

WBTF FREESTYLE SOLO EDUCATION PROGRAM COURSE, SEMINARS, AND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION & PROCESS

The WBTF is pleased to offer a series of seminars and an educational course designed to educate Coaches and Judges on the new Freestyle Solo program and corresponding judging system that will be implemented in full at the 2026 World Freestyle & Rhythmic Twirl Championship.

This program has been in development for over ten years. It has been designed to educate both coaches and judges on the new Freestyle Judging system and to certify Master Judges in each section of the New Freestyle Solo Judging system.

Why would you participate in this program as a coach?

The answer is simple: It is a progression guideline to correctly teaching all disciplines and it will specifically give you all the tools to teach the Freestyle Solo Discipline.

This is the process:

THE MODULE 5 FREESTYLE SOLO EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Freestyle Solo Program consists of 3 parts:

1. An online, self-paced **EDUCATION** course with Freestyle Judging System manual in Moodle (WBTF's education platform)
2. A series of training seminars held via Zoom
(Coaching and Judging certification requirement)
3. Certification exams in Moodle
(Coaching and Judging certification requirement)

A variety of learning paths are available for everyone.

WBTF has adapted an online learning format for all education, seminars, and exams, and is continuing to develop programs so that learning is more robust and accessible to our global baton twirling community. The costs associated with the Educational Program outlined in the Learning Paths below are to cover the fees incurred to host courses on Moodle, host Zoom seminars, and maintain the additional technologies required to support these programs.

The beauty of the Moodle Education System platform:

- Courses that you register for in Moodle are always available to you online.
- Moodle has an App available so your course material is available to take with you in your phone or tablet for coaching or judging purposes.

Now for more information on this important new program Please read on:

THE LEARNING PATHS

There are several learning options for the Freestyle Solo program.

They include courses for:

- Education Use only (for anyone who just wants to learn about the system)
- [Coaches that wish to be part of the listing on the website as having completed the FS Coaches Education Course by passing the exam.](#)
- Coaches and/or Judges that wish to certify as a Technical Specialist.
- Master Judges and Judges that wish to certify as [Technical Specialist](#), Execution and Components judges.

The learning paths are outlined below. Detailed information about the contents of each program/seminar, how to register, and payment is included at the end of this document.

Here are the details of each option of Learning Path Bundles to learn more about what is included.

Learning Path Bundle 1	Courses/Seminars/Certifications	Breakout Cost	Total Cost
Education Only	· Enroll in the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program via Moodle (\$100 USD, manual included)	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00

Learning Path 1 which includes the Freestyle Solo Education Program Manual and seven (7) sections of self-paced online courses with a review at the conclusion of each:

1. Section 1: THE FREESTYLE SOLO EDUCATIONAL AND JUDGING SYSTEM PROGRAM MANUAL
2. Section 2: BODY MOVEMENTS
3. Section 3: RELEASES AND CATCHES
4. Section 4: ROLLS
5. Section 5: COMPONENTS
6. Section 6: DEGREE OF EXECUTION
7. Section 7: HOW TO FILL THE FICHE

Learning Path Bundle 1 is for **anyone** who wishes to learn more information about the system.

Learning Path Bundle 2	Courses/Seminars/Certifications	Breakout Cost	Total Cost
Freestyle Coach	· Enroll in the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program via Moodle (\$100 USD, manual included)	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
	· Register for the Informational Seminar on the Freestyle Solo Event held via Zoom on October 28, 2023 (FREE)	n/c	
	· Register for a series of seminars discussing Compiling the FICHE, Execution of Elements, and Components of the Freestyle Solo (\$25 USD)	\$ 25.00	
	· Required: Complete the Coaches FS Solo Exam at the conclusion of all seminars (\$25 USD)	\$ 25.00	

Learning Path Bundle 3	Courses/Seminars/Certifications	Breakout Cost	Total Cost
Technical Specialist Certification (For Coaches or or Non-Master Judges who want to become a TS only)	· Required: Enroll in the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program via Moodle (\$100 USD, manual included)	\$ 100.00	\$ 150.00
	· Required: Register for the Informational Seminar on the Freestyle Solo Event held via Zoom on October 28, 2023 (FREE)	n/c	
	· Required: Register and attend a series of seminars discussing Compiling the FICHE, Execution of Elements (\$25 USD)	\$ 25.00	
	· Required: Complete the Technical Specialist Certification Exam at the conclusion of all seminars (\$25 USD)	\$ 25.00	

WHAT IS A “TECHNICAL SPECIALIST” ???

An individual (Coach or Judge) who identifies elements and checks to see if the elements listed on the fiche match what the athlete executed. This person(s) will be responsible for confirming the base value of the movements performed and adjusting if different from the submitted fiche.

ARE THEY PART OF THE ACTUAL JUDGING PANEL FOR COMPETITION???

Yes! There will be two Technical Specialists per panel.

Now on to what is required for Judges

Learning Path Bundle 4	Courses/Seminars/Certifications	Breakout Cost	Total Cost
Master Judge with Complete Freestyle Solo Certification including Technical Specialist Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Enroll in the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program via Moodle (\$100 USD, manual included) 	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Register for the Informational Seminar on the Freestyle Solo Event held via Zoom on October 28, 2023 (FREE) 	n/c	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Register and attend a series of seminars discussing Compiling the FICHE, Execution of Elements, and Components of the Freestyle Solo (\$25 USD) 	\$ 25.00	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Register and attend 3 Practice Exam seminars (\$75 USD) 	\$ 75.00	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Complete the Technical Specialist Certification Exam at the conclusion of all seminars (\$25 USD) 	n/c	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required: Complete the Master Judges Freestyle Solo Exam (\$25 USD) 	n/c		

ONLINE TRAINING SEMINARS

- All seminars are open to Coaches and Judges.
- The seminars are mandatory for Coaches [that wish to be part of the listing on the website as having completed the FS Coaches Education Course by passing the exam.](#)
- The seminars are mandatory for Coaches or Judges wishing to test for the Technical Specialist certification.
- All seminars are mandatory for Master Judges to be eligible to test for the Freestyle Solo certification.

Current Master Judges who would like to certify as a Freestyle Solo Judge are required to complete all exams but are not required to meet the minimum passing score of 70%. (Please note: WBTF's Moodle platform requires a completed exam to maintain progression of educational segments, to denote successful course completion, and to confirm attendance).

WHAT IS THE PROCESS TO BECOME A NEW MASTER JUDGE?

Anyone new wishing to certify as a Master Judge must complete all required judges courses starting with:

- Module 1 (Technical Foundation Certification Training Course)
- Module 2 (Basic skills, Standard Solo and B level disciplines)
- Module 3 (A Level disciplines, currently under development)
- Module 4 (Elite/World level disciplines, currently under development)
- Module 5 (Master Level Judge Certification course <and this newly developed Freestyle Solo Education Program course is one part of it>)

WHEN DO THE ONLINE TRAINING SEMINARS FOR THE FREESTYLE SOLO EDUCATION PROGRAM BEGIN???

BEGINS SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2023 WITH AN INFORMATIONAL SEMINAR

- A Question and Answer session open to Coaches and Judges to learn more about the Freestyle Solo Education Program
- Questions should be submitted to Paola De Marchi at paola.demarchi11@gmail.com by October 20, 2023
- THIS IS FREE to all Coaches and Judges to attend, but you must register via Zoom.

TRAINING SEMINAR DATES AND TIMES

The dates listed below show the date and time for each online seminar. Please note which seminar dates correspond to your learning path.

Registration for seminars is via Zoom or JotForm, and all seminars are held via Zoom. You MUST register in Zoom after completing the Jotform.

DATE & TIMES FOR OCTOBER 28 INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Location	Local Time
Pacific PDT	Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 1:00:00 pm
Mountain PDT	Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 2:00:00 pm
Central CDT	Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 3:00:00 pm
Eastern EDT	Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 4:00:00 pm
Ireland/UK BST	Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 9:00:00 pm
Europe CEST	Saturday, October 28, 2023 at 10:00:00 pm
Japan JST	Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 5:00:00 am
Australia NSW AEDT	Sunday, October 29, 2023 at 7:00:00 am

DATE & TIMES FOR ALL ONLINE TRAINING SEMINARS

Location	Local Time
Pacific PST	Saturday, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 at 1:00:00 pm
Mountain PST	Saturday, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 at 2:00:00 pm
Central CST	Saturday, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 at 3:00:00 pm
Eastern EST	Saturday, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 at 4:00:00 pm
Ireland/UK GMT	Saturday, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 at 9:00:00 pm
Europe CET	Saturday, Nov. 11, Dec. 9, Jan. 13 at 10:00:00 pm
Japan JST	Sunday, Nov.12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 at 6:00:00 am
Australia NSW AEDT	Sunday, Nov.12, Dec. 10, Jan. 14 at 8:00:00 am

About Training Seminar 1: Compiling the Freestyle Solo FICHE

November 11, 2023 - Presented By: Concetta Murgia, Italy

- Topic: Compiling the FICHE correctly
- Open to Coaches and Judges
- Mandatory For:
 - [Coaches that wish to be part of the listing on the website as having completed the FS Coaches Education Course by passing the exam.](#)
 - Coaches or Judges wishing to certify as a Technical Specialist
 - Master Judges wishing to be eligible to judge the Freestyle Solo competition

About Training Seminar 2: Execution of the Elements in a Freestyle Solo Program

December 9, 2023 - Presented By: Massimo Ostini, Switzerland & Xavier Papin, France

- Topics:
 - Errors & Examples
 - Applying Penalties
- Open to Coaches and Judges
- Mandatory For:
 - [Coaches that wish to be part of the listing on the website as having completed the FS Coaches Education Course by passing the exam.](#)
 - Coaches or Judges wishing to certify as a Technical Specialist
 - Master Judges wishing to be eligible to judge the Freestyle Solo competition

About Training Seminar 3: Components of the Freestyle Solo Program

January 13, 2024 - Presented By: Dale White, USA & Jackie Stewart, USA

- Topic: Evaluation & Examples
- Open to Coaches and Judges
- Mandatory For:
 - [Coaches that wish to be part of the listing on the website as having completed the FS Coaches Education Course by passing the exam.](#)
 - Master Judges wishing to be eligible to judge the Freestyle Solo competition

WHAT HAPPENS IF I CANNOT ATTEND ALL OF THE TRAINING SEMINARS?

Training Seminar 1, 2, and 3 will be available as a recording on Moodle to register for and take as a course starting in early February. If you want to meet the requirements to certify, you must register to take them if you miss the Live On-Line Seminars. That information will be available at a later date.

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

If you already have a Moodle account, all registrations for the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Course and manual are in Moodle, which can be accessed at www.education.wbtf.org

If you do not have a Moodle account, please email Rachel Johnson, Moodle Technician, at education@wbtf.org with your first and last name, country, and email address so that an account can be created for you. You will be provided with your login credentials.

All registrations for the Online Seminars can be found for the Zoom or JotForm Links listed here:

1. Registration and Payment for the **Learning Path 1** Module 5 Freestyle Solo Education Program Manual (which includes seven (7) sections of self-paced online courses with a review test to complete at the conclusion of each):

- <https://education.wbtf.org>

2. **Informational Seminar on the Freestyle Solo (October 28)**

Register to attend the Informational Seminar here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodeCprz8iHNQXlp-O6DYJRCYA0fyBwJs6>

3. Registration and Payment for the Online Training Seminar Series:

Register and pay for all 3 seminars using this Jotform link:

<https://form.jotform.com/232505195365154>

Upon submission of the Jotform, you will receive an email with a PDF attached that includes all Zoom registration links for the seminars.

- a. **Training Seminar 1: Compilation of the FICHE (November 11)**

- b. **Training Seminar 2: Execution (December 9)**

- c. **Training Seminar 3: Components (January 13)**

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

THE MODULE 5: FREESTYLE SOLO EDUCATION PROGRAM COURSE WILL LAUNCH IN MOODLE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

PRACTICE JUDGING AND EXAMS

- All Judges Training Seminars are open to Coaches and Judges.
- Coaches or Judges wishing to certify as a Technical Specialist
- Master Judges wishing to be eligible to judge the Freestyle Solo competition
- [Coaches that wish to be part of the listing on the website as having completed the FS Coaches Education Course must pass the FS Coach exam.](#)
- All exams are mandatory for judges to be eligible to test for the Freestyle Solo certification.
- All exams are mandatory for coaches who wish to test as a Technical Specialist.
- All performance examples will be sent to participants 1 month prior to the test date.
- The exam requires judging of 6 athletes. New judges must have a passing score of 70% or above in order to PASS.
- [There also be a theoretical exam. It will be an “open book” exam and it will be available on Moodle after Training Seminar 3. This exam will be different for Technical Specialists and Master Judges.](#)

PRACTICING JUDGING SEMINAR DATES (online)

- February 24, 2024 (mandatory for judges and technical specialists)
- April 13, 2024 (mandatory for judges and technical specialists)
- July 20, 2024 (optional)

TESTING EXAM (ONLINE)

- October 19, 2024

Note: Practice Exam Seminar registration will be available at a later date.

If you have registered for the online series of seminars that requires payment, JotForm will send you a confirmation email that includes links to register for the Zoom meetings.

You **MUST** register for all Training Seminars and Practical Exams via the Zoom meetings after completing the JotForm!

All payments are made through secure gateways on Moodle and JotForm. You may elect to pay with your PayPal account or by debit/credit card.

QUESTIONS???

For Technical or Freestyle Solo Questions

- Email Paola De Marchi, Technical Director at paola.demarchi11@gmail.com

For Moodle or Zoom Registration Questions

- Email Rachel Johnson, Moodle Technician at education@wbtf.org

To access Moodle if you already have an account

- Go to www.education.wbtf.org

Any technology questions related to Moodle, enrollment, or seminar enrollment, can be directed to Rachel Johnson at education@wbtf.org. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.