



Manitoba Baton Newsletter

December 14, 2022

Hi all,

Welcome to the Manitoba Baton newsletter. Hopefully, with the distribution of this newsletter, information about baton twirling in Manitoba and information from the MBTSA board will be more easily accessible for everyone in our sport, whether they are a coach, athlete, parent, or volunteer!

Important Dates for Manitoba Competitive Athletes

With the competitive season starting, make sure to mark your calendars with the Manitoba competition dates for 2023.

Competitions

- Winter Classic - January 22nd, 2023
 - First competition of the year!
 - Information regarding this competition should be distributed soon.
- Unicity - March 19, 2023
- Provincials - April 29th and 30th, 2023

The Dawn Kamfoley Memorial Spirit Award

This MBTSA award was created in memory of Dawn Kamfoley, a former board member and parent volunteer. This award will be presented annually to a past or present MBTSA member (athlete, volunteer, coach, judge) who best exemplifies the spirit of the sport through their community involvement, sportsmanship, and team spirit, qualities Dawn Kamfoley contributed to the sport as a parent, volunteer, and cheerleader for all.

The recipient shall possess the following characteristics:

- A strong passion for the sport
- Team spirit, a cheerleader for all
- Volunteer spirit, willingness to help wherever needed
- Community involvement
- Sportsmanship and respect for other athletes, coaches, judges & volunteers, regardless of club affiliation
- Nominee can be a past or present MBTSA member.

The nominator should be a current MBTSA member

Nominations should include examples of how the nominee demonstrates the characteristics above.


Nominations should be sent by email to Edie Parisian - Past Provincial Chair at jemparis@mymts.net

Deadline for nominations is March 17, 2023 (6 weeks prior to Provincials)

Nominations will be received and selected by the nomination committee and the award will be presented at Provincials.

Club Parent Liaison Initiative

MBTSA would like to restart the club-parent liaison initiative. A parent from each club will be paired with a board member to enable communication between clubs and the board. Clubs can forward contact names to Past Chairperson Edie Parisian at jemparis@mymts.net



Sport Manitoba Practice Days

The Manitoba Baton Twirling Sportive Association (MBTSA) has practices available to athletes at the Sport Manitoba building at 145 Pacific Ave. Sunday gym times are for Freestyle/Pairs and Nations Cup athletes. Monday gym times are available for all athletes. The available gym times for Dec the rest of December are:

December 18th - 10 am-12 pm

December 19th - 6-8 pm

*just a reminder that no gym time will be available on December 25th and 26th, January 1st and 2nd, and January 15th and 22nd at Sport Manitoba.

Coming Soon

MBTSA has a few projects that are in progress that should be available soon and are as follows:

1. MBTSA Funding Handbook
 - a summary and guide to funding and paid programs available to athletes and coaches
 - will include qualification and eligibility requirements and reference to Policy details, including Points system
2. Updated MBTSA Policy
 - revisions to new IBTF references
 - inclusion of the recent policy updates shared at the AGM
3. Updated Claim Forms

Train the Coaches: SDP Skills

The last session of Train the Coaches: SDP skills will be on December 18th at 6 pm. Please contact Kristin Macaraeg at technical@manitobabaton.com for details on registration!

A promotional poster for a webinar. The background is red with a white diagonal stripe. The title 'TRAIN THE COACHES' is in white, and 'SDP SKILLS' is in black. Dates and time are listed in a table. Below is an invitation text and the host's name. A laptop illustration is on the right, and a maple leaf logo with the website URL is on the bottom left. A small figure logo is at the bottom right.

TRAIN THE COACHES
SDP SKILLS


DATES	TIME
NOVEMBER 27	6 PM CST
DECEMBER 11	
DECEMBER 18	

AN INVITATION FOR COACHES TO
DEVELOP THEIR TEACHING SKILLS FOR
THE RIBBONS AND EARLY LEVEL BADGES
HOSTED BY
SARA MOUGEOT
CBTF SDP REP


WWW.CBTF.CA



If you cannot attend the live webinar, all three parts of the webinar will eventually be available on the education portal on the CBTF website.



Feature: Santa Claus Parade

This past month, on November 19th, 2022, Manitoba athletes represented our sport in the Santa Claus Parade. We had 20 athletes and 12 volunteers participate in the parade. There was also a presentation of baton twirling at the Manitoba Hydro party. The athletes did an excellent job at the parade, spreading the sport of baton twirling and looking great while doing it, featuring candy cane batons and Santa hats.

Other highlights of the parade were Joyce Ormshaw and Linda Boyd, riding in a 2023 Mustang convertible, from Vickar Chevrolet, who sponsored Manitoba Baton's participation in the parade.

A big thank you to all athletes, coaches, and volunteers for their help in making this event happen!



Outreach Programs

Manitoba Baton continues to offer outreach programs within Winnipeg and the surrounding area, in the hopes of keeping the momentum created from last year in increasing our membership numbers. Some of the programs that have just finished are:

- A 10-week program at LA Salle CC coached by Yonatan Orlov had 22 kids participate
- An 8-week SPIN program coached by Wendy Narozniak had 25 kids participate
- On December 10th, there was a school outreach coached by Yonatan Orlov with 26 kids ages 5-8 that participated

We also have an ongoing program for Ukrainian immigrants, put on using our Jumpstart grant. The program has had two sessions thus far and will run for a total of 6-8 weeks. In these two sessions, we have had 35 kids participate, all of whom arrived in Canada in the last month.

Tammy DeJong, Wendy Narozniak, and Yonatan Orlov are coaches for this program. During this program, we have English lessons and workshops for the parents. At the last session, Olga Orlov provided a workshop about job searches and adaptation in Canada for the parents of the participants.

