

To: SSNB Executive  
From: SSNB Officials Development Committee  
Subj: Year-end Report  
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The following year-end report of the Officials Development Committee is submitted for your consideration.

**Current Membership**

Chair- Bruce Gray  
Campbellton- Gabor Fusezi  
Caraquet- Chantal Hachey  
Codiac- Christine Lawson  
Fredericton- Grady Briggs  
Hampton- Charles MacNeil  
St. Croix- David Welch  
Saint John- Joe Oliver

**Numeric Summary of Officials**

The posted officials data base was long overdue for significant pruning which was done at the end of this season. Past lists were annually updated and trimmed but still reflected numerous inactive officials. The current revision is based on a full set of meet lists from all provincial and regional meets and input from clubs. Though imperfect, this is the most accurate representation of the status of NB's speed skating officials for the past 5 years.

The list shows 146 officials in total, 56 of which are accredited with SSC. Of the accredited officials, most (43, 77%) were active this last season. A summary of the data divided by club follows. Unfortunately, despite numerous regional and provincial Level 1 clinics offered the past few years, approximately 2/3 remain unaccredited. An additional ongoing concern is the typical retirement of officials following a CWG year.

NB Officials

<u>Club</u>	<u>On List</u>	<u>Accredited</u>	<u>Accredited + Active this past season</u>
CAR	1	1	0
CDC	16	3	3
FRED	54	25	20
HAMP	5	2	2
REST	4	1	0
SCX	22	7	5
STJ	44	17	13
Total	146	56	43

## **Budget**

The submitted ODC budget this past season was \$3,800. It was largely distributed, funding principally out-of-province officials and clinics. By far the largest costs were the two Canada Winter Games selection meets. Establishing the total NB cost for these two meets is outside of ODC's knowledge as several individuals and parties arranged and administered cross-budget allocations. NB and NS cooperated, equally cost sharing assigned official costs for the Long Track event.

This coming seasons requested budget is \$4,120 which is intended to be directed to similar development activities and includes: 1) \$2,340- total cost of sending two (2) officials- one to this seasons Symposium or AGM and one to a SSC Level 3 Clinic (NB's SSC's Atlantic Rep. Roger Cole, would attend at SSC expense. Anticipate clinic will be offered regionally so cost is likely to be far less); 2) \$1,200 for three-four (3-4) regional out-of-province/town officials assignments; 3) \$200- for instructor travel to Level 1 Officials Clinic run in conjunction with SSNB Summer Camp in Fredericton (confirmed); and \$350 for bilingual instructor travel and accommodation to Level 1 Officials Clinic in Campbellton (tentative, could also be tied to an officials meet assignment).

New Brunswick will need to plan officiating assignments carefully and fund regional mentorship as SSC currently is not funding their Mentorship program.

## **Officials Advancement/Submissions to SSC**

Officials advanced (Level 2's and 3 upgrades based largely on our SAO's recommendations) included:

Level 1- Robert Adams (Starter/Electronic Time), Matt Cole (Manual Time), Bruce Thorpe (Starter)

Level 2- Kevin Scott (Referee), Steve Smith (Electronic time), Rodrigue Hebert and Heather Richard (Manual Time), Sandra Thorpe and Tracy Hodgson (Line Judge), Hannah Herbert (Clerk), Robert Adams (Lap Counter) and Track Stewards- James Smith, Hillary Gamblin, Devin Patterson, Scott Facey, Cody MacKinnon and Caleb Cummings

Level 3- Dave Groom 3B (Referee), Styve Dumouchel (Electronic Timer) and Terry Gamblin (Lap Recorder).

SSC Level 3 upgrades submitted: Jeff Cross 3A (Referee), Rob Lunn 3 (Electronic Timer).

## **Activities**

- Observed more SAO formal evaluations and Meet Coordinators officials lists provide to ODC. This information is vital to ODC's development and advancement of officials.
- Improved the existing working relationship with the ODC Chairs in NS, PEI and Newfoundland.
- Aid NS ODC Chairs administratively with meeting submission SSC requirements for Level 3 upgrade.
  
- Updated and posted NB Officials List for Meet Coordinators use.
- Revised formatting of NB Officials List to coincide with and streamline submissions to SSC.
- Facilitated revisions of ODC Policy/procedure document, building consensus and submitting to Board for Approval. Obtained Board approval.
- With aid of Competitions Committee Chair, Nicky Scott, saw posted Meet Coordinator Bulletin published on SSNB website along with remainders to hosting club administrators. Although provided form was not used, officials lists were almost universally provided to ODC.
- Developed and submitted proposed budget- see above. Stayed within allocated budget for this season.
- Implemented revision of assignment funding model.
- Addressed requests and concerns from, and regarding SSNB officials.
- Coordinated identification and advancement of a number of individuals to level 1, 2.
- Successful in submission of application to SSC for upgrade of Nicky Scott to level 3.
- Successful in submission of Level 3 upgrade requests to SSC for Dave Groom, Terry Gamblin and Styve Dumouchel.
- Facilitated selection and funding of out-of-province assignment of officials to PEI meet.
- Coordinated with Newfoundland Organizing committee for future assignment of NB Officials to Special Olympics Nationals.
- Coordinated and funded SSNB's officials supplied to NB Special Olympics National selection meet in Woodstock.
- Facilitated, along with Roger Cole, mentoring assignment for Andy MaGee and Andre Arsenault for SSC Canada East, national level assignment.
- Distributed SSNB Officials pins with aid of Ray Harris, Joe Oliver, Christine Lawson.
- Distributed SSC year pins. These include a 15-year pin to Sue Cole (Manual timer).
- Successfully recruited as SSNB's Senior Accredited Official in the discipline of Announcing and Line Judge
- Provided SSNB Executive input on officials for provincial funding model.
- Facilitated and administered funding of instructors assignments to Level 1 Officials Clinic in Charlottetown PEI, Halifax NS and Dieppe and one level 2 Starters Clinic in Halifax NS
- Revised Level 1 Officials Clinic and Level 2 Starters manuals.
- Instructed level 1 officials clinics and Level 2 starters clinics in PEI, NS and NLF.
- Re-clarified Electronic timing funding/officials requirements for Codiac Meet Coordinator and SAO in Electronic Timing.
- Council regional officials regarding conflict.

### **Ongoing Activities**

- Turn over materials and operations of ODC, acting as resource upon requested.
- Coordinate and fund Level 1 Officials Clinic run in conjunction with Summer Camp.
- Coordinate and fund Level 1 Officials Clinic run in Campbellton.
- Facilitate development of coordinated provincial recruitment/retention of officials.
- Revise SSC official list and submit appropriate changes.
- Continue to distribute SSNB officials pins and SSC year pins as warranted.
- Continue to Distribute level 2 SSNB pin-on backing to all that wish to use this method of attachment.
- Instructed Level 1 officials and Level 2 starters clinics in NLF
- Cooperate with representatives of Special Olympics and provide suitable qualified officials to National meet.
- Facilitate officials attendance of Symposium/SSC AGM.
- Facilitate, coordinate and fund appropriate officials attendance from NB/NS for SSC level 3 clinics as offered.
- Hold ODC meeting immediately prior to SSNB AGM.
- Facilitate meeting outstanding requirements and submit upgrade for Andy MaGee and Andre Arsenault to 3B, Starter and Referee respectively; Trevor Cory and Christine Lawson to Level 3 Meet Coordinator.