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Congratulations on being a member of WFNBT USA Team USA. This manual will help you prepare for your journey to the 2024 IBTF World Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl Championships.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Website:

nbtausaworldteam.com is the official website of the WFNBT USA World Team. Refer to this website often as it will be updated as new information arrives, It will contain ongoing plans, logistics, **FORMS** and all necessary information regarding the 2024 IBTF World Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl Championships.

Rules:

Please visit ibtf-batontwirling.org to access the IBTF 2024 Championship rulebook. It is your responsibility to know the IBTF rules so read them carefully.

Competition Policies:

Please refer to ibtf-batontwirling.org for the IBTF Competition Policy Manual.

Email Address:

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 WFNBT USA Team in any capacity. It is required for ALL athletes, regardless of organization. Athletes in multiple events pay only one \$100 fee. **This fee is due at the end of the qualifying competition.** NOTE: The Administrative fee does not go to any USA Organizing Committee Member. It is used solely to offset expenses for the WFNBT USA Team. A penalty for late payments will be assessed.

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.

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

Proud Traditions:

During the World Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl 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 World Championship even to support your fellow team member performances.

TRAVEL INFORMATION**Travel Accommodations:**

All WFNBT USA athletes, coaches, judges and officials traveling with the WFNBT 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. Hotel accommodations will be made as a country delegation, not individually, through Fox Travel. Airfare cost is NOT included in Lodging and Tour Packages. Group travel reservations are available. Fox Travel will be offering tour packages through the nbtausaworldteam.com website.

Stay to Play Policy:

All countries official delegation athletes, coaches and judges, are required to stay in the designated lodging options provided by the host country. Participants who do not comply with this policy will be denied badge holder rights.

Currency:

Helsingborg, Sweden currency is the Swedish Krona. 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, as well as any ATM in Sweden. Remember that extra fees may apply.

Adapters/Converters:

For Sweden there are two associated plug types, C and F, Type C is the plug which has 2 round pins and type F is the plug which has two round pins with two earth clips on the side. Sweden operates on a 230 supply voltage and 50Hz. You will need a plug adapter and possibly 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**2024 Sweden Schedule:**

Please use the link [2024 Schedule](#) to access the most up to date competition schedule.

Kick-Off Party:

Information on the Athlete Party and the NBTA Welcome Party will be available 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 or the Organizing Committee. Late fees will be assessed for anything received after the posted deadline date. Fees associated with the World Freestyle and Rhythmic Twirl Championships are, but not limited to, Administration Fees, Entry Fees and Event Admission Fees.

Official Practice Session Times:

All countries may pay for an official practice session on the main competition floor. This is a scheduled federation practice, not individual. **USA scheduled day is Monday, August 5th and must be attended by ALL athletes so they can attend the scheduled official costume check. Times should be announced in late May or early June.** No information on outside venues for practice times has been distributed.

Official Baton and Costume Check:

All Federations must be present for their scheduled baton and costume check. This will occur the same day as they are scheduled for Official Practice Session.

Costume Inspection:

A costume inspection must take place prior to the beginning of the competition. The host country will determine the costume inspection schedule. **Countries that will be present for practice time will have the costume check 1 hour prior to their official practice time.** See IBTF manual for detailed information on costumes.

Baton Inspection:

Baton inspection will take place during costume inspection. Inspection will be done by the floor monitor.

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 two of any color. (One color to wrap and other color to mark the center.) Pairs, Teams and Groups - grip tape must be the same

Team 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 and all birthdates.

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:

All music must be submitted with your entry. The length of the music is checked and recorded as the official time by the host country. If music is found to be undertime/overtime, the music technician will notify the federation technical advisor immediately. The federation will have 12 hours to resubmit their music.

- No available information from IBTF regarding music tests.
- Performance Music will be played through a computer.
- Music for all athletes, pairs and teams will be submitted electronically with each federation/federation's entry.
- Each music file must be labeled, indicating the athlete, pair, team name, country, category, division and should include the time code.
- The specific labeling guideline will be sent to each federation.
- Following the entry deadline, the host federation will download all the music files from the federation's ONLINE SHAREFILE 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 athletes/teams should bring a 2nd copy of their music with them to the competition on a flash drive, in case of any unforeseen circumstances that would call for the need to replace the original copy.

Coaches' Passes:

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)
- The cost for a coach pass is \$80, plus conversion rate. Coaches will be sent an invoice after registering on-line.

Athlete Badges:

Any athlete competing on the WFNBT USA World Team must submit a badge photo. Athletes can gain free entry into the competition venue 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 in order to enter the competition venue. Spectators include anyone who is not part of a federation's official delegation.

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.

Costumes must be worn for awards ceremony.

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.