



# ABTA TWIRLING TIMES

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## *Message from the Chair*

It is amazing how quickly this twirling year has gone by. Our Provincial competition ran quite smoothly without too many glitches. The format this year was very different than the past years, with our Freestyle athletes performing their routines only once for a larger audience than usual. Alberta decided to follow the format that will be used at the National Competition and the International Cup this summer to help our athletes to familiarize themselves with the format. It was actually very nice to have other people in the audience to watch their routines rather than just the parents of the athletes in the Freestyle events. Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped and congratulations to all athletes for a job well done.

We are now concentrating on the Tri-Region competition that will be held in Calgary on June 7 and the Nationals that will be held in Edmonton at the end of June. Shari Foster at the office has been working very hard along with Karen Gratton to make this year's Nationals a huge success. It will take many volunteers to help with Nationals and I know that many parents and athletes have already signed up for many jobs that need to be done.

On behalf of the ABTA Board of Directors, we wish all the best to our athletes who are attending the Nationals and International Cup this summer. We know you all will make Alberta proud.

Bonnie Brinker  
ABTA Chairperson



## Technical News

### GROUPS

CBTF GROUPS SHALL USE THE CURRENT "CBTF TEAM/CBTF GROUP" SCORE SHEETS & MASTERS FOUND ON THE CBTF WEBSITE: [www.cbtf.ca](http://www.cbtf.ca).

THE WBTF TEAM/GROUP ROLE MODELS AS SHOWN ON THE DEC 08 CBTF ROLE MODEL DVD AND WBTF WRITTEN DESCRIPTIONS & PROFICIENCY SCALE SHALL BE USED FOR THIS EVENT.

MINIMUM SCORES TO ADVANCE – FOR CBTF GROUPS ONLY – SHALL BE REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

Level C to B = 1 judge's score of 25 or higher (after penalties)

Level B to A = 1 judge's score of 50 or higher (after penalties)

SPECIAL NOTE: Any CBTF Groups that have already competed this 2008-2009 season (*ie: prior to April 4, 2009*) shall have their IGS status revised, if applicable, to reflect these new Minimum Scores.

NOTE: The Minimum Scores for Dance Twirl Teams, CBTF Teams and Corps shall remain the same (C to B = 40; B to A = 60) for this season.

CBTF TEAMS & CBTF GROUPS ARE TO BE JUDGED BY:

"old" M4 Judges (who are certified in CBTF Team)

"new" M3 Judges (who are certified in CBTF Team & CBTF Group)

"old" M5 Judges (who are certified in WBTF Team)

WBTF Masters Judges (who are certified in WBTF Team/WBTF Group)

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 4, 2009 FOR THE 2009 COMPETITION SEASON ONLY**

### LEVEL B COMPULSORIES AT NATIONALS

"That the 15 B Compulsories be split into two Sets - Set A and Set B - using the same compulsory set numbers as for the Level A Compulsories. The Set Letter must be announced at least 2 weeks prior to the competition.

CLARIFICATION: The short explanation title for each compulsory shall be called by the announcer.

Example: "Compulsory #1, Right Hand Vertical Fingers - Begin".

CLARIFICATION: Open Competitions and Provincials have the option to choose one Set, use the 15 compulsories (in numerical order) or have the athletes perform first Set A followed immediately by Set B.

CLARIFICATION: The Set Numbers are as follows:

Set A - 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, 14, 15

Set B - 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 14

## Technical News

### COMPULSORIES SUITS

CBTF hereby relaxes the requirement that Level A compulsory and short program competitors wear the current CBTF Suit during the 2009 competitive season and permit them to wear plain black leotard/body suits (or borrow a current one) for all open and Provincial competitions.

NOTE: Levels B & C Compulsory athletes shall continue to follow the current rule – that they are required to wear plain black leotards/body suits with the option to wear the current Suit or new Suit should they wish.

Until the New Suit design has been approved, a supplier secured and orders able to be processed, the following will apply:

If the New Suit is available for purchase and delivery in time for any Open competition during the 2009 competition season, any 2009 Provincials and/or the 2009 Canadians, athletes have the option to wear any of the following at any of these competitions:

- Plain black leotard/body suit
- The Current Suit
- The New Suit

If the New Suit is available for purchase and delivery in time for the 2009 International Cup, then ALL athletes must wear the New Suit at the International Cup. If it is not ready, then ALL athletes must wear the Current Suit.

The CBTF Technical Chair will be responsible to monitor the process and will maintain contact with the Compulsory Suit Committee, the Board of Directors and the Technical Committee. Any changes to the above-mentioned process will be sent out to the Board & Technical Committee via email for distribution to CBTF members and published on the CBTF website.

### COACHING

Q: When are you a fully certified Coach?

A: You need to have your NCCP Part A in order to be fully certified as a CBTF Level 1 Coach. You will need to have NCCP Part B in order to be fully certified as a CBTF Level 2 Coach.

### WHITE RIBBON

Q: Do new coaches and judges need to have their white ribbon in order to be fully certified? What about coaches/judges that have been certified for several years??

A: They don't need white ribbon, however, they are SUPPOSED to have Yellow, Orange, Red and Maroon to be certified as a Level 1 Coach - there are currently no requirements for Level 2 coaches. There are no badge qualifications for judging. Level 1 coaching yes, and don't know why there would not be for Level 2. Remember, judges only have to attend coaching levels for their judges certification; not necessary to take the exams, UNLESS THEY ARE COACHING AS WELL.

## Technical News

### HIRING USTA JUDGES FOR THE 2009 COMPETITIVE SEASON

For the year 2009, the CBTF will permit provincial associations to hire certified United States Twirling Association (USTA) Judges for their open and provincial competitions providing the following conditions are met:

1. First and foremost, CBTF judges must be given priority for judging assignments and USTA judges only hired when all attempts to hire CBTF judges have been exhausted.
2. Judge must be a member in good standing with the United States Twirling Association (USTA) and be certified to judge current World Baton Twirling Federation (WBTF) Team Trial and International Cup events.
3. Judge must register with CBTF as a Type C Member (Technical Association) and pay the applicable "new member" membership fee in the province she/he will be judging in. The province may choose to pay the fee on the judge's behalf but it must be paid in full, in Canadian funds, before the competition date.
4. Judge can only judge open and provincial competitions; will not be hired to judge our Canadian Team Trials and/or Championships.
5. The Head Judge for each competition must be a CBTF judge.
6. USTA judges will receive the same hourly judging rate, per diem rate and travel mileage rate as CBTF judges. Payment will be made in Canadian funds.
7. Uniform requirements – red jacket & black pants (CBTF uniform) or black suit (WBTF uniform).
8. Each USTA judge must be provided with current CBTF Role Model DVD, sample of CBTF score sheets of events they will judge, copy of competition brochure, copy of 2008 Talking Technically and any other information deemed necessary by the provincial technical chair, provincial judges rep and competition director prior to the competition.
9. USTA judges may be hired to judge the following CBTF events:
  - Solo, 2-Baton & 3-Baton - using WBTF International Cup judging & scoring procedures and the WBTF role model videos for these events
  - Level A Compulsories, Short Program, Level A & B Freestyles, Pairs & Teams – using WBTF World Championship judging & scoring procedures and the WBTF role model videos for these events

USTA judges may not judge the following events:

- CBTF Pre-Events
- CBTF Medley events
- CBTF Solo Dance Twirl events
- CBTF Duet events
- CBTF Level C & B Compulsories
- CBTF Dance Twirl Team events
- CBTF Corps events

10. Only those USTA judges listed on the current USTA Judges List can be contacted. This list shall be provided to provinces requesting them through Karen Gratton, CBTF Technical Chairperson. ***Please do not contact USTA directly to obtain this listing.***

# Alberta Baton Twirling Association

## 2009 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

### JR B FREESTYLE

1st—Sarah Schulz  
2nd—Zoe Bell  
3rd—Taelyr Patton  
4th—Katie Burley  
5th—Tianna Tedford  
6th—Delaney Sarro

### SR B FREESTYLE

1st—Allison Benson  
2nd—Nicole Mancini  
3rd—Lise Vautour  
4th—Amanda Stone  
5th (tie)—Jessica Parnell  
5th (tie)—Alexis Moar

### JR A FREESTYLE

1st—Sara Black

### SR A FREESTYLE

1st—Jenna Jemieff  
2nd—Cassandra Frank  
3rd—Caitlyn Tedford

### JR B PAIRS

1st—Sarro/Blackmore

### SR B PAIRS

1st—Mancini/Stone  
2nd—Krieger/Smith

### JR A PAIRS

1st—Bell/Schulz

### PRI BN MEDLEY

1st—Trinity Halla

### JUV BN MEDLEY

1st—Erin Duggan  
2nd—Emily Brown  
3rd—Hannah Curwen

### JR BN MEDLEY

1st—Michelle Dueck  
2nd—Poppy Wilson  
3rd—Cassandra Stephen  
4th—Calyca Greenwald  
4th—Isabelle Kozera

### SR BN MEDLEY

1st—Kayla Smith  
2nd—Alyssa Crispin

### JR BI MEDLEY

1st—Delaney Sarro  
2nd—Katie Burley  
3rd—Alisa Rozan

### SR BI MEDLEY

1st—Nicole Mancini  
2nd—Alexis Moar  
3rd—Amanda Stone  
4th—Samantha Caskey  
5th—Hayley Dunmire

### JR A MEDLEY

1st—Sara Black

### SR A MEDLEY

1st—Allison Benson  
2nd—Caitlyn Tedford

### PRI BN SDT

1st—Trinity Halla

### JUV BN SDT

1st—Erin Duggan  
2nd—Emily Brown  
3rd—Victoria Sell

### JR BN SDT

1st—Alisa Rozan  
2nd—Hayley Hegland  
3rd—Calyca Greenwald  
4th—Michelle Dueck  
5th—Chloe Agar

### SR BN SDT

1st—Hayley Dunmire  
2nd—Alyssa Crispin

### JR BI SDT

1st—Isabelle Kozera  
2nd—Delaney Sarro  
3rd—Katie Burley  
4th—Poppy Wilson  
5th—Cassandra Stephen

### SR BI SDT

1st—Allison Benson  
2nd—Amanda Stone  
3rd—Nicole Mancini  
4th—Samantha Caskey

### SR A SDT

1st—Caitlyn Tedford

### COLL A SDT

1st—Cassandra Frank

### JUV BN DUET

1st—Brown/Duggan

### JR BN DUET

1st—Crispin/Agar

### SR BI DUET

1st—Mancini/Stone

### JR A DUET

1st—Bell/Schulz

# Alberta Baton Twirling Association

## **PRI BN SOLO**

1st—Trinity Halla  
2nd—Kendall Patton

## **JUV BN SOLO**

1st—Erin Duggan  
2nd—Emily Brown  
3rd—Victoria Sell  
4th—Hannah Curwen  
5th—Nichole Ball

## **JR BN SOLO**

1st—Poppy Wilson  
2nd—Hayley Hegland  
3rd—Cassandra Stephen  
4th—Chloe Agar  
5th—Katlyn Medin

## **JR BI SOLO**

1st—Zoe Bell  
2nd—Sarah Schulz  
3rd—Delaney Sarro  
4th—Tianna Tedford  
5th—Nikki Blackmore

## **SR BI SOLO**

1st—Amanda Stone  
2nd—Nicole Mancini  
3rd—Samantha Caskey  
3rd—Alexis Moar

## **COLL BI SOLO**

1st—Melanie Boyle  
2nd—Jessica Parnell

## **JR A SOLO**

1st—Sara Black  
2nd—Taelyr Patton

## **SR A SOLO**

1st—Jenna Jemieff  
2nd—Caitlyn Tedford  
3rd—Allison Benson  
4th—Lise Vautour

## **COLL A SOLO**

1st—Kyla Wilson  
2nd—Cassandra Frank

## **PRI BN 2-BATON**

1st—Trinity Halla

## **JUV BN 2-BATON**

1st—Erin Duggan  
2nd—Emily Brown  
3rd—Victoria Sell

## **JR BN 3-BATON**

1st—Zoe Bell  
2nd—Tianna Tedford  
3rd—Katie Burley

## **SR BN 3-BATON**

1st—Amanda Stone

## **JR BN 2-BATON**

1st—Poppy Wilson  
2nd—Hayley Hegland  
3rd—Chloe Agar  
4th—Randi Lorenz

## **SR BN 2-BATON**

1st—Samantha Caskey  
2nd—Alyssa Crispin

## **JR BI 3-BATON**

1st—Nikki Blackmore  
2nd—Taelyr Patton  
3rd—Sarah Schulz

## **SR BI 3-BATON**

1st—Lise Vautour  
2nd—Nicole Mancini

## **JR BI 2-BATON**

1st—Zoe Bell  
2nd—Tianna Tedford  
3rd—Sarah Schulz  
4th—Courtney McLean  
5th—Katie Burley

## **SR BI 2-BATON**

1st—Lise Vautour  
2nd—Nicole Mancini  
3rd—Amanda Stone  
4th—Hayley Dunmire  
5th—Alexis Moar

## **COLL BI 2-BATON**

1st—Jessica Parnell

## **JR A 3-BATON**

1st—Sara Black

## **JR A 2-BATON**

1st—Sara Black  
2nd—Nikki Blackmore  
3rd—Taelyr Patton

## **SR A 2-BATON**

1st—Jenna Jemieff  
2nd—Allison Benson

## **COLL A 2-BATON**

1st—Ashlee Fedyk  
2nd—Kyla Wilson  
3rd—Cassandra Frank

## **SR A 3-BATON**

1st—Jenna Jemieff  
2nd—Allison Benson

## **COLL A 3-BATON**

1st—Ashlee Fedyk  
2nd—Cassandra Frank

## **TEAMS**

### **JR B SMALL DANCE TWIRL TEAM**

1st—Getting in the Mood  
2nd—Black Betty

### **JR B LARGE DANCE TWIRL TEAM**

1st—Saturday Night

### **JR A LARGE DANCE TWIRL TEAM**

1st—Turn the Beat

### **JR B LARGE CBTF TEAM**

1st—Slow Me Down



## **SKILLS DEVELOPMENT ADJUDICATOR COURSE**

**Course:** Basic SDP Adjudication Certification and S1 Certification

**When:** Saturday June 6, 2009

**Where:** Calgary — Southcentre Mall (Community Room—next to Customer Service)

**Times:** 2:00pm –7:00pm

**You may take the Basic SDP Certification Course & S1 Course if you meet the following criteria:**

- ◆ CBTF Level 1 Certified Coach
- ◆ Must be 18 years of age
- ◆ A member of the CBTF Technical Association
- ◆ Must have a current SDP Manual, Official DVD and Adjudicator's Handbook

**Upon successful completion of this course, you will be qualified to adjudicate the following badges:**

- ◆ Yellow badge
- ◆ Orange badge
- ◆ Red badge
- ◆ Maroon badge

**The course brochure and registration form are available on the ABTA website.  
Registration Deadline is: May 29, 2009.**

## COACHES WANTED

ABTA is holding a Beginner Clinic that is open to the public on Saturday August 22, 2009 in Calgary. This clinic is to promote the sport of baton twirling and to gain new members for the upcoming season. We are asking local coaches to volunteer a few hours to help out at the clinic. All levels of coaches are welcome! If you are interested in participating, please contact the ABTA Office.

There will also be a coaching seminar prior to the clinic with Lorraine Meek to discuss: coaching tips, how to start a club and to answer any coaching questions.

More information about the clinic will be available soon.



**The 1st Annual Tri Region Competition  
is being held  
Sunday June 7, 2009 in Calgary.**

For the competition entry form and event information:  
[www.albertabaton.com](http://www.albertabaton.com)

## CLUB REPORT

### **SOUTHSIDE BATON CLUB** — submitted by Marlene Moar

Southside Baton currently boasts 20 competitive and recreational twirlers. Many of the senior twirlers have been tossing and catching for close to 10 years! Last season, 4 Southside Baton members were part of the 'Music in Me' team winning the gold medal at the International Cup in Ireland!

This baton twirling season has seen many of our twirlers moving up in levels. We would like to acknowledge their efforts: Caitlyn Tedford moved to Level A in Solo, Tianna Tedford to Level BN in 3Baton, Alisa Rozan to Level BI in Solo, Hayley Dunmire to Level BI in 2Baton, Isabelle Kozera to Level BI in Solo, Solo Dance Twirl and 2-Baton and our youngest members, Hannah Curwen moved up to Level BN in Medley and Rachel James got her red ribbon in Pre Medley and moved to Level C. Way to go girls!!

### **NORTHERN REGION** — submitted by Shari Foster

Northern Region held our Annual Valentine Competition in February and had a great turnout!! This may have had something to do with the fact that it wasn't -40 degrees and blizzarding like last year!

We also held the Pre Event Challenge for the 2nd year in Northern Region and had over 40 competing athletes from our region! Cassandra Frank, Kelsey Poffenroth and Larissa Dearing came all the way to Spruce Grove to be our adjudicators, and were fantastic! Following the competition the athletes participated in a clinic taught by the adjudicators. A fun time was had by all!

Northern Region is very proud to have several athletes who will be competing at Canadians in Edmonton this summer. Best of luck to: Samantha Caskey, Katlyn Medin, Randi Lorenz, Calyca Greenwald Jessica Garley and Jennifer Schmidt.

## Athlete Profiles

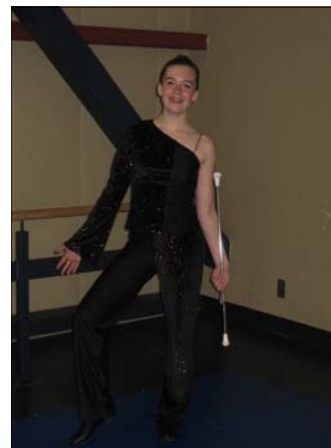


### **Alexis Moar - Southside Baton Club**

Alexis is currently in her 6<sup>th</sup> year of twirling. Bored with Girl Guides, she was looking for something to else to be active in when Aarin Brinker waltzed in the local community centre with her troupe of young twirlers. Having twirled a little in her (much) younger days, her mother jumped at the chance to enroll her daughter in this fun sport. It was another year before Alexis became a twirler at 11 years of age and she hasn't looked back. Learning the basics and the passion for twirling from Aarin and cousin Megan, Alexis moved through the levels steadily and since 2005, with coach Loranne Meek, Alexis has continued to aim for higher goals every season. She enjoys all events but especially likes her Freestyle routines which build her skills as an athlete in one of the most enjoyable sports there is!

### **Hayley Hegland - Southside Baton Club**

Hayley is in her 6th season of twirling. She had been struggling to find her niche and tried basketball, soccer, etc, but nothing held her interest for more than one season. One summer there was an ad posted in Fish Creek Rec and it looked interesting. She went to the info night and was very pleased to meet Bonnie and Aarin Brinker from Southside Baton Club. Hayley was hooked from the first class and has never looked back. She started out with Aarin, Megan and Susan as her coaches and was so sad when the travel bug bit all of them and they decided to take a break from coaching. Luckily, Loranne Meek from Baton & Dance Company was happy to step in and take over. Several of the original kids have moved on and new ones joined up, including Hayley's cousin Hannah. They love having Baton to share and being able to spend some extra time together. This season Hayley is trying Freestyle for the first time and is really enjoying it. It's been a great experience for her in building confidence and self esteem and she's made some great friends. Thanks Aarin and Bonnie for putting that little poster on the board all those summers ago.



### **Hannah Curwen - Southside Baton Club**

Age 11

After watching her cousin Hayley Hegland at a baton practice 3yrs ago, Hannah decided this was the sport for her. Hannah enjoys the blending of dancing, twirling and teamwork and is proud to be a member of Southside Baton Club which is part of The Baton and Dance Company. So far this season she has achieved her goal of moving to BN Medley, competing in four competitions and happily working on mastering her one turn! She is always smiling when she twirls!

# Alberta Baton Twirling Association

# GOOD LUCK!



The following Alberta athletes will be competing at the International Cup competition in Australia this summer. We wish you all the best of luck!!

**Zoe Bell**

**Sara Black**

**Allison Benson**

**Katie Burley**

**Ashlee Fedyk**

**Jenna Jemieff**

**Nicole Mancini**

**Taelyr Patton**

**Sarah Schulz**

**Amanda Stone**

**Lise Vautour**

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