

2019 -2020 BCSSA ODC Report to BCSSA AGM

Introduction:

On behalf of ODC it is my pleasure to submit the 2019-20 Report to the BCSSA AGM. This report (1) identifies the committee members; (2) outlines the responsibility of the committee; (3) reviews the main achievements of the past year; and (4) identifies goals for 2020-21.

- **2019-20 Committee Membership**

The Committee consisted of Members Andre Reith, Tina Peters, Vice-Chair Bill Kempers and Chair, Wim Kok. The Committee has also been ably assisted by Ted Houghton, Ex Officio member as well as Stuart Gibbs. Assistance from Staff and Board is recognized. Thank you.

- **BCSSA ODC Responsibilities**

In broad terms, ODC is responsible for the training, development and mentoring of officials. More specifically, this is done through planning, identifying needs, organizing, hosting and supporting clinics throughout BC, assigning specific officials to competitions, accrediting and upgrading officials to just name a few.

- **2019-20 Achievements**

The list of achievements for this past year includes the following

I. Officials Development:

We held **18 clinics** in total (142 participants). There were **6 Level 1 Intro Clinics** (102 participants) in 5 locations and **12 Level 2 clinics** (40 participants) in 4 disciplines and 4 locations. These clinics involved 13 conductors. ODC also gratefully acknowledges that ViaSport (Northern Legacy Fund) provided funding toward expenses for three Clinics in Fort St John in the Fall of 2019. (see [Appendix 1](#))

II. Inter Branch Activity and SSC

We had officials from Yukon and Alberta involved in in BC competitions (Langley and Dawson Creek) at no expense to BC; one official from Alberta participated in a BC official's clinic. One BC official was mentored at the Olympic Oval. We also worked with the Yukon Branch to deliver clinics virtually. Technological challenges caused postponement. We also worked with AASSA-ODC to coordinate the Level 3 Referee Clinic in Calgary

ODC submitted two requests to the BCSSA Board for funding for

- (a) travel expenses for mentoring at National Competitions for 4 Level 2 Officials. ODC had been successful in its application for four (4) \$500.00 SSC bursaries; and
- (b) 4 officials to attend the Level 3 Referee Clinic in Calgary.

The Board approved both requests. Unfortunately, these events were cancelled due to COVID-19

II. Financial

Contrary to standard practice up to and including 2018/19, ODC no longer had a budget to work with in 2019-20 as all financial matters were centralized at the Staff level. Combined with the creation of a Technical Committee this created delays in decision-making and a substantially increase in ODC's workload.

III. Officials Assignments

The assignment of officials is always one of the biggest tasks at the beginning of the season. Attempting to meet the needs of clubs, competitions, and continued officials across appears to require short-term decision-making, yet every decision needs to be made with the big picture and the long term in mind. The 2019 constraints made this very challenging. Yet, we were able to assign chief officials to most competitions.

IV. Accreditation, Upgrading and other Matters

Accreditation at Level 1 and Upgrading to Level 2 is a Branch responsibility. Upgrading to Level 3 is SSC's responsibility. BCSSA ODC recommends, SSC decides.

This year ODC accredited 33 officials as Level 1 Officials, which included 16 young officials most of whom through the successful BCWG program at BCWG in Fort St. John. ([see Appendices 2 and 3](#)). Four officials were upgraded to Level 2. ([Appendix 4](#)). Congrats to all of you. This year there were no recommendations to SSC for Level 3 upgrades. This year's Ritha Johnson Official of the Year will be awarded to Kristina Kriek for her commitment and contributions to officiating. Well done.

While we had record numbers participating in clinics, this did not translate in an equivalent number of Level 1 accreditations. While the on-line application process is simple, too few make use of it, which means no accreditation. The criteria for Level 2 Upgrades are clearly laid out and must be met to be considered.

- **Goals for 2020-21 Skating Season**

For the upcoming season, the committee is planning the following activities:

I. Clinics

- enable clubs to host **Level 1 Clinics**: Intro Officiating/Speedskating.
- plan and execute **Level 2 Clinics**: Meet Coordinator, Recorder, Referee, and Starter Clinics where needed.
- Identify individuals for these level 2 clinics and encourage them to attend

II. Mentorship

- i. Mentor officials across BC, specifically but not limited to Recorders, Referees and Starters.
- ii. Provide opportunities for Recorders, Referees and Starters from other Branches to take advantage of officials' development opportunities in BC and vice-versa.

III. Competitions

- i. Support clubs to ensure that competition do happen by providing chief officials (Recorders, Referees and Starters)
- ii. Support all officials and volunteers, especially the junior ones, so they will continue to contribute to officials' development.

IV. Accreditation and Upgrading

- i. Work with clubs and officials to ensure accreditation of upgrading occurs in a timely manner
- ii. Work on Level 1 Accreditation and Level 2 Upgrades throughout the year
- iii. Review clinic delivery modes in a Covid-19 environment
- iv. Incorporate concerns raised in Meet Coordinator and Referee in clinic materials and other methods to improve official's development and professional development
- v. Review junior official's programs
- vi. Update lists of (a) clinic conductors and (b) accredited officials
- vii. Review and address administrative issues

V. Communication

- i. Circulate important information
- ii. Respond to queries and concerns raised to ODC g-mail account

In conclusion, the past year and half have very challenging for official's development and the committee. However recent Board decisions to restore budgets to committees and to eliminate the Technical Committee are welcome and positive developments for officials' development. Officials' development (can) never stop(s). It requires a long-term perspective and ongoing commitment. Finally, a word of appreciation for all officials and volunteers for your time commitment and contributions. Bill Kempers, whose term expires this year, will be moving to Yukon and doubling the number of international starters there. Bill was the longest serving member on the committee. Thank you, Bill for all the work you did. All the best.

On behalf of BCSSA ODC

E.W. (Wim) Kok

Chair

Bill Kempers, Tina Peters, Andrew Reith and Ted Houghton

Appendix 1: Summary BCSSA Officials Development Clinics 2019-20

2019/20	Location	Clinic	Level	Conductor	Members		
					Total	Female	Male
Jul 27	Kamloops	Timer (M)	2	Tara Mitchell	2	0	2
Jul 27-28		Recorder	2	Tina Peters	3	3	0
Aug 20	Fort St John (1)	Intro	1	E.W.(Wim) Kok	13	6	7
Aug 21	Summer Ice Camp	Timer (M)	2	Tara Mitchell	4	2	2
		Finish Line Judge	2	Kim Telizyn	2	1	1
Oct 6	Richmond	Intro	1	Stuart Gibbs	33	15	18
		Finish Line Judge	2	Cheryl Leonard	10	7	3
		Timer (M)	2	Trish Mackay	12	8	4
Oct 22/23	Fort St. John	Intro	1	E.W.(Wim) Kok	10	6	4
Nov 15	Prince George	Intro	1	Chris Acton	12	7	5
		Starter	2	Bill Kempers	1	1	1
		Finish Line Judge	2	Lynn Aucoin	1	1	0
		Timer (M)	2	Kathy Lewis	4	3	1
Dec 4	Kelowna	Intro	1	Chris Acton	7	4	3
	Richmond	Starter	2	Candace Clouthier	1	0	1
Jan 20/30	Kamloops	Intro	1	Karen Maclaren	1	1	0
Feb 20	Fort St. John BCWG	Intro	2	E.W.(Wim) Kok	23	11	12
		Starter	2	Candace Clouthier	3	1	2
Total					142	77	65

Appendix 2: Young Officials 2019-20

(Note: skaters with asterisk * will receive accreditation at age 16)

Last Name	First Name	Club	Accredited
Adams	Mackenzie	Kamloops	Lap Counter 1 Track Steward 1
Barnsdale	Asher	Mission	Timer 1
Bolland	Jared	Ridge Meadows	Track Steward 1
Coons	Scott	Burnaby	Track Steward 1
Havelka	Darwin	Langley	Finish Line Judge 1
Hallam	Bryn	Dawson Creek	Clerk 1
Houghton	Sean	Fort St James	Track Steward 1
<i>Lakusta</i>	Daniel	Richmond	Track Steward 1 *
<i>Lauren</i>	Leah	Williams Lake	Lap Counter 1 *
Lauren	Ty	Williams Lake	Track Steward 1
Matthews	Colin	Esquimalt	Track Steward 1
Mong	Adam	Vancouver	Track Steward 1

North	Hannah	Fort St. John	Clerk of the Course 1 Lap Counter 1 Starter 1 Timing (Electronic) 1e Track Steward 1
Seely	Madison	Vanderhoof	Timer 1
			Starter 1
Thomas	Cameron	Kamloops	Finish Line Judge 1
<i>Turner</i>	Leah	Kamloops	Lap Counter 1 * Track Steward 1 *

Appendix 3: Level1 Officials

(on-line requests; FSJ submission; out of town officials at FSJ competitions; young officials)

Last	First	Club	Approved
Ballen- Prieto	Angelica	Burnaby	Finish Line Judge 1
Anderson	Gwen	Dawson Creek	Clerk of the Course 1
Hallam	Bryn	Dawson Creek	Clerk 1
Alexander	Ginger	Fort St.John	Starter 1
Braun	Brooke	Fort St John	Announcer 1 Timer 1
Brown	Joshua	Fort St John	Track Steward 1
Chang	Lulu	Fort St.John	Finish Line Judge 1
Giesbrecht	Clinton	Fort St John	Timer 1
Giesbrecht	Keri	Fort St John	Finish Line Judge 1
Giesbrecht	Christy	Fort St John	Track Steward 1
			Referee 1
Guliov	Nicholas	Fort St John	Track Steward 1
Guliov	Darren	Fort St John	Referee 1
Hansen	Esbern	Fort S. John	Timer 1e
Hanson	Kieran	Fort St John	Track Steward 1
Hanson	Tony	Fort St John	Starter 1
North	Hannah	Fort St John	Clerk of the Course 1 Lap Counter 1 Starter 1 Timer 1e Track Steward 1
Telizyn	Josh	Fort St John	Announcer 1 Track Steward 1
Hill	Karen	Kamloops	Recorder 1

Thomas	Bob	Kamloops	Timer 1
Thomas	Cameron	Kamloops	Finish Line Judge 1
Earl	Meredith	Prince George	Recorder 1
Konwicki	Dave	Prince George	Timer 1e
Elliott	Beth	Vancouver	Timer 1
Sernosky	Ed	Vancouver	Track Steward 1
Bennett	Zachary	Vanderhoof	Announcer 1 Timer 1
Elwert	Trinda	Vanderhoof	Recorder 1
Seely	Jeremy	Vanderhoof	Referee 1
Seely	Madison	Vanderhoof	Timer 1 Starter 1
McDicken	Jason	Vernon	Timer 1
Lam	Hei Yu (Sue)	Richmond	Timer 1
Stewart	Nathalie	Richmond	Starter 1 Announcer 1 Finish Line Judge 1 Timer 1
Garrido	Nicole	Ind.	Meet Coordinator 1
Lauren	Ty	Williams Lake	Track Steward 1

Appendix 4: Approved Level 2 Officials

Last	First	Club	Approved
MacGregor	Leona	Fort St John	Finish Line Judge 2
North	Kate	Fort St John	Meet Coordinator 2
Salehi	Shadi	Fort St John	Finish Line Judge 2
Stewart	Scott	Richmond	Announcer 2