



IBTF EDUCATION PROGRAM COURSES, SEMINARS, AND CERTIFICATION INFORMATION & PROCESS

The IBTF offers a series of seminars and courses designed to educate Coaches and Judges at all levels by providing a progression learning path from the very basic start to the highest level of certification.

A variety of learning paths are available for everyone.

IBTF 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 the Moodle platform named **TwirLED**, host Zoom seminars, and to develop and maintain the additional technologies required to support these programs.

The beauty of the **TwirLED** Education System platform:

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

THE LEARNING PATHS: BEGIN AT MODULE 1

THE LEARNING PATHS MUST BE FOLLOWED IN SUCESSION FOR CERTIFICATION:

1. **Module 1** (Technical Foundation Certification Training Course)

The Module 1 course is available in two learning paths covering education in theory and technique for both coaches and judges. This is a self-paced course in **TwirLED**.

Course Cost: \$25.00 USD / **Manual Purchase required:** \$25.00 USD

2. **Module 2** (Basic skills, Standard Solo and B level technical disciplines)

The Module 2 course also covers two learning paths covering education for both coaches and judges. This is a self-paced course in **TwirLED**.

Course Cost: \$75.00 USD / **Manual purchase:** \$50.00 USD includes the IBTF Judges Manual for the Technical Events and the Education Framework Manual currently under development.

3. **Module 3** (A Level technical disciplines, currently under development and not required until completed)

4. **Module 4** (Elite/World level technical disciplines, currently under development and not required until completed)

5. **Module 5** (Module 5 Technical Specialist and Master Level Judge Certification course. This also covers training and certification for Freestyle Pair and Freestyle Team.

The Module 5 Freestyle Program consists of several sections:

THE MODULE 5 FREESTYLE SOLO EDUCATION PROGRAM

This section includes:

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

To be eligible for certification as a Module 5 Freestyle Technical Specialist or Master Level Judge, everyone must pass through the training levels presently developed (Module 1, Module 2)

The Module 5 Freestyle Solo Education program and corresponding judging system will be implemented in full at the 2026 World Freestyle & Rhythmic Twirl Championship.

This particular program has been in development for over ten years. The Freestyle Solo education and judging system. It is also designed to educate both coaches and judges on the new Freestyle Judging system and to certify Technical Specialists and 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 teach all disciplines and it will specifically give you all the tools to teach the Freestyle Solo Discipline.

Completion of **Module 5** Freestyle Solo education course has several sections, in self-service mode on **TwirLED**, prior to an online Workshop:

- a. Online Presentation dedicated to the Freestyle Concept
- b. Online Training Seminars Introduction to the Freestyle Solo New Judging systems (videos and presentations on charts, how to fill in the fiche, execution and components)
- c. Self-Study the New Judging Freestyle Manual
- d. Online Training seminar 1 - Compiling the Fiche
- e. Online Training Seminar 2 - Execution
- f. Online Training Seminar 3 - Components
- g. Online Training Seminar 4 - Freestyle Pair and Freestyle Team
- h. **Module 5 Virtual Workshop Online Testing**
 - I. If registering to test for Technical Specialist Certification or Master Judge Certification: completing any assigned pre-work before the online Workshop
 - II. Attend the Module 5 Online workshop for Freestyle Solo on September 19-20, 2025
 - III. Complete the Exam for the Freestyle Solo (open for 1 week after the online workshop)

THERE ARE SEVERAL LEARNING OPTIONS FOR THE MODULE 5 FREESTYLE PROGRAM:

They include courses for:

- Education Use only (for anyone who just wants to learn about the system)
- 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 Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program via TwirLED . The Freestyle Manual is included.	\$ 100.00 USD	\$ 100.00 USD

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 fully learn and study the information about the system.

NOTE:

The Freestyle Education Manual (only) may be purchased separately on TwirLED for \$50.00 USD

NOTE:

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

Learning Path Bundle 2	Courses/Seminars/Certifications	Breakout Cost	Total Cost
Technical Specialist Certification (For Coaches 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)	\$ 125.00 USD	\$ 150.00 USD TOTAL
	Required: Complete the Practice Judging Exam Workshop after completing all the Module 5 requirements.		
	Required: Complete the Technical Specialist Certification Exam at the conclusion of all requirements (\$25 USD)	\$25.00 USD	

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 3	Courses/Seminars/Certifications	Breakout Cost	Total Cost
Master Judge with Complete Freestyle Solo Certification including Technical Specialist Certification	Required: Enroll in the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Program via Moodle (\$100 USD, manual included). Payment at the time of enrollment in the course.	\$150.00 USD	\$175.00 USD TOTAL
	Required: Complete the Master Judge Practice Judging Exam Workshop after completing all the Module 5 requirements		
	Required: Complete the Master Judges Freestyle Solo Exam (\$25 USD) Is this what follows one week after the above to test online?	\$25.00 USD	

NOTE: The Freestyle Education Manual may be purchased separately on TwirIED for \$50.00 USD

THE ONLINE PRACTICE JUDGING SESSIONS FOR TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS AND MASTER JUDGES CERTIFICATION BE HELD FOR THE MODULE 5 COURSE

PRACTICE JUDGING TRAINING (online) FOR FREESTYLE SOLO DATES AND TIMES

The dates listed below show the date and time for the online workshop. Please note you must be present both days.

You **MUST** have a zoom account and register in Zoom

DATE & TIMES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 19 TRAINING SESSION (SEPTEMBER 20 for Japan and Australia)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/ech89wRxSRq6JecK8KYkBA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Meeting ID: 669 313 4165**

Location	Local Time
Pacific PDT	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 1:00:00 pm
Mountain PDT	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 2:00:00 pm
Central CDT	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 3:00:00 pm
Eastern EDT	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 4:00:00 pm
Ireland/UK BST	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 9:00:00 pm
Europe CEST	Friday, September 19, 2025 at 10:00:00 pm
Japan JST	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 5:00:00 am
Australia NSW AEDT	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 7:00:00 am

DATE & TIMES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 20 TRAINING SESSION (SEPTEMBER 21 for Japan and Australia)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/llFQNe8ER-e9BAgZ6bCoXA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Meeting ID: 669 313 4165**

Location	Local Time
Pacific PST	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 1:00:00 pm
Mountain PST	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 2:00:00 pm
Central CST	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 3:00:00 pm
Eastern EST	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 4:00:00 pm
Ireland/UK GMT	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 9:00:00 pm
Europe CET	Saturday, September 20, 2025 at 10:00:00 pm
Japan JST	Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 5:00:00 am
Australia NSW AEDT	Sunday, September 21, 2025 at 6:00:00 am

PRACTICE JUDGING TRAINING (online) FOR FREESTYLE PAIR & TEAM DATES AND TIMES

The dates listed below show the date and time for the online workshop. Please note you must be present both days.

You **MUST** have a zoom account and register in Zoom

DATE & TIMES FOR OCTOBER 17 TRAINING SESSION (OCTOBER 18 Japan and Australia)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/mEvyh03JTqqaA28h277tLg>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Meeting ID: 669 313 4165**

Location	Local Time
Pacific PDT	Friday, October 17, 2025 at 1:00:00 pm
Mountain PDT	Friday, October 17, 2025 at 2:00:00 pm
Central CDT	Friday, October 17, 2025 at 3:00:00 pm
Eastern EDT	Friday, October 17, 2025 at 4:00:00 pm
Ireland/UK BST	Friday, October 17, 2025 at 9:00:00 pm
Europe CEST	Friday, October 17 2025 at 10:00:00 pm
Japan JST	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 5:00:00 am
Australia NSW AEDT	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 7:00:00 am

DATE & TIMES FOR THE OCTOBER 18 TRAINING SESSION (OCTOBER 19 Japan and Australia)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/z-GpjsxjSmC30BmNtC5EaA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. **Meeting ID: 669 313 4165**

Location	Local Time
Pacific PST	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 1:00:00 pm
Mountain PST	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 2:00:00 pm
Central CST	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 3:00:00 pm
Eastern EST	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 4:00:00 pm
Ireland/UK GMT	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 9:00:00 pm
Europe CET	Saturday, October 18, 2025 at 10:00:00 pm
Japan JST	Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 5:00:00 am
Australia NSW AEDT	Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 6:00:00 am

REGISTRATION & PAYMENT

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

If you already have a **TwirLED** account, all registrations for the Module 5: Freestyle Solo Education Course and manual are in **TwirLED** , which can be accessed at <https://twirled.ibtf-batontwirling.org>

If you do not have a **TwirLED** account, please email **TwirLED** at education@ibtf-batontwirling.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.

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18th FOR THE PRACTICE JUDGING AND EXAMS

Technical Specialists and Master Judge applicants must attend the online Freestyle Solo workshop on **September 19 & 20, 2025** and **Master Judge applicants** must also attend the online Freestyle Pair & Team workshop on **October 17 & 18, 2025** to obtain certification.

- 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
- All exams are mandatory for judges to be eligible to test for the Freestyle Solo certification.
- All exams are mandatory for coaches or judges 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 5 athletes. New judges must have a passing score of 70% or above in order to PASS.
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RE-TESTING POLICY

An applicant will be allowed to re-test one section ONLY if they fail the exam. The score must be between 50-69.99% to be allowed to re-test that one section.

The re-test should be taken within **18 months** and may be done virtually if approved as an IBTF sanctioned Webinar. If the applicant fails the section he/she has re-tested for a second time then they must retake the whole exam.

If the applicant fails only one section but the score was less than 50-69.99% the applicant must retake the whole exam.

QUESTIONS???

For Technical or Freestyle Solo Questions:

Email Paola De Marchi, Technical Director
at technical-director@ibtf-batontwirling.org

For TwirLED or Zoom Registration Questions:

Email **TwirLED** at education@ibtf-batontwirling.org

To access **TwirLED** if you already have an account:

Go to <https://twirled.ibtf-batontwirling.org>

Any technology questions related to enrollment should be directed to education@ibtf-batontwirling.org. Please allow 24-48 hours for a response.