



NEWS DIRECT – June '18

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England Team Selections

The criteria for this year's selections is as follows:

- Anyone competing in an individual event; Solo, 2 Baton, Rhythmic Twirl or X -Strut must be intermediate/advanced level in the section they wish to compete in.
- In addition:
Solo, 2 Baton & Rhythmic Twirl - all competitors need to have passed Level 2 Body and Level 2 Baton
X Strut - all competitors need to have passed Level 1 Baton and Level 2 Body
Dance Team, Twirl Team, Twirling Corp & Duet - all members need to have passed Level 1 Body and Level 1 Baton
- Successful athletes must also attend the relevant England Team training days on Nov 18th and 25th, at Everest Community College, Basingstoke
- They must compete at Medway (Feb 2/3 '19) & perform at Bournemouth (March 16/17 '19 tbc) competitions.
- Those missing two or more of the required dates will be designated as the reserve in the events they were selected for.

European Levels

These levels were brought in to try to improve the standard of twirling within member countries of NBTA Europe. It is deemed that they have been quite successful, however NBTA England does not expect corps to send their members to sessions to learn how to do basic twirling. This should be done within your own corps at normal training sessions. There have been several attending, who cannot do e.g. a thumb flip or twirl on pattern, but the coaches doing the levels do not have the time to be teaching our members basic twirling at these sessions – it's not fair on those there to learn the levels content.

If you are in doubt whether your members are being taught the correct technique, please encourage your coaches to come along to the levels training themselves. We want all our athletes to be technically good twirlers, but it is very difficult to undo bad technique. They need to be taught the right way from the very beginning and need to know the basics of twirling before being assessed. Sending members too quickly, or when they can't do basic twirling correctly, only means they will fail the assessment.

Grand Prix 2019

This joint competition with WBTF will be taking place in Northern France in August 2019. Selection will be by invitation from Nationals results. More details will be sent out when the location has been confirmed, as the venue has had to be changed from Bordeaux, due to cost. This will be the final Grand Prix before the first IBTF (joint WFNbTA & WBTF) World Championships are held in 2021.

Nationals 2017

As already advised, we are aiming to finish 2018 Nationals on the Friday, as we know some people's accommodation is Sat - Sat. Unfortunately, some areas around the country do not have w/c 22nd October off school. If anyone needs a letter for their school from NBTA, regarding attendance at Nationals, please contact myself.

NBTA Competitions

We hope you find the short Corps Directors meetings held before the start of each competition useful. If you have any issues regarding the day/weekend's arrangements, please feel free to bring these up, so they can be addressed early on. There was an issue at Loughborough with the bleacher seating, which was beyond our control – so apologies to those who attended. However, everything ran very well throughout the day and was hopefully enjoyed by all.

Emma Cridge (Vogue) and her mum have now taken over running the shop, so please let Emma know if there is anything you would like her to stock.

We received complaints from the management at Littledown Centre regarding the following points:

- Smokers not using the designated smoking area.



- Twirlers practicing in the corridors, not the designated area. Twirling is dangerous to members of the general public, so please advise all your members that they should only twirl in the designated areas (competition hall and warm-up area).
- Toilets out of order – although a couple were marked as out-of-order, some were still used, causing issues.
- Young unattended kids wandering around the Centre. This is a Safeguarding issue – everyone with young children should know where they are at all times, as there are other people using the centres. We cannot guarantee the safety of younger children left to their own devices.

Please speak to your members and parents on these matters and remind them that NBTA is a sporting organisation, and as such, they are expected to behave accordingly.

Open Seminar – we are delighted to be welcoming Cyril Martin (from France – former NBTA World Champion) back for Twirling Academy & Development Squad training on Sunday, 1st July.

NBTA is also offering open training seminars for those interested – two sessions on Saturday 30th June. These will be held at Everest Community College, Basingstoke.

Sat 30th June

09.00 – 12.30 Solo & 2-Baton for Beg/Nov

£20 NBTA members / £30 non-members

13.00 – 16.30 Solo & 2-Baton Int/Adv

£20 NBTA members / £30 non-members

Coaches are very welcome

£10 NBTA Registered / £20 non-NBTA

Anyone interested in attending, who has not already booked, please contact me to book place/s. Also – if anyone wants to book in for Levels on Sunday, 1st July, please contact Maxine Halford at: Mhalford@havering-college.ac.uk

Date	Event
Saturday 30 th June	Open seminar with Cyril Martin from France
Sunday 1st July	Twirling Academy, Development Squad, Levels
Saturday 15th September	Coaches Course, Judges Course
Sunday 16th September	Twirling Academy & Development Squad

NBTA Wales Summer Training Camp: Jessica and Faye are holding a summer camp in South Wales, during the school holidays, for anyone interested. Details are as follows:

- Address: Princess Gwenllian Centre, Hillfield Villas, Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire. SA17 4UL
- Mon 6th – Fri 10th August '19
- 10am – 4pm each day. Registration & warm-up from 9.30am each day.
- Cost: £125 for the week, or £30 per day.
- Mon 6th & Tues 7th: Melody Meijer from Holland
- Mon 6th & Tues 7th: Maxine Halford (teaching European Body & Baton levels)
- Wed 8th: variety of dancing with dance teacher.
- Thurs 9th: twirling and dance with Lisa Huish (Ambition) and dance teacher
- Fri 10th: fun competitions / presentation / close of camp.
- Please contact Jessica Shore on 07878 666202, or email jessica.shore@yahoo.co.uk to book

Regards

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(on behalf of the NBTA Committee and Technical Board)