions

National Recognition: At the 2025 CBTF Canadian Winner Championships, OBTA's Athletes' Representative Morgan Dixon was awarded the 2025 CBTF Spirit of Twirling Award, OBTA's Coaches' Representative Jennifer Meron was awarded the 2025 Lynda Garland Award for Excellence, Siraya Franklyn was awarded the 2025 Sharon Holliday Memorial Award for Sportsmanship, Leah Baraniuk was recognized as the Junior Female Athlete of the Year, and Morgan Dixon won the title of Grand National 2 Baton Champion.

International Recognition: OBTA had 9 athletes qualify to represent Canada at the 2025 International Baton Twirling Federation's Nations Cup and Technical World Baton Twirling Championships held in Torino, Italy. These athletes were incredibly successful, earning 14 top ten finishes across various events including Madison Zak winning 1<sup>st</sup> place in Youth B Women's 2 Baton, Siraya Franklyn winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Senior A Women's Artistic Twirl, and Alexia Olson, Leah Baraniuk, and Sydney Johnson winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place as part of Team Infinity in the A Artistic Team *Save The World*.

Memorial Recognition: This year, OBTA and CBTF lost a pillar of the baton twirling community with the passing of Ron Kopas. Ron was an integral part of the sport of baton twirling not only in Ontario but around the globe. As Ron's home province, the OBTA board created a pin to honour him after being inspired by the baton community's #RedforRon that was started by Leisha Strachan. These pins were sold to raise funds that will be put towards an award/scholarship in Ron's name to be presented annually at the OBTA Provincial Championships. The OBTA board is working closely with the Kopas family to ensure this award/scholarship is true to the spirit of Ron.

## Challenges

Financial Sustainability: This year OBTA reviewed our financial position and took steps to ensure that our operations are sustainable while maintaining our core mission of promoting and developing baton twirling in Ontario. These steps have included increasing competition fees to align with increasing costs, investigating and investing in long term cost saving measures, and continuing our fundraising efforts.

Board Operations and Volunteer Engagement: As a volunteer-run organization, the OBTA board recognizes that volunteers are vital and have implemented several strategies to reduce burn out and improve overall operations. OBTA has implemented the use of a Google Drive to improve knowledge retention and handover. We have improved communication within our board and between the board and the membership by establishing communication guidelines around response times and leveraging communication tools (WhatsApp and Facebook Groups).

Long-Term Planning: OBTA has recognized the need to implement long-term planning to ensure that we have adequate lead time to properly plan and execute our events. The lack of predictability of external events each year presents logistical challenges in securing appropriate venues well in advance to ensure their availability. This creates a reactive rather than proactive operational environment that strains resources and complicates decision-making processes.

The 2024-2025 season demonstrated OBTA's resilience in managing complex organizational challenges while maintaining its commitment to the sport of baton twirling in Ontario. Key strategic priorities moving forward include financial sustainability, enhancing volunteer engagement, and continuing to provide quality opportunities for athletes across all skill levels.





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## Past-President's Report– 2025 Fall Conference

The primary responsibilities for the Past-President position are to advise/assist and to conduct the elections process.

Unrelated to my position as Past-President, I am also the CBTF.CA website administrator. CBTF does not pay for any website design or content administration – that has been provided on a volunteer basis.

### *2025 Elections*

The 2024-25 Nominations Committee consisted of myself (Chair), Jeff Johnson, Tracy Eyssens, Micheline Babineau.

As this is an odd-numbered year, the following Executive positions are scheduled for election: President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Secretary, Judges Rep, Coaches Rep, Badge Officer (SDP Rep), Group Events Representative, Sanction Officer. Election information is on the About | Board of Directors and the About | Technical Committee pages of the CBTF website (<https://www.cbtf.ca/About/BoardOfDirectors> and <https://www.cbtf.ca/About/TechnicalCommittee>).

In addition, the following positions are scheduled for appointment by the Board: IBTF Technical Advisor, IBTF Coaches Representative, IBTF Judges Rep, and IBTF Athletes Commission Representative(s).

Nomination forms for the elected positions were posted on the CBTF website shortly after Canadians.

As Past-President, I contacted the incumbents for all positions to obtain their consent to be nominated. The nomination period for Judges Rep and Coaches Rep was open until August 16, and for all other positions until August 31.

The relevant CBTF policy for the election process:

- If there is no nominee for a position, nominations are taken from the floor at the AGM.
  - If nominations are received, the process below (for a single nominee or for multiple nominees) is followed.
  - If no nominees are received, the Board may either appoint someone to the position or leave the position vacant.
- If there is exactly one nominee for a position, that nominee is elected by acclamation to the position without a separate election vote.
- If there is more than one nominee for a position, an election vote is held at the AGM.

## *2025 Nominations*

Nominations received by the respective nomination deadlines:

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
President	Joanne Moser (incumbent)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Beth Swain (incumbent)
Secretary	Cindy Dietrich (incumbent)
Judges Rep	Kim Genton (incumbent)
Coaches Rep	Amy Kalin
Badge Officer	Sara Mougeot (incumbent)
Group Events Rep	No nominations
Sanction Officer	Sue Mephram (incumbent)

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Johnson

## IBTF update report – September 2025

Submitted by Joanne Moser

A summary of the minutes from the IBTF summer board meeting accompanies this report. It captures the discussions that were held. If anyone has any specific questions, I can do my best to provide more information. The 2027 IBTF AGM will be held in Oslo, Norway.

The details for the 2026 IBTF event are starting to be distributed. As we know, the event will be held in Paris, France, from August 3 to 9, 2026. The World Disciplines offered will be: Freestyle, Rhythmic Twirl, Pair, and Team. There will also be a Nations Cup for Team – Senior and Team – Junior. Entry submission deadline is June 1, 2026, and fees must be paid by June 15, 2026. **The fiche submission deadline is set right now at July 10, 2026.** We do not know when we have to reserve our hotels by yet.

Details can be found at this link: [2026 WORLD FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIP!](#)

The competition arena is near Charles de Gaulle airport.

Other event details that we know are the following:

### ***2026 FS World championship schedule:***

Schedule:

- Sunday-Monday-Tuesday: paid practice. The time available for the Countries concerned will be divided according to the contingent.
  - Submission of all requests by a set deadline
  - Equitably distributing requested times to each gym considering athlete numbers, and suggesting shared gym use to Countries with fewer athletes if necessary
- Wednesday: Team Nations Cup. During the break between preliminary and finals: ParaTwirl exhibitions. World Championship Opening Ceremony.
- Thursday to Sunday: Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl World Championship competition.





## SBTA Annual Report 2024-25



### I. Membership

Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association is continually working to increase membership numbers. Our total membership (which includes Type D and E members) was 368 for the 2024-25 season. The number of athletes in 2024-25 was down slightly from the previous year.

	Year			
Category	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
A	65	58	64	66
B/G	5	3	16	23
BR	96	116	125	94
T1 and 2	22	13	15	20
Total	188	190	220	203

SBTA has made increasing our numbers of coaches and judges a priority and has been actively working to recruit past and present athletes for these roles. As well, SBTA has been working hard to increase the number of new athletes we have through a summer advertising campaign through two advertising campaigns: a) Start little, Dream Big videos on social media, and b) new community programming brochures/post cards that reflect a more inclusive profile for our sport.

### II. Full Voting Baton Clubs

Saskatchewan has four active, full voting clubs in the province:

- Optimist Twirling Connection (OTC) Saskatoon
- Trilogy Twirl Team (TTT) Saskatoon
- Phoenix Baton, Dance and Acro (PHX) Regina
- Sundown Optimist Baton Group (SOBG) Regina

### III. Competitions

Each year our season begins with two “fun” competitions (Regina, Saskatoon) in Saskatchewan to orient new to the sport athletes and their families to participating in competitive baton twirling. In addition, the SBTA sponsored three open competitions as well the Provincial Winner/Championship event.

In February, 22 Saskatchewan athletes attended the IBTF Nations' Cup and World Technical Qualifier in Alberta. Saskatchewan had representation from three of our clubs at the Canadian

Baton Twirling Winner/Championship event in Moncton with over 30 athletes and coaches attending. In August, 21 athletes and 4 coaches joined Team Canada in Italy to participate in IBTF Nation's Cup and World Technical Championships. Collectively they brought home numerous medals and top 10 finishes.

#### **IV. Clinics, and Courses**

In October 2024, Saskatchewan hosted the Champions' Choice Clinic in Regina. Clinicians included Adaline Bebo, Cheryl Wimberly, Julee Stewart, Cassidy Doherty and Danielle Skinner. While athletes were busy on the gym floor, SBTA hosted an information session for parents which explained some of the basics of our sport in terms of athlete levels, scoring and judging. Sarah Lawson, RPT from Empower Physiotherapy also provided a parent session that focused on keeping their athlete healthy and injury free.

SBTA hosted two clerking courses for parents and volunteers (Saskatoon, Regina).

SBTA (with support from SaskSport Sports Medicine Council) hosted two virtual sessions for high performance athletes and coaches: a) Self Massage for Injury prevention, and b) Creating an Ideal Performance State. This was the first time we hosted such events (via Zoom) but will likely continue to develop this programming in the 2025-26 season.

SBTA introduced the CBTF Coach in Training (CIT) program to 11 athletes who had applied to be work as junior and senior instructors for our Summer Intro to Sport sessions. The goal is to further develop these athletes by hosting a Baton Twirling Foundations course in November 2025.

Through our Intro to Sport Summer Program, we provided 28 one hour learn to twirl sessions throughout Regina and Saskatoon. In addition, we hosted two four-day sessions (one in Maclean and the other in Borden SK). The latter programs were scheduled to gain membership in sport zones required by SaskSport. By the end of the summer, 471 children participated in a free session. This was double the numbers from 2023-24 where we hosted 12 sessions in 2023 with a total of 239 new participants.

Two (2) clubs in Saskatchewan took part in the Skills Development (SDP) program; 109 badges/pins were awarded in 2024-25.

#### **V. Other Activities**

Over the course of the year Saskatchewan clubs participated in numerous community events. Saskatoon and Regina clubs both took part in the Santa Claus Parades.

We obtained a grant from Jeux de Canada Games (\$5000) which enabled us to upgrade our I.T. Equipment and batons for the summer program.

We received a grant from Canadian Women in Sport (\$1000) which is facilitating our efforts to ensure our policies are creating a welcoming, equitable, diverse and inclusive organization.

The SBTA Executive invested a considerable amount of time working with Tourism Regina to prepare and submit a bid to host the 2026 Canadian Winner Championship competition in Regina. While the CBTF has not yet accepted our bid, we remain hopeful that an agreement can be reached.

## **VI. SBTA Assistance**

The following assistance programs were in place for our members in 2024-25:

**Sport Promotion Incentive Grant:** Provides up to \$800 to each full voting club to offset the costs associated with participating in or hosting events such as parades, Bring a Friend Day, and performances, demonstrations.

**Membership Assistance Program:** Funding from SaskSport provides our clubs with a grant/stipend for each of their registered athletes. The money is obtained through Sask Lotteries and Gaming and as such, the amount available fluctuates year to year. It is also dependent on how successful we have been meeting a variety of SaskSport criteria (zone membership, BOD governance, etc). Depending on their number of registered athletes, each club can receive anywhere from \$1200- \$4000+ each year to offset membership, gym and/or coaching expenses.

**Skills Development Grant** – Each club can receive up to \$500 to offset expenses associated with Skill Development Program testing (\$20/badge).

**Training Assistance Program (TAP):** SBTA allocates \$6000/year to provide access to a gym with a high ceiling for athletes in Saskatoon and Regina. Two hours/week of gym time is booked consistently in both cities over the peak months of September to June. The gym is available at no cost to all SBTA registered athletes.

## **VII. Special Awards and Recognition**

We are very proud of our members and the successful season they have had:

- Elise Miller (SOBG) - Sask Sport Future Best Athlete Scholarship (2024-25)
- Hanne Rohrmann & Svea Thorsteinson (PHX) - 2025 CBTF Pair of the Year.
- “Hit the Road Jack” (PHX) - 2025 CBTF Team of the Year.
- Elise Miller (SOBG) - 2025 CBTF Overall Athlete of the Year.
- Danielle Skinner – 2025 CBTF Grand National Solo, Medley and Solo dance Champion
- Trilogy Twirling Team (TTT) - 2025 CBTF Group Challenge Cup.
- Terry Stewart – 2025 CBTF Volunteer of the Year
- 2024 Elva Taylor Honorary Membership Award – Al and Jean Thibeault (Regina)
- 2024 SBTA Volunteer of the Year Award – Leslie Switzer

In March, the SBTA honored former twirlers, Jasmine Runge and Josi Treleaven, with a special “Community Impact Award” for their efforts to promote baton twirling throughout the province as part of the Saskatchewan Roughrider Football team.

In closing, the Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association has had a very busy and successful year. Our board is committed to working hard to continue to grow our sport in the province and to support our athletes on their baton twirling journey. I would like to thank our SBTA Executive, Board members and our Executive Director (Cindy Labrash), along with our many volunteers, coaches and judges for their time, dedication, and hard work they have put in over the year. I look forward to another fantastic year ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elan Paluck".

Elan Paluck  
Chairperson, Saskatchewan Baton Twirling Association

# SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE REPORT 2024-2025

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## SDP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

For the 2024-2025 Season, the SDP Program saw continued participation. The syllabus continues to be available via the CanTwirl app. Thank you to Jeff Johnson and Andre Mougeot for the maintenance of the app.

I continued to receive results and update the SDP Database to track athletes' progress. The results submission process, as updated with the 2021 SDP Updates and noted on the bottom of the Master Summary, is for adjudicators to submit their results to the national rep and CC the appropriate provincial rep and coach of the athletes. Please remember to do this. Thank you to the adjudicators for submitting their results.

I also calculated the Province of the Year points in the SDP section once again. Each members participation counted toward points for their province. I am proud to see the great participation across the country.

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## BADGE AND PIN ORDERS

I continue to monitor the [sdprep@cbtf.ca](mailto:sdprep@cbtf.ca) inbox and coordinate badge orders. Thank you to Sue Mephram for shipping the orders again this year.

This fiscal year, I did not need to restock any ribbons or badges. I continue to keep inventory of CBTF's badges, ribbons, and pins. I am currently waiting on an order to prepare for this upcoming season.

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## CERTIFIED ADJUDICATORS

There are currently 39 certified adjudicators across the country. This list is available at <https://www.cbtf.ca/article/cbtf-certified-adjudicators>.

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## SDP RENEWAL

Please continue to submit any videos that follow the renewed program to help the future adjudicators practice on up-to-date material.

Additionally, I corrected grammatical and input errors as reported by coaches and provincial reps in the CanTwirl App. I also gathered feedback from those who reached out with suggestions. No major changes were made this season.

As always, any errors or feedback on the Skills Development Program can be directed to [sdprep@cbtf.ca](mailto:sdprep@cbtf.ca).

Respectfully submitted by Sara Mougeot, CBTF SDP Rep

August 2024

Canadian Baton Twirling Federation  
2025 Fall Conference

CBTF Secretary – Annual Report

For the 2024/25 season I had attended all CBTF Board, Executive & Special meetings along with the preparation, collection and distribution of the agendas, supporting documents and completed minutes in a timely manner.

Calculated and submitted Province of the Year points pertaining to my position, and as an executive member, reviewed and voted on athlete byes, special award nominations and athlete scholarship applications.

Posted and tracked Board and Executive eVotes on the CBTF website.  
*We've been fairly successful with eVote deadlines & voting; but there's always room for improvement to get **all** members to respond before the poll closes.*

I also worked on the following ongoing CBTF projects:

- CBTF Strategic Plan; multiple zoom meetings with Janet and Joanne.
- CBTF Policy Manual Update; reviewed minutes from 2014 – 2025.
- CBTF Bylaws Update; reviewed motions 2014-2025 & drafted amendments.

Updated Provincial Board contact lists for the CBTF website.

*These are still a bit of a chase for me. They are important as we require the contact information for the distribution of eVotes, general information, group emails, agendas, meeting minutes, etc.*

Provincial board contact lists are to be submitted immediately following your provincial AGMs.

Thank you to the provinces that submitted updates during the season when there was a change to their board member/positions.

Unfortunately again this year not all Board and Technical committee annual reports were submitted by the August 31<sup>st</sup> deadline.

Please keep in mind that all deadlines for both board & tech reports along with eVote and meeting participation all earn PoY points for your province.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Cindy Dietrich*

CBTF Secretary

Team Manager Report  
2025 Nations Cup and World Technical Baton Twirling Championship  
Torino, Italy

Submitted by Dana Peteleski

I was honoured to be selected as a Team Manager for the Canadian Contingent in Italy this past summer. I had fulfilled the inaugural role in 2007 and was happy to contribute my time and knowledge to the 2025 contingent. It was a pleasure working with Madi McKnight during the Nations Cup.

We worked together in the months leading up to the competition to ensure all the required items were in place. This involved meetings with Joanne Moser and Sue Mepham, who were both extremely helpful in guiding us along the way. Sue puts in a tremendous amount of administrative work dealing with athletes, coaches, parents and the IBTF, and I'd like to acknowledge her hard work and attention to detail.

This year, we set up a Team Manager email account through CBTF. This allowed both Madi and I to communicate with the bus company, restaurants, hotel, and the staff in Italy. We were both able to log in and see the emails coming and going so that we were on the same page. We also made use of the Google Drive and shared our Google Sheets and Google Docs this way. This ensured that we were both working with the same information.

I was responsible for securing the practice gym rentals and the bus transportation. The information on the booking of the practice gym was not available from the organizing committee for quite some time. In preparation and in order to determine how much time should be requested, I prepared a spreadsheet and calculated the number of run throughs for individual and duet/pair events, as well as allowed for dedicated time for the teams. I knew that we would need 5 hours for the Nations Cup practices and 2 hours for the World Championship practices. When the practice gym information came from Italy, it was noted that it was a first-come-first-served situation for renting the gyms, so I'm glad that I was prepared and could submit Canada's request quickly. Pala Lingotto was our first choice of gyms for Nations Cup because of its size, height, and proximity to the hotel. We were able to secure two of the four days at that facility. This gym served our needs well. On the other two Nations Cup practice days we were at the Tetti Rosa which was further away and not as big but had a decent ceiling height. Both gyms were hot as these types of facilities do not have air conditioning in Europe. We also quickly discovered that they do not supply toilet paper or hand soap. Thanks to Madi for walking to find a grocery store and purchasing the Team TP for the week!

It was challenging booking the World Championship practice time because four of the six World athletes were also participating in the Nations Cup. It was important to have time available for the World athletes, but difficult to have everyone there due to conflicts with the Nations Cup schedule. We didn't know who would be advancing to the semi-finals or finals of Nations Cup at the time that I was submitting the gym requests and booking the busses. I also did not know the number of coaches that would attend the WC practices. In this light, a smaller bus was booked to ensure that we would have transportation available. I have heard second-hand that there was criticism over hiring a bus instead of depending on taxi cabs for the World Championship practices. We did not want to risk the timing or availability of taxi cabs, knowing that we could have a secure method of transportation for our athletes and coaches in a pre-scheduled bus.

It was our intention to have a Team Manager attend the World Championship practices. However, the reality of the situation in Torino did not allow for this to happen. With a contingent of 60 athletes at the Nations Cup, and with me serving the role of Technical Advisor (responsible for reviewing real-time results and submitting challenges to content restrictions) and the need for Madi's Athletic Therapy background and services at the competition site, it was determined that Joanne Moser would attend the World Championship practices as the responsible CBTF member on site. Thank you to Joanne for covering this role for us. In the future, if IBTF runs a similar competition schedule, this coverage will need to be pre-planned.

Madi and I took shared responsibility for running the music at the practices. I was able to provide a detailed schedule in the Contingent Handbook, and I must thank the athletes and coaches for being very diligent and sticking to the practice schedule. This allowed for everyone to have time on center floor for music run-throughs.

Of note – the CBTF iPad and speaker made their way to me in advance. I ran into issues with the iPad when trying to load music. Unfortunately, it is old and no longer accepting iOS updates. I was not able to load music. With permission of the CBTF Treasurer, I purchased a small MP3 player that was able to connect to the existing speaker via Bluetooth. This will be a simpler device to load new music onto year-to-year as it does not require any type of Apple ID or private account.

The Nations Cup athletes had 4 days of practice. I think it's reasonable to consider cutting this back to 3 days of practice and could be considered for the 2027 Nations Cup.

The hotel was fantastic and provided a great breakfast each morning. There was a lot of variety to choose from. We had two optional team dinners at the hotel that were equally good. It was nice to have the majority of the athletes get together for a couple of meals, and to also have the parents and supporters join in.

The bagged lunches on practice days were also quite handy. About 20 people opted in, and I would recommend that this be an option that is considered each year if available.

The pre-ordered facility meals were excellent. The whole situation and communication regarding food restrictions at the facility was stressful leading up to our departure from Canada. We were getting strict messages about food restrictions. It turns out that there were a good number of food trucks parked outside the arena on competition days and the security staff allowed this food to be brought into the arena. Glass bottles were not permitted for safety reasons. I hope that in the future, the organizing committee can provide clear instructions and information much further in advance to avoid the confusion and anxiety surrounding meals for athletes during the competition. On a positive note, I believe everyone was happy with the pre-ordered meals, and with the food trucks and market down the street.

We continued the tradition of having a Team Canada information board in the lobby. However, I feel that with the use of the What's App group chat, we can now retire the board. It's one less task for the Team Manager to handle at the end of each day, and all information is now presented in advance in the Contingent Handbook with day-to-day updates communicated via the group chat.

Madi handled the Welcome Reception and daily bus assignments, so I will leave that to her to report on.

Other challenges that we faced were all tied to the local organizing committee. Knowing how much work goes into an event of this size, I can appreciate that there would be communication breakdowns. Patience was required on the day of the Twirl Nations Clinic, Opening Ceremony and Athlete Party. I personally feel that having all three of these events on one day is too much and if possible, Canada should communicate this to the IBTF.

Canada filed one content restriction protest/review and we were successful in having the penalty removed.

Overall, this trip went smoothly. Thank you to the athletes, coaches and parents for their cooperation, and thank you to CBTF for the opportunity to serve as one of the Team Managers.

Sincerely,

Dana Peteleski



## **Treasurer's Report v2**

### **CBTF Annual General Meeting – September 13, 2025**

The following is an overview of the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year, which covers April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025. Additional information included with this report are:

- 2024 – 2025 Profit (Loss) as of March 31, 2025 – Attachment #1
- 2024 – 2025 Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2025 – Attachment #2

#### **Financial Position**

The net income (loss), for the year ending March 31, 2025, is \$26,293.18. This is primarily due to:

- 2024 Canadians profit share of \$8,451.97.
- 2025 NCWC Qualifier profit share of 3,824.87.
- 2024 - 2025 Skills Development Program gain of \$2,304.27.
- The Fall Board Meeting (FBM) and the WBTF Technical Meeting, both being held virtually and not in-person, resulted in some cost savings.

We currently have total equity (net worth) of \$150,142.71 which consists of:

- |                               |               |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| • Retained Earnings (Opening) | \$ 108,542.13 |
| • Reserve - Event             | \$ 0.00       |
| • Reserve - Scholarship       | \$ 3,307.40   |
| • Reserve – Projects          |               |
| ○ Manual Translation          | \$ 2,000.00   |
| ○ Membership/Tabulation       | \$ 10,000.00  |
| • Net Income from 2024/2025   | \$ 26,293.18  |

#### **1. Insurance**

CBTF Insurance premiums for 2025/2026 amount to \$14,801.40 which is higher than the previous year of \$13,321.80. Due to the expiry of the current policy prior to the Fall Board Meeting, the CBTF President and Treasurer approved the insurance in June to allow the issuance of insurance certificates needed by the clubs.

## **2. Affiliation Fee**

The Affiliation Fee to our members (not including “E” memberships) directly offsets the cost of insurance. Although there is an increase in insurance premium, there is also an increase in membership numbers (22%) resulting in an Affiliation Fee decrease per member of \$1.17. I will move the acceptance of a decrease in Affiliation Fee per member to \$12.27 from \$13.44 at the end of this report.

## **3. Finance Committee**

CBTF is a Registered Charitable Amateur Association (RCAAA) incorporated in Ontario, Canada.

As a registered corporation, CBTF must meet the guidelines outlined in the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act.

CBTF is considered a non-soliciting corporation and must do the following:

- Appoint a public accountant by ordinary resolution at each annual meeting or waive appointment by annual unanimous resolution.
- A public accountant must conduct a review engagement, but members may pass a resolution to require an audit instead (If no public accountant is appointed, then compilation only is required)

The cost of having a public accountant review the financial statements on a yearly basis is quite substantial. As outlined in the second bullet, if a public accountant isn’t appointed, the financials will be presented to the CBTF members as a “compilation”, which is what the attachments to this report represent. As the CBTF financials are reviewed by an internal finance committee on a regular basis, I will move that CBTF waive the appointment of a public accountant at the end of this report.

## **MOTIONS:**

- I move the acceptance of the Affiliation Fee of \$12.27 per regular member for the 2025-26 season.
- I move that CBTF waive the appointment of a public accountant, as required under the Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act.

Respectfully submitted by

CBTF Treasurer

The Canadian Baton Twirling Federation			Attachment #1		
2024 - 2025 Profit (Loss)					
As of March 31, 2025					
	Revenues	Expenses	Profit (Loss)	Jan 2025 Forecast	Diff
Canadians	66,641.00	(58,189.03)	8,451.97	8,451.97	-
Education	1,517.62	(1,853.05)	(335.43)	(1,155.41)	819.98
Fall Board Meeting	-	-	-	-	-
Memberships	36,424.04	(16,768.46)	19,655.58	17,800.00	1,855.58
NCWC Qualifier	3,824.87	-	3,824.87	(5,188.40)	9,013.27
WFSC (net)	79,698.15	(85,312.82)	(5,614.67)	(5,440.30)	(174.37)
- WFSC	76,128.15	(84,496.44)	(8,368.29)	(8,193.92)	(174.37)
- Pride of Canada Clinic	3,570.00	(816.38)	2,753.62	2,753.62	-
Pan Pacific	-	-	-	-	-
Regular Operations	4,364.02	(9,693.16)	(5,329.14)	(7,215.00)	1,885.86
Skills Development Program	8,720.59	(1,426.32)	7,294.27	4,990.00	2,304.27
WFSC Trials	-	-	-	-	-
IBTF Technical Meetings	-	(1,654.27)	(1,654.27)	(2,000.00)	345.73
Total	201,190.29	(174,897.11)	26,293.18	10,242.86	16,050.32

**Balance Sheet**  
**THE CANADIAN BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION**  
As of March 31, 2025

Attachment #2

Distribution account	Total
<b>Assets</b>	
Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalent	
10000 Operating Account	128,380.93
10100 Paypal	2,200.72
10200 Investments - GIC Flexible	
12000 Undeposited Funds	
<b>Total for Cash and Cash Equivalent</b>	<b>\$130,581.65</b>
Accounts Receivable (A/R)	
11000 Accounts Receivable	5,052.12
<b>Total for Accounts Receivable (A/R)</b>	<b>\$5,052.12</b>
11200 GST Receivable	1,857.29
11300 HST Receivable GST	2,152.36
11400 HST Receivable PST	3,385.03
11500 HST Receivable PST (NB)	1,721.45
12200 Accrued Revenue	
13000 Advances/Prepaid Expenses	101,231.32
13500 Skills Development Inventory	13,632.26
<b>Total for Current Assets</b>	<b>\$259,613.48</b>
Non-current Assets	
Property, plant and equipment	
<b>Total for Non-current Assets</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total for Assets</b>	<b>\$259,613.48</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable (A/P)	
20000 Accounts Payable	2,350.27
<b>Total for Accounts Payable (A/P)</b>	<b>\$2,350.27</b>
Credit Card	
24200 Accrued Expenses	
25800 Unearned or Deferred Revenue	107,120.50
<b>Total for Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$109,470.77</b>
Non-current Liabilities	
<b>Total for Liabilities</b>	<b>\$109,470.77</b>
Equity	
32000 Retained Earnings	108,542.13
Profit for the year	26,293.18

30000 Opening Balance Equity	
30100 Reserve - Event	
30200 Reserve - Insurance	
30300 Reserve - Operating	
30400 Reserve - Scholarship	3,307.40
30500 Reserve - Sport Outreach	
30600 Reserve - Projects	0.00
30610 Realignment	
30615 Manual Translation Updates	2,000.00
30620 Membership/Tabulation	10,000.00
30650 Website Development	
<b>Total for 30600 Reserve - Projects</b>	<b>\$12,000.00</b>
<b>Total for Equity</b>	<b>\$150,142.71</b>
<b>Total for Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$259,613.48</b>