



ANNOUNCEMENT:

2021 looked optimistically hopeful to see a more normal time throughout the world.

WBTF planned to return to Italy for our 35th World Championship and 40th Anniversary celebration. Our baton twirling family has been looking forward to reuniting again on the world stage. We miss our friends and the excitement of watching and experiencing the fabulous head-to-head competition of our sport's best athletes.

Unfortunately, once again, due to COVID-19, our hopes and dreams must be put on hold. The WBTF Board of Directors met on January 30th and sadly, made the decision to postpone the Championship scheduled for August 2021 until a later time.

We know the hearts of our athletes, coaches, and leadership are broken. Before the official vote, three very thorough scientific and medical reports were presented to the board. Based on the data, the decision was overwhelmingly conclusive to postpone. Having to make the decision to delay again was extremely difficult, but ultimately the right call was made.

We understand the significant impact this decision has on our sport and athletes. We are firm in our moral and ethical obligation to keep everyone safe from harm to the extent within our control.

While we are still finding our way through these uncertain times, WBTF is committed to providing opportunities for athletes and professionals through virtual technology keeping our sport alive through this pandemic even when we are forced to remain apart. Thanks to the internet and the ways we can remain connected we will survive and look ahead to the bright future of our sport.!

The decision for the future date of the 35th World Championship and 40th Anniversary Celebration will be made sometime later, yet to be determined.

Stay well and stay positive!

Sandi Wiemers, President

WORLD BATON TWIRLING FEDERATION

On behalf of the WBTF Board of Directors