

## WBTF Master Judges' Education & Seminar Credit Policies

*Passed by the Executive Technical Committee, Judges Committee and WBTF Board (January 2024)*

**Purpose:** To propose and identify WBTF course requirements and seminar credit awards to WBTF Master Judges, based on the evolving landscape of the WBTF educational offerings online and in-person

**Context:** The WBTF has been growing its educational presence in the TwirLED Education Portal to include more than the traditional Master Judges' workshop/seminar offering. It anticipates additional offerings for a robust, online learning system to develop professionals in the global baton twirling community. The newly added educational offerings have been made requirements for current Master Judges and must be completed by 2025. The following document outlines the existing and upcoming courses, as well as proposes how to handle seminar credits for continuing education, seminar attendance, and judging, from now until 2025, and 2025 and beyond.

### Outline of Course Offerings in the TwirLED Portal:

WBTF Judging Status	Course	Content	Structure	Grade Requirement	Notes
Prerequisite for Master Judge Exam	Module 1	Technical foundations, introduction to foundational baton twirling skills, Standard Solo, body and Movement Technique	Online, self-paced	Passing Grade = 70% or above	All Master Judges required to complete by December 31, 2025
Prerequisite for Master Judge Exam	Module 2	Technical foundations, B Level Events	Online, self-paced	Passing Grade = 70% or above	All Master Judges required to complete by December 31, 2025
Prerequisite for Master Judge Exam	Module 3	A Level Events	Online, self-paced	Passing Grade = 70% or above	Future Offering
Prerequisite for Master Judge Exam	Module 4	Elite Level Events	Online, self-paced	Passing Grade = 70% or above	Future Offering
WBTF Master Judge Exam Series	Module 5	Freestyle Solo Education Program	Online, virtual seminars	Passing Grade = 70% or above on each Module	
	Module 6 (TBD)	Pair Education Program?	TBD		
	Module 7 (TBD)	Team Education Program?	TBD	Clinician Status = 80% or above on each Module	

Note on the Master Judges' Exam Series: As of January 1, 2025, the Short Program Portion of the Master Judges' Exam will be eliminated. The remaining components of the Master Judges' Exam Series will be Freestyle Solo, Freestyle Pairs, and Freestyle Team.

**Master Judge with Clinician Status:** A Master Judge is also designated a Clinician when they earn a passing score of 80% or above on each section of the Master Judge’s exam. They may also become a Clinician via the application process with approval from the reviewing committee members. Master Judges with Clinician status are subject to the same seminar credit requirements as Master Judges.

[Link to the Clinician Application Form](#)

**Now-2025 Seminar Credit Awards:**

Course	Content	Seminar Credit Award	Notes
Module 1	Technical foundations, introduction to baton twirling skills, Standard Solo, body and movement technique	1 year	Master Judges required to complete by December 31, 2025
Module 2	Technical foundations, B Level events	1 year	Master Judges required to complete by December 31, 2025
Module 3	A Level Events	1 year	Future Offering
Module 4	Elite Level Events	1 year	Future Offering
Module 5	Freestyle Solo Education Program	1 year	
Module 6 (TBD)	Pair Education Program	TBD	TBD
Module 7 (TBD)	Team Education Program	TBD	TBD

**Post-2025 Seminar Credit Awards:**

- No seminar credit is awarded for completion of Modules 1-4 in the TwirLED Education Portal. These are pre-requisites for the Master Judges’ Exam.
- Initial passing of the Master Judges’ Exam Series earns 4 years of active status as a Master Judge.
- All Seminar Credit earned will be in the amount of 1 year.
- All current Master Judges are required to take a Seminar Credit offering every 2 years.
- The maximum amount of Seminar Credit a Master Judge may accrue at one time is 4 years.

Example: An individual sits for the Master Judges’ Exam and passes all portions with a score of 70% or higher, successfully certifying as a WBTF Master Judge. Initially, they are awarded active status as a Master Judge for 4 years, from 2023 until 2027. The first year they are eligible to begin accruing Seminar Credit is in 2024, when 3 years of their active status remains.

- A Seminar Credit course will be posted to the TwirLED Education Portal annually and 1 year of Seminar Credit will be awarded upon completion of the course. No minimum grade is required; only completion is required.
- Should a Master Judge near expiration choose to sit for the Master Judges’ Exam Series and pass each section with a score of 70% or better, they will earn 3 years of Seminar Credit.
- If new educational requirements are added to the TwirLED Portal, all active Master Judges have 1 year after the course opens to complete the course with a passing grade of 70% or better.

- 1 year of Seminar Credit is awarded for Judges who completed all required focus meetings and judging assignments for WBTF/IBTF-hosted competitions. This is limited to the European Championships, Nations Cup, World Championships, and World Freestyle Championships.
- No Seminar Credit is awarded for the following events: non-WBTF/IBTF-sponsored competitions, a Federation's National Championships, a Federation's selection process or qualifier for the World Championships.
- Judges are only eligible to earn seminar credit if they are in good standing and/or their Country/National Federation is in good standing with the WBTF.
- Seminar Credit awards are at the discretion of the WBTF Judges Chair and/or the Technical Chair.

**Records Management/Posting of Qualified Master Judges:**

- A posting of all Master Judges, including expiration dates and their status should be maintained annually and posted to the WBTF website, readily available to our global twirling community. The posted file will include name, expiration date and status (Active/Inactive) only, in order to be in compliance with EU privacy regulations.
- A posting of all seminar credit award requirements should be posted to the WBTF website, circulated to all current Master Judges, and added to the WBTF Master Judges Manual (posted in the TwirLED Portal).