

## SASKATCHEWAN OFFICIALS' COUNCIL

Again I tried, as Chair to meet and talk to as many officials in the province. I attended most of the meets and clinics in the province to accomplish this goal. It is important to stay connected with our hard working volunteer officials. One way is I hand out the Athletic Canada Service Pins along with a Thank you card to each official who reach the 5 year intervals.

One Hundred and forty-eight officials registered with Sask Athletics in 2019. This is a 15% increase over last year. There are 71 Level 1, 24 Level 2, 22 Level 3, 16 Level 4 and 15 Level 5. There was a 40% increase in the number of Level 4's so efforts to provide mentoring opportunities who want to upgrade is moving the numbers in a positive direction.

The indoor season scheduled 11 competitions. The outdoor season had seven competitions scheduled; including the WCSG in Swift Current in August. Seven Level 1 clinics were conducted in Regina, Saskatoon Moose Jaw and Prince Albert, welcoming 39 new Level 1 officials and 14 High School teachers trained. Three National Level clinics (Call Room, Throws & SA) were held in conjunction with the WCSG with 43 taking advantage of the educational opportunity.

In March, four officials successfully completed the Level 3 exam. Five successful upgrading applications were submitted to NOC: Ron Poetker Ump5, Tim Zeigler Ump4, Rhonda Tremblay TR4, Kyle Williams SA4 and Val Gordon SA4.

Congratulations the following officials on completion of their Level 3 upgrading –Walter Peters VJ3, Lenny Williams S3 and Alan Brown Technical Prov.

NOC held a training weekend in May 2019 in Winnipeg for two officials from each Province to be trained as Master Trainers for the new proposed Upgrading and Mentoring process. Brenda O'Connor and Sharon Arndt attended on behalf of Saskatchewan. The proposed plan has a timeframe of 2019 to 2021.

The past few years our officials traveled outside the province for mentoring opportunities but this year out of province mentors traveled to Saskatchewan. Alberta & Manitoba officials came to Tri-Province and WCSG to mentor our Sask officials. A total of 11 SK officials were mentored for levels 4 & 5.

Congratulations to the following officials who were recognized for Officiating awards: Nyka Sutter and Lenny Williams (Bob Adams Foundation) and Darwin Roske (Sask Athletics Award) and Sharon Tkachuk (K of C Jurgen Wittenberg Award). Loretta Lyons was honoured by Sask Sport to win the Sask Sport Female Official of the Year and Evelyn Nesdole received recognition as the winner of a Saskatoon YWCA Women of Distinction Award. Judy Peddle received a gift of a Glenn Scrimshaw print from Athletics Canada's NOC committee for her 50 + years of service as an official.

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Other officials who met milestones for years of service this year. Many thanks to the following officials for their years of dedication to officiating; Evelyn Nesdole 55yrs, Susan Hanna 30yrs, Dale Lawrence 25yrs, Nancy Lamb & Darwin Roske 20yrs and Bob Edwards & Daryl Oshaneck 10yrs.

I want to again thank my committee members Ken McKechney (L1 & 2 officials coordinator) who works closely with the Saskatoon event coordinators; Don Hedman, Shirley Leung, Marg Hucul & Theresa Laroque. Rhonda Tremblay is heading up the officials' clinics and educational opportunities, Mary-Stewart Torrie is overseeing up-grading responsibilities. Alan Brown is our rep and contact in Regina for all inquiries. Kristin Ottenbriet and Sharon Arndt have come on to help with out-reach to younger officials and Aboriginal officials.