



**2023**  
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And  
**World Twirling**  
**Championships**  
**Manual**

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# USA ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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Congratulations on being a member of WFNBTB Team USA. This manual will help you prepare for your journey to the 2023 IBTF Nations Cup and World Baton Twirling Championships.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Website**

[nbtausaworldteam.com](http://nbtausaworldteam.com) is the official website of the WFNBTB USA World Team. Refer to this website often as it will be updated as new information arrives, It will contain ongoing plans, logistics and all necessary information regarding the 2023 IBTF Nations Cup and World Baton Twirling Championships. Be sure to check the WC 2023 website as well.

### **Rules**

Please visit [ibtf-batontwirling.org](http://ibtf-batontwirling.org) to access the IBTF rulebook and majorette rule book. It is your responsibility to know the IBTF rules so read them carefully.

### **Competition Policies**

Please refer to [ibtf-batontwirling.org](http://ibtf-batontwirling.org) for the IBTF Competition Policy Manual.

### **Music**

You will find the Official Music for specific events on the IBTF Website, [ibtfbatontwirling.org](http://ibtfbatontwirling.org) by clicking on the Library link. See Contest Information below for more on submitting performance music.

### **Email Addresses**

Email will be one of our main ways to communicate with USA Team members. Be sure to keep your email address current so our list is up-to-date.

### **Team USA Administrative Fee**

WFNBTA will charge a one-time administrative fee of \$100 per athlete competing on the WFNBTB USA Team in any capacity. It is required for ALL athletes, regardless of organization. Teams/Corps will submit the fee in 2 equal installments. Athletes in multiple events pays only one \$100 fee. NOTE: The Administrative fee does not go to any USA Organizing Committee Member. It is used solely to offset expenses for the WFNBTB USA Team. A penalty for late payments will be assessed. See penalty reference chart.

### **Official Team Warm-ups**

WFNBTA USA Warm-ups are required for Athletes and Alternates. Warm-ups are available only to USA Team members. To purchase USA Team warm-ups, contact Champion Embroidery at [www.championembroidery.net](http://www.championembroidery.net). Athletes competing in dual organization events must purchase and wear the warm-up of the organization they are traveling with.

## **Baton Grip Tape**

A baton is defined as a chrome shaft with 2 white rubber ends, a ball and a tip. The use of grip tape is optional. Grip tape can cover up to 1/2 of the baton shaft, divided equally from the center of the metal shaft measurement. The outer quarter of each end may not be covered. Grip tape can be applied in solid, striped or spiral fashion. Tape can be of two color (s), black, grey or white. (One color to wrap and other color to mark the center.) Pairs, Teams and Groups - grip tape must be the same.

## **Conduct Guidelines**

At all times team members must be mindful that you represent not only the worldwide baton twirling community, but you represent the citizens of the United States.

## **Logo**

Please note that the WFNBTATA logo is the property of WFNBTATA. It cannot be included on any apparel, merchandise or memorabilia/gifts without permission and payment of fee to WFNBTATA.

## **Proud Traditions**

During the Nations Cup and World Baton Twirling Championships, let's make it a goal to reach out to competing athletes from every country demonstrating exemplary sportsmanship. Your congenial interaction with those from other countries will be remembered. It is strongly suggested to schedule as much time as possible to attend each Nations Cup and/or World Championship events to support your fellow team member performances.

## **TRAVEL INFORMATION**

### **Travel Accommodations**

All WFNBTATA USA athletes, coaches and officials traveling with the WFNBTATA are required to utilize Fox World Travel, our official travel agent. Crystal Zawilinski is our contact person. She can be reached by clicking this email link, [czawilinski@foxworldtravel.com](mailto:czawilinski@foxworldtravel.com). Airfare cost is NOT included in Lodging and Tour Packages. Group travel reservations are available. Transportation to and from the airport is included. Fox Travel will be offering tour packages through the [nbtasaworldteam.com](http://nbtasaworldteam.com) website.

If you are on the WFNBTATA Nations Cup team, it is mandatory that you travel with WFNBTATA or give up your Nations Cup discipline slot.

### **Rehearsal Venues**

Fox World Travel will be responsible for setting up the USA Team rehearsals, one for Nations Cup athletes/teams and one for World Championship athletes/teams. Transportation will be provided for athlete and 1 coach OR chaperone. If you are an athlete competing in an WFNBTATA event but are traveling with USTA, you are welcome

to attend the WFNBT A practice, but you will be responsible for your own transportation to and from the venue. Any extra practice time can be booked via the WC2023 online registration form.

### **Currency**

Liverpool, England's currency is the pound sterling. You will need to find out the exchange rate prior to your departure. This can be accessed on the Internet at a number of websites. It is also a good idea to use Traveler's checks and/or a major credit card for purchases. You will be able to change money at your local bank, departure or arrival airport.

### **Adapters/Converters**

The standard voltage in England is 230V and the power plug/sockets are type G. You will need a plug adapter and may also need a voltage converter. Consider a combined plug adapter/voltage converter.

### **Passports**

Passports must be valid for 6 months AFTER your return date. Keep copies of your passports photo ID page in your luggage or in the hotel safe. If your passport is lost, that copy may be your way home.

## **CONTEST INFORMATION**

### **Kick-Off Banquet**

At this time, there are no plans to have a kick-off celebration, but one may be scheduled at a later date.

### **Fees/Documents**

All fees and documents will be submitted on-line. Deadline dates are set by IBTF and cannot be changed by WFNBT A or the Organizing Committee. Late fees will be assessed for anything received after the posted deadline date. A chart of all due dates with late fee penalties is available for your convenience on the World Team website, [nbtausaworldteam.com](http://nbtausaworldteam.com). Fees associated with the Nations Cup and World Championships are, but not limited to, Administration Fees, Entry Fees and Event Admission Fees.

### **Team/Group Directors**

You will be responsible for all submissions of athlete documents and photos. There are two roster submissions, an initial and a final. Rosters must include competing members plus reserves.

## **Order of Performance**

Preliminary performances will be run on a set system and set number will be determined by random computer draw. Finals performances will be in reverse order of preliminary ranking.

## **Emergencies**

In case of an emergency, should a USA Team individual or group member be unable to perform, please contact a USA Organizing Committee member immediately.

## **Music**

- No available information from IBTF regarding music tests.
- Performance Music will be played through a computer.
- Music for teams, corps and artistic groups will be submitted electronically with each federation/federation's entry form via the ONLINE ENTRY SYSTEM due in March 2023.
- Each music file must be labeled, indicating the team's name, federation/federation, and should include the time code.
- The specific guideline is as follows:  
Naming file: Name of Federation/Federation Name of Team + Time Code  
Example: FFTB France Toulouse Twirlers + Time Code
- Following the entry deadline, the host federation will download all the music files from the federation's ONLINE ENTRY System to prepare for the competition. If there is any change in music prior to the competition, it may be re-submitted to the website and notification must be sent to the host federation no later than 10 days prior to the first day of the competition. All music files must be submitted in .mp3 or AAC format - these are both compressed formats.
- All teams should bring a 2nd copy of their music with them to the competition on a flash drive or CD, in case of any unforeseen circumstances that would call for the need to replace the original copy.

## **Coaches' Passes**

One primary coach per soloist/duet will be permitted on the practice floor, in the "on deck" area during the performance and any other official area. Teams/Groups are allotted 2 coaches. A coach's pass is needed for the practice area as well as the completion area. Coaches' badges for official delegate coaches will be available at a cost of £60 for NC/£100 for WC, offering seating in the athletes' seating area at the side of the arena only and with access to the warm-up area.

The following criteria apply:

- They are a recognized official coach in their country
- They have a student or team competing in the competition
- They are staying in one of the official hotels (stay to play)

## Athlete Badges

Any athlete competing for both WFNBTBTA and USTA must submit a badge photo to both organizations. Athletes entered in the NC can gain free entry into the WC if they are staying in one of the official hotels, upon presentation of their athlete's badge, and can watch the competition from the designated athlete's seating area.

## Ticketing Information

All spectators will be required to purchase a ticket through the M&S Bank Arena Box Office, in order to enter the competition venue. Spectators include anyone who is not part of a federation's official delegation.

To enable spectators to book seats together (if desired), the Box Office will open as follows:

- 4-day & 5-day tickets (10+) from 1<sup>st</sup> February '23
- 4-day & 5-day tickets (less than 10) from 1<sup>st</sup> March '23
- General Sale / daily tickets from 1<sup>st</sup> April '23

### TICKET PURCHASE PRICES & OPTIONS:

Nations Cup: 4-day Ticket	(Sat 5 - Tues 8 Aug)	£ 90 total
Nations Cup: Daily Ticket	(Sat 5, Sun 6, Mon 7 Aug)	£ 25 each day
Nations Cup Daily Ticket: Finals Day	(Tues 8 Aug)	£30

World Championship: 5-day Ticket	(Wed 9 - Sun 13 Aug)	£150 total
World Championship: Daily Tickets	(Wed 9, Thurs 10, Fri 11 Aug)	£ 35 each day
Worlds Daily Tickets: Finals Days	(Sat 12 - Sun 13 Aug)	£ 50 each day

<i>The Box Office will charge an additional booking &amp; facility fee on all tickets</i>	£3.10 per ticket
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- Non-competing child tickets (3–12yrs) will be half-price (50%).
- Tickets are electronic and will be scanned on entry into the arena.
- Each spectator ticket purchased on-line is for a designated seat number.
- Block bookings of more than 10 seats must be purchased via the Group Booking office (contact details to follow). Members of the group are not assigned a specific seat by the Arena Box Office. Individual seat allocation will be up to whoever books the block of tickets for the group.
- Full payment will be required at the time of booking.

## **ATHLETE REQUIREMENTS**

### **Attire**

All WFNBT USA athletes must wear our official warm-up suit for opening and closing ceremonies. In addition to the warm-up, the athlete must wear a white tank and nude color jazz-type shoes. Hair is to be up (bun or pony tail) without hair accessories. No embellishments or personal embroideries to the warm-up suit are permitted. With the exception of special recognitions and professional photos, athlete is not permitted to wear warm-up prior to the IBTF Nations Cup and World Championships. Costumes must be worn for all award ceremonies.

### **Ambassadors of the USA**

Remember that members of our entire USA Team are considered Ambassadors of the USA. Please be considerate and clean up your area in the arena stands each day.

### **Practice Time on the Competition Floor**

Refer to the IBTF Competition Policy Manual found on the IBTF website



