



NEWS DIRECT – March '18

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Loughborough Competition

As already advised, due to a double-booking, the date of the Loughborough competition has had to be changed. It will now be a one-day competition only, on Saturday, June 16th. Apologies for any inconvenience, but this was out of our control.

Nationals 2017

We are delighted to announce that Savannah Miller will be coming over to teach for three days at this year's Nationals. Once we finalise her travel arrangements, bookings for seminars and private lessons will be opened up. We expect demand to be high, so it is highly recommended that you book any lessons quickly, as this will be done on a First Come, First Served basis.

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.

Computer System

A new facility has been provided on the system, where you can look at your members' results, following the completion of the competition (as from Nationals 2017). We will still print off a paper copy of the results at the end of the competition, showing the qualifications, but if you have any queries, you will be able to check your members' results historically.

We are intending to show the corps directors how to enter and manage their teams during the competition at Littledown.

Open Freestyle - It is hoped to include some sections at four regional competitions again this year, to give members the experience, if time permits. This event will be non-qualifying and rules as per WFNbTA rulebook for Rhythmic Twirl.

Ability levels: Beg/Nov and Int/Adv. Competitors to enter the level they compete in for domestic Dance Solo

Ages: Juv / Preteen / Jun / Sen, with ages as per current year's domestic competition.

Timing: 2.00 – 2.30mins

Entry fee: £10, with medals only (for a max of Top 3 places dependent on number of competitors taking the floor).

If time allows, sections for this non-qualifying events to be run at the following competitions:

Littledown, Bournemouth	Beg / Nov
Loughborough	All sections
Harlow	Int / Adv
Weston-Super-Mare	All sections
Nationals	All sections

Bournemouth Competition – the closing date for Bournemouth has been put back slightly, but please be aware that late entries will not be accepted.

Safeguarding - Please pass on to your Safeguarding officer within your corps: New guidelines have been issued. To update, go to: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng76>

The following on-line training course is also available for any corps needing this who did not complete or send a Safeguarding officer to the training session held at Torbay last year. Take this online training course and you'll learn how to recognise, report and record concerns about a child's welfare. Cost: £20: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-you-can-do/get-expert-training/child-protection-introduction/>



Judges & Coaches Course - Anyone interested in taking either of these courses, please contact the Technical Board at: nbtatechnical@gmail.com

Twirling Academy & Development Squad Dates

PLEASE NOTE: the planned session for 27th May has now been changed to the following weekend Sunday, 3rd June. See dates below.

Open Seminars – we are offering two Open Seminars for anyone interested.

Saturday, 14th April with Pieter Hazeu and Saturday, 2nd June with Patrick Noortheim. These will be held at Everest Community College, Basingstoke.

Sat 14th April

09.00 – 12.30	Dance & Strut for Beg/Nov	£20 NBTA members / £30 non-members
13.00 – 16.30	Dance & Strut for Int/Adv	£20 NBTA members / £30 non-members

Sat 2nd June

09.00 – 12.30	Contact Material/Rolls/Travel Moves for Beg/Nov	£20 NBTA members / £30 non-members
13.00 – 16.30	Contact Material/Rolls/Travel Moves for Int/Adv	£20 NBTA members / £30 non-members

Coaches are very welcome.

Anyone interested in attending, please contact me to book place/s.

Date	Event
Saturday, 14 th April	Open Seminar with Pieter
Sunday 15 th April	Levels, Twirling Academy & Development Squad
Saturday 19 th May	Coaches Course, Judges Course
Saturday 2 nd June	Open Seminar with Patrick
Sunday 3 rd June	Levels, Passports, Twirling Academy & Development Squad
Sunday 1 st July	Twirling Academy, Development Squad
Saturday 15 th September	Coaches Course, Judges Course
Sunday 16 th September	Twirling Academy & Development Squad

May we wish everyone in the England Team the very best of luck next week in Norway. Do your best - we hope you have a fantastic experience in Lillehammer.

Regards

Denise

(on behalf of the NBTA Committee and Technical Board)