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Dear Coach,

In July 2009 France will be hosting the European Baton Twirling Championships. This competition will be a spectacular event and would be a fantastic experience for any Scottish athlete.

Scotland will be selecting the following athletes to attend this competition:

4 Junior Women & 4 Junior Men plus reserve
4 Senior Women & 4 Senior Men plus reserve
1 Junior Pair
1 Senior Pair
1 Team
1 Group

These competitions provide your athletes with an opportunity to travel across Europe, meet baton twirlers from all over Europe and to compete against some of the best twirlers in Europe.

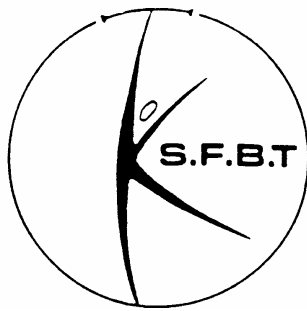
The SFBT would like to assist anyone who is interested in entering their athletes for the SFBT selection heats in 2008/09. If you would like some advice on setting routines, fundraising or any other aspect of selections/international competitions then we are here to help and support you.

If you are interested in finding out more about these competitions and the opportunities for your athletes then please do not hesitate to contact the SFBT Registered Office, or Jo-An Robertson on 07740 907 468

Yours in twirling,

Jo-Ann Robertson
Scottish National Team Coach

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Rules regarding the qualification criteria for the European Championship Selection Heats

(Effective: August 2006)

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European Baton Twirling Championships

SFTB Selection Heat Rules:

1. Athletes must be registered with the SFBT on or before the closing date for entries to the selection heats.
(19ST October 2008)
2. There is a minimum age for competing in the European Championships which is 12 years of age.
3. All individual Athletes, Pair, Team & Group members must participate in all four selection heat competitions, unless prevented from doing so through illness or injury.

Competition dates:

November 30th

February 15th

April 5th

May 10th

3. In such circumstances a medical certificate must be submitted to the Executive Board of the S.F.B.T. within 7 days of the missed competition and must cover the missed competition date. In extenuating circumstances, application may be made to the Executive Board for dispensation for non-attendance at one competition.
4. Individual freestyle and freestyle pair athletes' who have entered the selection heats must compete in the S.F.B.T. general competitions on the same day as the selection heats. Athletes must compete in four events at the general competition, three of these being twirling events (Solo twirl, 2 Baton, Dance Twirl or Fancy Strut). **Should you fail to fulfil this requirement you will forfeit your position in the squad for 2009.**
5. No points or places will be awarded for missed events regardless of circumstances.
6. The age divisions for Individual Freestyle and Freestyle Pairs is as follows:

Junior	12 years - 16 years in the year of the competition (2009)
Senior	17 years and over in the year of the competition (2009)

(The oldest member of the pair determines the division)
7. The timings for Individual Freestyle and Freestyle Pairs is as follows:

Junior	1:30 minutes - 2:00 minutes with a 10 second leeway
Senior	2:00 minutes - 2:30 minutes with a 10 second leeway
8. The timing for Team and Group is as follows:

Team	minimum 2minutes 50 seconds Maximum 3 minutes 40 seconds
Group	minimum 2minutes 50 seconds Maximum 3 minutes 40 seconds
9. Costume – Athletes are allowed to wear a 1-piece Leotard, a 1-piece Leotard with any kind of skirt or a 1-piece Leotard with any kind of Trouser/ Pants Unitard.
10. Athletes must attend all squad-training events organised by the SFBT.

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11. Batons – The Shaft of the Baton may be any colour within a Pair, Team & Group with all the members using the same colour. Tape can be of multiple colours on the Shaft however all Pair, Team & Group members must use the same design and colour.
12. Competition music must be in Compact Disc format and must be clearly labelled with the Athletes, Team or Groups name, age division and time on it. Only 1 track to be recorded on each CD. A second copy should be available.
13. All Athletes who wish to represent Scotland at an international event must hold a current British Passport.
14. To establish the qualifying Athletes and Pairs representing Scotland the total marks received by all Judges will be used to collate the results of all of the selection heats.
15. Athletes who are members of the national composite team and group must attend all training sessions and competitions outlined by the National Team Coach – schedules have been provided for all athletes.
16. During the 2009 European Championships all squad members will follow the training schedule as developed by the National Team Coach.
17. No refunds of Entry Fees will be given. **£50 deposit is payable on the day of the first selection**. Failure to qualify will result in Athletes being refunded all deposits, unless these have been paid to travel companies and are out with the control of the SFBT.
21. Entry Fees for the selection heats are as follows:

Individual Freestyle	£60
Freestyle Pairs	£60 (£30 per athlete)
Team	£70
Group	£80
22. All payments should be made by Cheque or Postal Order with no cash being accepted. All cheques should be made payable to the Scottish Federation of Baton Twirling. Please do not abbreviate to SFBT Any bank charges incurred will be payable by the individual responsible. All entries including money should be sent to Ann Robertson by the closing date.

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23. All rules are effective August 2005.
Team / Group Timing rules effective January 2009
24. The Scottish Federation of Baton Twirling Executive Board's decision is final.

Dear Athlete / Coach

Please photo copy entry forms as needed.

A separate entry form should be used for each athlete, including all team/group members and reserve team/group members.

Yours truly

Ann Robertson
Squad Manager Scottish Federation of Baton Twirling