



NATIONAL BATON TWIRLING ASSOCIATION (ENGLAND)

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NBTA European 2017 Results

Many congratulations to the England team on their results at NBTA European Championships 2017, held in Porec, Croatia. We came home with two European Champion titles – one for Georgia Langston for 2-Baton and one for Oasis for Junior Twirl Team. Special congratulations to Georgia and Oasis and well done to all the team. The results seem to prove that all the training is finally paying off.

Top 6 are listed on the NBTA website, as well as a pdf file giving everyone's final placings.

Grand Prix 2017

This year sees another joint competition being held to bring NBTA and WBTF athletes together to compete side by side for their country. The Grand Prix will be held 5th & 6th August in Porec, Croatia. Invitations were issued from Nationals 2016 results, and the athletes attending from NBTA England are: Bethany Barber, Lauran Land, Georgia Langston and Storm Porter – who will all compete in both Solo & 2-Baton. We wish them all the best of luck with their preparations.

Body & Baton Levels

Remaining Body & Baton training date is on Sunday, 4th June - which will be held at Everest, but there will be a couple more training sessions available at the Passport days, however please be aware that ALL Body & Baton assessments will take place at Everest Community College on the above date, or at Everest on one of the Twirling Academy / Development Squad dates (see below). These must be requested beforehand with Maxine Halford (Mhalford@havering-college.ac.uk) to ensure assessors are booked to attend.

Passports

There are 3 passport levels; Bronze, Silver and Gold and all are intended to help improve body and baton technique and twirling skills.

With the introduction of the European Baton and Body Levels exams over the past two years, Bronze and Silver passports have been changed to reflect the elements that are required in the Levels. Bronze reflecting Level 1, Silver Level 2, Gold remains the same.

However, there is still a clear difference between the Passports and European Levels. Please be aware there is the opportunity to learn the European Body & Baton Level 1 & 2 elements at the Passport days for anyone intending to enter Selections, however only Passport assessments will take place on the Passport days (no Body & Baton assessments – see above).

If you are interested in attending Passport days, please book your place by contacting Gemma Milne (gemmatwirl@yahoo.co.uk) as soon as possible.

Saturday, 24th June S.E. - Eversley Leisure Centre, 2 Crest Ave, Basildon SS13 2EF, from 10.00 – 15.00
Saturday, 3rd June S.W. – Keynsham Leisure Centre, Temple Street, Keynsham, BS31 1HE from 10.00 – 15.00
July (date & location tbc) CENTRAL - will only take place if enough interest/demand for Passport training

Twirling Academy & Development Squad Training Dates

Remaining dates, all at Everest Community Academy, are as follows:

May 21st Solo & 2-Baton
June 25th Dance & X-Strut
July 30th Solo & 2-Baton
Sept 17th Dance & X-Strut

Melody is coming to coach at the Twirling Academy session on July 30th. Anyone interested in booking Melody for private lessons for individuals or team/corps training, please let me know by Sunday, 21st May, with what the student wishes to work on and the duration of the lesson required.

Selections 2017 for WC2018

The selection process for Worlds 2018, will go back to being held in Torbay in October for all events, due to issues with school/university exams being held in June.

For this year, as a trial, Selections will be open to Novice level and above for all FULL NBTA members, in the event members wish to compete in and who have passed the relevant Body & Baton levels. However - any contestant selected for the England team will be advanced to Intermediate in that event for 2018, regardless of age division. Anyone wanting a copy of the WFNBTAs Rulebook, please let me know.

To clarify – for anyone who has heard rumours about routine times changing – the European & World Technical Commissions are looking at ways of reducing the floor time at World and European competitions. There are thoughts on reducing the Solo and Rhythmic Twirl time. They have also considered dropping Juvenile sections from future World competitions.

The more countries that join NBTA Europe, the more routines have to be fitted in to the programme, so the days are getting longer and longer. As we are aware, Europeans was a 4-day competition this year, so something has to give. Flashing competitors' scores has added extra time to the days, so there is a lot of discussion currently taking place on the best solution for future Championships. However, so you are aware - nothing will be changing for WC2018 – these ideas are all considerations for the future.

The WC2018 is being held in Lillehammer, Norway and the trip is likely to be expensive as the accommodation costs are high. The team will need to travel to Norway on Monday, 26th March and many schools have their holidays after Easter, so please be aware of all this before submitting your entries, as some will need to ask for four days off school. I will hopefully have more idea of price in a week or two, once all the available flight prices have been published. For all those entering selections, it might be wise to start looking at any possible local sponsorship deals that might be available, planning some fund-raising, or starting a savings club now, rather than waiting until October.

NBTA England is considering forming a National Twirling Corps and Poms Corps (if any corps is thinking of entering either of these events, please let me know as soon as possible). Decisions cannot be made regarding this idea until we know if there is enough interest from the membership. Please discuss with your members, as to whether any of them would be interested in being considered for inclusion in the squad for either of these events, and let me know by 21st May.

NBTA Website

We are keen to keep the NBTA website updated. If anyone has any photographs from Europeans, or of anything of interest – please e-mail them over to me at: denise.pearse568@btinternet.com

NBTA Coaches Course

The new Level 1 Coaching course dates are as follows:

Saturday, 4 th June	student coach to attend on their own
Sunday, 9 th July	to bring three students to work with
Sunday, 10 th September	to bring three students to work with
Time	10.00 – 15.00
Location	Everest Community Academy, Basingstoke
Cost	£100, payable on 4 th June

Anyone interested who has not already applied, or anyone wishing to do their Level 2 Judges Course, please contact the Technical Board at: nbtatechnical@gmail.com

New Computer System

This is a work in progress and there are bound to be a few teething problems with the new computer system, so please don't get stressed if you encounter any difficulties – we are there to help and will get any issues resolved.

E-mail contact addresses are required for all independents, not just their trainers' details please.

We have still not received photos for all corps directors and judges – please send them to Chris Wells, Membership Secretary, as soon as possible.

Open Freestyle

It is hoped to include some sections at three of the regional competitions, if time permits. This event will be non-qualifying and rules as per WFNBT rulebook for Rhythmic Twirl.

Ability levels: Competitors to enter the level they compete in for domestic Dance Solo. Beg/Nov (classes 501 – 504) and Int/Adv (classes 505 – 508).

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

Timing: 2.00 – 2.30mins

Entry fee: £7.50, with medals 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 remaining Regionals:

Harlow	All sections
Loughborough	Int/Adv
Nationals	All sections

Suggestions, Complaints, Comments

May we remind everyone that the NBTA committee is open to receiving suggestions, complaints and comments – however these need to be sent into the Secretary in writing. All letters/e-mails received by this method are discussed at the following committee meeting and any decisions made from these advised in the newsletters.

Nationals 2017

Please be aware that this year there will be a £10 fee for the week for non-competing children (5 – 18yrs). The fee for subsequent siblings will be £5 each. This fee will include some free entertainment - more details will be provided nearer the time.

Regards

Denise

On behalf of the NBTA Committee and Technical Board