

# CANADIAN BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION

## 2007 SUMMER TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING Travelodge South Inn Regina, Saskatchewan

### A G E N D A

#### SCHEDULE:

Friday, June 29th	1:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Saturday, June 30th	8:30 AM – 7:00 PM (tentative)

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#### WELCOME

- a. Roll Call & Introductions
- b. Approval of Agenda & any additions/revisions
- c. International Cup & Worlds 2007 information – Gail Ashcroft
- d. Solo Dance Twirl Selection for Sept 07 to Aug 2010 – track #8

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Minutes – 2006 Summer Technical Meeting (Toronto)

#### OLD BUSINESS

- a. From 2006 Workshop Sessions:
  - i. Technical Rule Book on website - Dana
  - ii. Athletes Manual – Beth (*see Athletes Program*)
  - iii. Individual/Duet Role Model Tape – (*see Judges Program*)
- b. Tabled from 06 STM:
  - i. Page 13: Minimum score to advance from B freestyle/pairs/teams to A  
*Please reference these minutes and come prepared to decide if we need to determine a minimum score or not.*
  - ii. Page 13: Inactive Judges
  - iii. Page 15: Proposal #9 (amended at SBM – Motion #13) re judges package – (*see Judges Program*)
  - iv. Page 15: “reverting back” rule for group athletes – Kristine
- c. Clarification re Conflict of Interest Policy – Karen

#### SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

- a. Report
- b.

#### JUDGES PROGRAM

- a. Update on revision to CBTF Role Model Tape
  - i. Report
  - ii. M2 Judges tools package (STM Proposal #9, SBM Motion #13)
- b. M2 Course & Videos– OBTA & Lucinda
- c. L3/M2,3,4 Update

- d. Low numbers of CBTF Judges – OBTA
- e. Certifying M5's for Short Program  
At the 2005 STM, we discussed whether there should be a deadline for M5 Judges to be certified for Short Program (at that time 17 had taken the update). It was suggested that M5's only be required to sit in on a Masters course to update instead of holding specific update sessions. *Lucinda – please determine how many M5/Masters Judges have NOT taken the SP Update yet & then we can decide if we need a deadline.*
- f. Level B & Compulsories Report - Lucinda  
Tina Larson has done extensive work on this including making a DVD for possible inclusion into the M5/Masters course. We need more Level C examples. We will view the DVD.
- g. Canadian Head Judges  
For 3 years we have experimented with having the judges vote for the Head Judges for each of the competitions at Canadians. This year, as suggested by the Technical Committee in 2005, the CBTF President, Tech Chair and Judges Rep chose the Head Judges for each competition at Canadians. Is this the process we want to continue or go back to having the panels vote?
- h. Number of Grand National Judges for Corps and Teams  
For many years we have been using 3 judges (plus penalty/timing judges) for Group Grands – it has been suggested we increase this to five.
- i. Canadian Judges Selection Process – OBTA  
Ontario has asked that we consider the following (we shall make proposals to go to the Board):
- Judges should include resumes (to help with understanding their backgrounds).
  - Eliminate percentages or revise the current ones
  - Receive points for coaching the various levels of athletes/groups (this could assist with those judges who coach upper level athletes but don't necessarily judge as much).
  - Allow points for judges who also judge for other baton organizations
  - Include a form/checklist per judge to be submitted with application
- Other OBTA suggestions:
- Use local judges to judge the Open Competition at Canadians (rather than National judges to allow for breaks and to give other judges more judging opportunities).
  - Provinces must be encouraged to use new judges to judge at their provincials to gain experience.
- j. National Coaches Reps & Judges Reps Meetings – OBTA  
Why are these not held anymore?
- k.

### **COACHES PROGRAM**

- a. The current motion (Motion 12, 2005 FBM) states:  
“*That when a CBTF coach has both CBTF Level 1 Coaches and NCCP Part A (or the former NCCP 1), he/she is certified to coach recreational athletes. Level 2 coaches who have NCCP Part B (or the former NCCP 2) can coach all events and levels.*  
*Clarification: When the CBTF Level 3 Coaches Course is completed, this will be reviewed.*  
*Effective: Jan 1, 2007”*

Prov Reps: Are you aware of any coaches within your provinces who have not taken the applicable NCCP courses?

- b. Childrens' Fitness Tax Credit – info needs to get out to all coaches
- c. Update on CBTF & provincial coaches' databases - Brenda
- d.

### **ATHLETES PROGRAM**

- a. Report
- b. Athletes' Manual
- c. Athlete Development  
Why aren't our athletes doing better at Worlds? Do we need to create a Sub-Committee to research this?
- d.

### **GROUP PROGRAM**

- a. Restructuring of CBTF Groups
  - i. In 2005, Sask proposed the following for consideration:
    - *Eliminate corps*
    - *Still have 4 age divisions (primary, juvenile, junior, senior) but no levels (A,B,C) - first competition would be a C. Need 2 minimum scores to move up and then they compete at the same level.*
    - *Small Dance Twirl Team – 4-6 members*
    - *Large Dance Twirl Team – 7-9 members*
    - *Extra Large Dance Twirl Team – 10-20 members*
    - *WBTF Team – 6-8 members*
  
    - *WBTF Group – 10-20 members*
    - *Trios? New event that competes (like a duet) with Solo Music*

The following are also suggestions to consider if we are restructuring our Group System:

- b. Consider revising the number of minimum scores (4) to move from B to A in Dance Twirl Teams and Corps – Kristine
- c. Minimum Scores to move up – currently if a C team/corps gets 2 min scores or higher from both judges at a competition, it is only counted as one advancement score. If the team gets 1 min score (and a lower score) from 2 judges at one competition – they can count the 1 min score towards their advancement. Suggestion that the team be able to count the 2 judges' min scores as 2 and be able to move up to next level.
- d. CBTF Teams – add Juvenile division & Level C back
- e. CBTF Teams – need to change to Minimum Score (judges forgetting to indicate “protection rule” and some teams moving up with very low scores and before they should be A)
- f. Why CBTF/WBTF/International Cup Teams? - Alberta
- g. Should a coach be able to determine their groups' levels at the beginning of each year and minimum scores received will allow them to move up to that level? – Kristine
- h. Declaration Forms – eliminate “killing trees” – have forms available on website, send them in to Data Entry Processor and she can email them back to the coach after they are checked and approved.
- i. Eliminate the Declaration Process - Alberta
- j.

### **SANCTION PROGRAM**

- a. Report
- b. Are provinces sending in lists of their competitions and dates as per Motion 21, 2006 FBM??
- c.

### **COMPETITION CONCERNS**

- a. At the 2005 STM (page 14), a discussion was held regarding revising the Minimum Score Format. Four ideas came from this:  
*Idea #1 – C=0.0-2.4; BN=2.5-4.99; BI=5.0-7.49; A=7.5-10*  
*Idea #2 – C=0.0-2.4; BN=2.5-3.9; BI=4.0-5.4; A=5.5=7.4; Elite=7.5-10*  
*Idea #3 – C=single ages 0.0-2.49*  
*BN=5 age divisions (4-8,9-11,12-14,15-17,18+) = 2.5-3.99*  
*BI = (same 5 age divisions) = 4.0-5.9*  
*A = Junior (15 & under), Senior (16 & up) – 6.0-7.9*  
*Elite = no age divisions (except 8-10) – 8.0-10*

*(Maureen Johnson's rationale for presenting Idea #3: our largest groups are in C, BN & BI. This will give adequate competition and hopefully move athletes through BN faster. This will prepare athletes for Junior and Senior Freestyle divisions. It will provide continued incentive for Level A athletes of any age and work for Elite status. At present there is not enough competition or incentive for young (under 12) level A athletes. Need more recognition and motivation for athletes capable of scores in the 8-10 range.*

*Idea #4 = Keep what we have now but change A=6.0-8.0 and add Elite 8.0-10*

*Idea #5 would be to keep it as it currently exists.*

We did not discuss at the 2006 STM – please come prepared with your provinces' opinion of these ideas. We also need to determine if there would be any computer program revisions & costs to do any changes. Should we create a Sub-Committee to research this?

- b. Consider changes to the rounds for Level B Freestyle & Pairs  
Currently the procedure is:  
*15 or less athletes/pairs – 1 round only*  
*16 or more athletes/pairs – cut to top 6 who re-compete in finals*
- c. Are 2 rounds necessary for National Individual/Duet events when the divisions are very small?
- d. Flashing at Open competitions? Provincials? Nationals?
- e. Is it time to eliminate some events? Alberta
- f. International Cup Qualifier – Gail  
Need to determine when ties should be broken and how athletes move from B to A or A to B
- g. 7-Day Canadians Pilot Project - Karen
- h.

### **WBTF CONCERNS**

- a. Description of Technical Movements for Body & Baton  
WBTF needs to create a Glossary of tricks and terms for the new Coaches Manual. There must be descriptions written and a video prepared for each trick. For example: Travel complex, illusions, spins, rolls, cartwheels, dance terms, etc.

Canada has sent the extensive Glossary that is found in the L2/M1 manual to WBTF. We have been assigned to take the tricks that are CONTACT MATERIAL (eg: flips, loops, wraps) and prepare a video showing perfect, acceptable and not acceptable examples of each. A draft video is to be ready for the 2008 Winter Meeting (Feb).

We need to find people willing to work on this project.

- b. Review Canadian Team Manager's Duties and Responsibility List (see attached used for the "pilot project" for 2007 Worlds)
- c. New Judging System – Lucinda  
Please reference the WBTF 2007 Winter Judges Committee Meeting minutes. WBTF is attempting to make some major changes to the judging system – Canada will be instrumental in helping to develop this and our judges' opinions are necessary.
- d.

### **COURSES & COURSE CONDUCTORS**

- a. Maintaining updated Course Conductor status – OBTA  
OBTA is suggesting that, in order for a CC to keep their status current, he/she should be required to sit in OR conduct a course that they are certified to teach within a 3 year time frame.
- b.

### **PROVINCIAL CONCERNS**

- a. British Columbia
- b. Alberta
  - i. members-only website
- c. Saskatchewan
- d. Manitoba
- e. Ontario
- f. New Brunswick

### **OTHER**

- a. Next Meeting Date
- b.

### **ADJOURNMENT**