



# WORLD BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION

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## Sport Baton Twirling at its Best The World Baton Twirling Championships The International Cup Competition

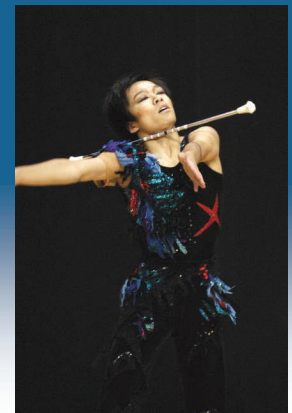
The excitement and drama of international athletic competition. Dedicated athletes pursuing their personal best, realizing life-long dreams. The 'thrill of victory,' and sometimes, the 'agony of defeat.'

Welcome to the World Baton Twirling Championships and the International Cup Competition  
**The World Baton Twirling Championships**

The World Baton Twirling Championships are the premiere event in this unique international sport; the twirling equivalent of the Olympic Games.

The World Baton Twirling Championships bring together the world's best sport baton twirlers; elite athletes who compete in an environment of healthy competition, good sportsmanship and international cooperation. These athletes vie for Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in individual, pairs and team events. They are the best of the best; the epitome of baton twirling excellence.

The World Baton Twirling Championships were established by the World Baton Twirling Federation (WBTF) in 1980 to provide Olympic caliber competition. The World Championships are hosted by a WBTF member country in late July or early August of even-numbered years.



### The WBTF International Cup Competition

The prestigious International Cup Competition gives elite and pre-elite athletes the opportunity to represent their countries, compete on an international level, and experience both the pressures and the benefits of international travel and competition.

International Cup competitors must qualify at their countries' National Championships a full year before each International Cup Competition is held. The commitment is lengthy, the demands are great, but the rewards are greater still.

International Cup athletes have the opportunity to win international titles in individual events including Solo, 2-Baton and 3-Baton, Dance Twirl and group events including Dance Twirl Pairs, Teams and Groups.

The International Cup Competition offers three levels of competition, giving elite and pre-elite athletes the opportunity to compete with similarly-skilled athletes.

The International Cup Competition was established by the WBTF in 2005 to provide more opportunity for international competition, to build twirling in developing countries, and to move twirling toward acceptance as an Olympic sport. It is hosted by WBTF member countries in late July or early August of odd-numbered years.

