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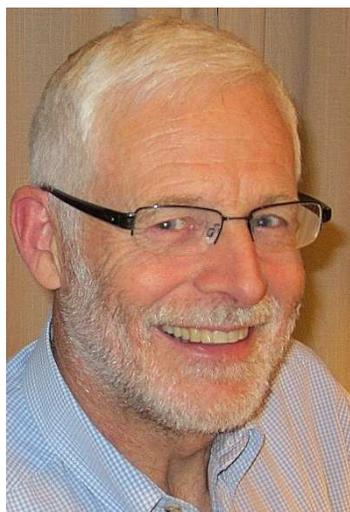
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Local BCSSA ODC News

Kok appointed as International Speed Skating Referee



The International Skating Union (ISU) has appointed Wim Kok, member of the Fort St. John Elks Speed Skating Club as Level 4 Referee for Long Track Speed Skating. At the same time his name has also been added to the list of international referees. Canada now has six names on the list for long track. According to Ted Houghton, Executive Director of the BC Speed Skating Association (BCSSA), Wim is the first Level 4 Referee in the association's long history.

Wim was born in the Netherlands where he developed his passion for speed skating. After immigrating to Canada in 1973 and moving to Fort St John in 1979, Wim joined the Fort St. John Elks Speed skating club in 1984. From competitive skating at the master's level, he then got involved with coaching at the club level and later on officiating. Since the 1990's he has officiated at local, provincial, national and international events Canada. Wim credits the provincial and national speed skating organizations for their progressive and thorough officials' development program as well as the many outstanding officials and volunteers who have contributed to this achievement.

BCSSA ODC Officials Upgrades for 2010-2011 Season:

SSC Level 3 Officials

Donna Bilous	Matsqui	Referee3b
Rick Clements	POCO	Track Steward
Chris Roberts	Matsqui	Track Steward
Trevor Rasmussen	Vernon	Track Steward

Provincial Level 2 Officials

Cheryl Rosborough	Kelowna	Heat Box Steward
Jari Sokkanen	Burnaby	Referee
Conny Forbes	Kamloops RR	Place Judge
Starla Stewart	POCO	Heat Box Steward
Jennifer Rankin	PG	Starter
Mary Hickman	PG	Timer
Katherine White	PG	Recorder
Jessica Leach	Ft St James	Lap Counter

New Level 1 Officials

Barb Vogl	Burnaby	Recorder
Dena Knowles	Ft St John	Timer
Thomas McLennan	Maple Ridge	Track Steward
Allison McKay	Maple Ridge	Timer
Michelle McKay	Maple Ridge	Place Judge and Heat Box Steward
William McLennan	Maple Ridge	Track Steward
Steven Timotius	Maple Ridge	Track Steward
Ian Cross	Maple Ridge	Track Steward
Justin Cross	Maple Ridge	Track Steward
Ian Purvis	Kelowna	Track Steward
Matthew Sauer	Kelowna	Track Steward
Jordan Rosborough	Kelowna	Track Steward
Chris Acton	Kelowna	Referee
Dave Walsh	Kelowna	Track Steward
Dave Wilson	Matsqui	Heat Box steward
Zachary Maclaren	Poco	Track Steward
Alison Banwell	Kelowna	Lap Recorder
Kari Purvis	Kelowna	Place Judge
Lesley Hemsall	PG	Recorder
Morgan Swan	PG	Place Judge
Adam Ingle	PG	Announcer
Carol Dennison	PG	Heat Box Steward
Bryant Dumontent	POCO	Referee
Carley Budac	PG	Track Steward

Congratulations to you ALL.

Report ISU Referee Clinic, Las Vegas by Jacques Grégoire

As we are not in a year of the ISU Congress, the competition rules cannot be changed. Therefore, at this meeting, we came back on the changes taking place last season. As expected, it took approximately one (1) year to adapt to this new regulation. The first observation done by the Technical Committee of the ISU is the number of overtakes during races has significantly increased and simultaneously the number of penalties during the World Cup went down. Therefore, the desired result was achieved.

There are still many skaters and coaches who have not adopted the changes yet, but in the next season, hopefully there will still likely have improvements in the behaviour of skaters and coaches tactical adjustments. These changes were dedicated to give a show and to keep the performance of skaters without penalties to athletes who were protecting their position.

We also discussed the presence of the video referee and have all agreed that the continued presence of a video referee was significant and that this addition allowed us to make better decision when it's a close race.

Although there was no congress last summer, the Technical Committee of the ISU has implemented some changes to the competition format for the next World Cup. These changes are:

- A maximum of 40 skaters per gender at the draw
- The warm-up period is limited to 10 minutes per group with a maximum of two groups per gender
- No finals will be made during the draw, the skater who finished first in the semi-final will automatically go to the World Cup section
- Adding a final "C" in all distances of the World Cup, the final "C" will consist of skaters who have ended in
- Third (3rd) place in the quarterfinals.
- For on-ice officials, there will be only four disclosures to provide in the discussions following a race :

Location of the penalty

2. Penalized skater
3. The skater number involved in by giving the numbers one at a time
4. Advancement if required and the type of penalty

These changes were made to hopefully reduce the length of the day and make like easier for officials at the World Cup and allow a better concentration of officials in these competitions.

During the course, there have been several discussions on these regulations and format change in order to reach an agreement to make the best application possible. Finally, the group had to watch and comment on several races so we all get some consistency in the decisions during competitions.

Jacques Grégoire ISU Referee

SSC ODC Officials Upgrading Requirements – Minimum standards by Ted Houghton

SSC ODC engaged in an extensive review of the existing minimum requirements for upgrading at our recent fall meeting. It was felt our World recognized program that has been borrowed/copied / amended by various countries, needed to recognize the ability of our developing officials and allow ODC to create opportunities for such officials rather than impose barriers to their advancement.

We needed to encourage rather than discourage these valuable volunteers to our sport while retaining the integrity of the program...to “produce” the World’s best officials and allow them to be the best they can be!

The reviews looked at all levels and all officiating positions and how to better define the minimum requirements.

In summary, for all Level 1 and Level 2 officials the requirements remain unchanged. The officials within these categories are the responsibility of the branches.

For all Level 3’s the Practical (event types) requirements have been clarified and the Performance (reporting) requirements better defined. Additionally, on- links have been provided for Branch recommendations for upgrading and evaluations by senior officials.

For Level 3B and above, the Practical requirements for Referees and Starters have been changed. Consistent with the language of the ISU, the former Level 4’s will now be known as ISU International Referee/Starter/Competitors Steward and the former Level 5’s will now be known as ISU Referee/Starter/Competitors Steward.

We have also changed the notes that appear on the bottom of each page of the Minimum Requirement charts. These notes form an integral part of the document.

ODC is encouraged by the changes that we believe will continue to allow SSC to have the World’s best officials both at the domestic and International levels. Note: The document, at the time of writing this article, is in the hands of the Board of SSC for their approval. Once this approval has been received, the revised document will be accessible through the SSC website.

SSC ODC Committee

Thank you to all
BCSSA ODC Committee Members