



UNITED STATES TWIRLING ASSOCIATION

JUDGING DOWN UNDER

The USTA is proud to announce the appointment of four Master judges who will serve on the panel of adjudicators this summer at the International Cup in Sydney, Australia. Applicants underwent an extensive series of graded assignments and were ranked based on the quality of their work. Sheri Carter (TX), Donna McAtee (OR), Krystal Mignone (CA), and Dale White (OH) will head 'down under' this August to serve on the panel of International judges.

The assignments were based on 'judging' performances selected from You Tube, submitting 'results,' and then sharing observations with fellow applicants. Education director, Jackie Stewart, feels that sharing observations is quite beneficial. "We all learn from each other so comparing notes gives us a broader viewpoint."

The International Cup competition is open to all member countries in the World Baton Twirling Federation. With an emphasis on multiple events and various age and levels of categories, the depth of this years' competition will most likely center around the participants from the USA, Canada, and Japan. This presents some unfamiliar challenges for US judges. Donna McAtee (OR) stated, "I am looking forward to judging all the various styles and approaches. Having judged the IC in St. Paul I am looking forward to being on the international panel once again."

The USTA is proud of its educational programs which serve our professional members. As a result of these programs, the USA enjoys world-wide respect for having the most qualified and well-educated professionals in the sport.

Best wishes to all for a successful and enjoyable trip to Australia for the 2009 International Cup Championships.