



REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION MEETING NOVEMBER 2017

The Executive Committees of the World Baton Twirling Federation and the World Federation of National Baton Twirling Association's leadership have been very fortunate to work alongside one another since 2013 in a concerted effort towards unification to become one organization together as the International Baton Twirling Federation. At this stage in the development of the International Baton Twirling Federation, we have completed by-laws and have registered the incorporation in the United States.

THE IBTF GOALS:

The IBTF is a non-profit organization, organized to foster the development of countries that desire to join in membership, for the advancement of sport baton twirling throughout the world and to provide these countries with the opportunity to participate and contribute to the improvement of the sport of baton twirling.

IBTF VISION

To become the multidisciplinary governing body for the sport of baton twirling as recognized by the Global Association of International Sport Federations. This includes any use of the baton.

IBTF GOALS

To conduct World Championship competitions in each of our governed disciplines.

The goal of the IBTF is to become the single governing body for the sport of baton twirling internationally.

To create accreditation mechanisms for coaches and adjudicators of the disciplines we govern.

WHAT IS GAISF?

GAISF is the Global Association of International Sports Federations and is the umbrella organization for all international sports federations as well as organizers of multi-sports games and sport-related international associations.

WHY MUST BATON TWIRLING BE A MEMBER OF GAISF?

To achieve recognition as an official sport which validates acceptance in each country's sport governing body. In many countries it is a requirement to potentially be eligible for funding, technical assistance and sport training education methods, and also as leverage for usage of training facilities.

Recognition by Sport Accord provides validation of our sport to potential sponsors and mass media.

GAISF is the ladder to Olympic Recognition.

It is critical for the IBTF to gain the required number of federations worldwide in order to apply for GAISF membership. This number presently is 40 countries on at least three continents.

WHY NOW?

The path to be part of the organization that defines our sport in the future is for the WFNBTB and WBTF and any other baton related organization to unite and act as one in the IBTF to achieve that vision.

The concept of the IBTF is to create an organization as a multi-disciplinary governing body for the sport of baton twirling.

Members under the IBTF umbrella are presently WBTF and WFNBTB. Both organizations will continue to exist and operate independently for a period of time until it is deemed necessary to merge all systems. Our hope is for all member federations to begin working together within their respective countries and to work towards unification.

Application has been made to the Global Association of International Sport Federations (GAISF) by WBTF. This application process may take a lengthy period of time to gain approval. When acceptance is gained, and our member federations complete unification, then all of members of WBTF and WFNBTB will become members of GAISF under the flag of the International Baton Twirling Federation.

Everyone must understand the requirements to achieve sport recognition from the International Olympic committee:

- 1) there may be only one officially recognized International Federation per sport
- 2) there may only be one World Championship in any given discipline of a sport. Therefore, we have formed the umbrella organization of the IBTF to organize together all future World Championships in any given disciplines beginning in 2021. This will include a majorette division coming from both organizations.

We have agreed to a 3-year cycle plan beginning in 2021 with two years of World competition that will be held during the first two weeks of August for the various disciplines of both organizations. The third year is off for both federations to hold their own competition (not a World competition).

- The First IBTF World Baton Twirling Championships will be held in August 2021
- The First IBTF World Freestyle Championships will be held in August 2022
- The First IBTF General Assembly will be held in August 2022

Following the 2022 IBTF World Championship - which allows IBTF to complete a full two-year cycle (2021 World Baton Twirling Championships and 2022 World Freestyle Championships) There will be a General Assembly of all the member federations - WBTF and WFNBTB.

The General Assembly will include elections for a new IBTF Managing Committee

- Each of WBTF and WFNBTAs federations elect their seven '7' people for the new IBTF Managing Committee. Neither federation will vote on the '7' from the other federation (ie. WBTF countries vote on the WBTF 7, the WFNBTAs countries vote on the WFNBTAs 7). These become the 14 people on the Managing Committee.
- First task for the new Managing Committee will be to decide which positions those 14 people occupy (i.e. President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Exec. At Large, 2 Sport Administrators, 2 Technical Chairs, 2 Judges Chairs, 2 Technical at Large)
- The existing Managing Committee stays in place until that first GA.

The preliminary format and schedules are available here for download:

- 2019 INTERNATIONAL CUP-IBTF GRAND PRIX FORMAT & SCHEDULE
- 2021 WORLD BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRELIMINARY FORMAT & SCHEDULE
- 2022 WORLD FREESTYLE PRELIMINARY FORMAT

Best Regards on behalf of the IBTF Executive Committee



Sandi Wiemers, IBTF President

IBTF Executive Committee Members:

Sandi Wiemers, Beverly Johnson, Jean Patrick Rousset, Maurizio Chizzoli, Denise Pearse, Jeff Johnson, Lise Hagen-Rebbestad, Paul Rutten, Amy Williams, Moto Tsuchiya, Christine Bel, Paola De Marchi, Darlene King, Jackie Stewart, Dale White.

2019 WBTF INTERNATIONAL CUP / IBTF GRAND PRIX	
WBTF INTERNATIONAL CUP	IBTF GRAND PRIX
SUNDAY AUGUST 4	FRIDAY AUGUST 9
International Cup Opening Ceremonies	IBTF GRAND PRIX
MONDAY AUGUST 5	IBTF Grand Prix Opening Ceremonies
WBTF INTERNATIONAL CUP	MAJORETTE COMPETITION
B & A Level Solo Preliminaries	Traditional Corps
B & A Level Two Baton Preliminaries	Accessory Corps
B, A, & Elite Three Baton Preliminaries	Exhibition Corps
B, A, & Elite Artistic Twirl Preliminaries	Parade Corps
TUESDAY AUGUST 6	Open Corps
WBTF INTERNATIONAL CUP	Duet Preliminaries
B, A, & Elite Artistic Pair Preliminaries	SATURDAY AUGUST 10
B & A Artistic Team Preliminaries	IBTF GRAND PRIX
Artistic Group Preliminaries	Elite Team Preliminaries
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7	Elite Solo Preliminaries
WBTF INTERNATIONAL CUP	Elite Two Baton Preliminaries
B & A Level Solo Semi-Finals	Elite Solo Semi-Finals
B & A Level Two Baton Semi-Finals	Elite Two Baton Semi-Finals
B, A, & Elite Artistic Twirl Semi-Finals	SUNDAY AUGUST 11
B, A, & Elite Artistic Pair Semi-Finals	IBTF GRAND PRIX
THURSDAY AUGUST 8	Duet Finals
WBTF INTERNATIONAL CUP	Elite Two Baton Finals
B & A Level Solo Finals	Elite Solo Finals
B & A Level Two Baton Finals	Elite Team Finals
B, A, & Elite Three Baton Finals	Grand Prix Award Ceremonies
B, A, & Elite Artistic Twirl Finals	Grand Prix Closing Ceremonies
B, A, & Elite Artistic Pair Finals	
B & A Artistic Team Finals	
Artistic Group Finals	
International Cup Award & Closing Ceremonies	

NOTE:

Duet is new to the Grand Prix Jr/Sr Age Divisions
(Oldest age determines division) 2 duets per country

2021 IBTF WORLD BATON TWIRLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

Preliminary Proposed Schedule

DAY 1
IBTF WORLD MAJORETTE CHAMPIONSHIP
Opening Ceremonies
IBTF WORLD MAJORETTE CHAMPIONSHIP
DAY 2
IBTF WORLD MAJORETTE CHAMPIONSHIP
Awards & Closing Ceremonies
DAY 3
IBTF LOWER LEVEL COMPETITION (to be named)
Opening Ceremonies
Twirl Teams/Dance Twirl Teams Prelims
Solo, Two Baton, Three Baton, Duet, Artistic Twirl + Artistic Pair Competition
DAY 4
Solo, Two Baton, Three Baton, Duet, Artistic Twirl + Artistic Pair Competition
Twirling Team/Dance Twirl Team Finals
Awards & Closing Ceremonies
DAY 5
IBTF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
Opening Ceremonies
Solo, Two Baton, Three Baton, Xstrut, Duet, Artistic Twirl, Artistic Pair Prelims
DAY 6
Twirling & Dance Twirl Team Prelims
Twirling Corps & Artistic Group Prelims
DAY 7
Semi-Finals
TWIRL NATIONS CLINIC
DAY 8
Finals
Awards
Closing Ceremonies

2022 IBTF WORLD FREESTYLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Compulsories/Short Program

Freestyle / Rhythmic

Freestyle Pair

Freestyle Team

- Proposed study to look at the feasibility of pairing down the Compulsories for Juniors to the 8 Short Program elements with possible revisions.
- Proposed study to consider dividing the Junior Freestyle Age Division
- Proposed study to consider adding Junior Freestyle Team
- Proposed study to add a lower level (non-championship) division of Freestyle/Rhythmic for experience and attendance building.