

Report of the Director of Seminars and Upgrading for the 2016 AGM

Clinics

Two National Clinics have been held so far this year.

- June 3, 2016
- National Umpires' Clinic in Windsor (during OFSSA)
 - 12 attendees, 3 of whom were level 3's eligible to write the clinic assignment
 - clinician Peter Hocking
- July 22, 2016
- National Starter's Assistants' Clinic in Windsor
 - 6 attendees, 2 of whom were level 3's eligible to write the clinic assignment
 - clinician Jacquie Downing

In addition, a Volunteers' Workshop was conducted June 24, 2016 prior to the AO Junior Championships. This was a pilot project aimed at giving volunteers information about what they could expect when they volunteer at a meet, what would be expected of them, and some of the roles/tasks they might be asked to perform. There were 6 attendees. Presenters were Jacquie Downing and Wynn Downing.

Upcoming Clinics:

- National Umpires' Clinic (at AO office, afternoon of November 19 following the AGM)
 - clinician Helen Vasilic
- National Horizontal Jumps Clinic (at AO office, afternoon of November 19 following the AGM)
 - clinicians Janet Slocombe, Tim Slocombe
- AO Comprehensive Clinic November 26 at the Toronto Track & Field Centre
 - clinicians Ian Reid, Peter Hocking, Janet Slocombe, Tim Slocombe

We have also been asked by the 2017 OFSSA Organizing Committee to conduct a clinic in mid-April 2017 in Belleville.

Mentoring since AGM 2015

Numerous officials had the opportunity to be mentored during the last year. I thank all the mentors who took on this additional responsibility, which is so vital for the education of our officials.

- Level 2 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 1
- Level 3 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 11
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 3
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets outside Ontario – 0
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets in Ontario - 1
- Level 4 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets outside Ontario – 2
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets in Ontario – 1
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by Ontario mentors at meets outside Ontario – 1
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets in Ontario – 0
- Level 5 mentorings for Ontario officials by out-of-province mentors at meets outside Ontario – 2

In addition, 1 Ontario official mentored a candidate at the Canadian Championships in Edmonton, and 6 Ontario officials mentored candidates at the Canadian Youth/Legion meet in Ste-Thérèse.

Upgradings since 2015 AGM

To Level 1:	Bala, Gumar Clarke, Sharon Moulton, Chris	Bellemore, Vince Crook, Kiryn Perissinotti, Jamie	Benson, Janet Jurek, Valdi Stemmler, Aaron
To Level 2:	Kabaroff, Lynn Scannell, Melanie	Phillips, Mark Thomas, Manoj	Richardson, Suzanne
To Level 3:	Chapman, Michael - Starter's Assistant Powell, Sharon - Horizontal Jumps		McFerran, Lynn - Finish Line Rumball, Alison - Finish Line
To Level 4:	Perry, Ann – Photo finish Chief Judge		

One application for level 5 was sent to NOC (National Officials' Committee) in September. We are still awaiting the result.

AO Web site

Many of you may have noticed the new look to the AO web site. You are encouraged to visit on a regular basis to check out the latest AO news, event listings, and, of course, to review our upgrading materials. All the information needed to pursue upgrading is on the Officials' page – our Upgrading Requirements, the Level One Report, the Provincial Mentoring Report, AOO Upgrading Applications, and NOC Upgrading Criteria and forms. If you have any questions about any of the material, please let me know.

You should also review the *"AO Officials by Discipline and Level"* on the Officials Administration tab. It is updated each month when upgrading takes place. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions about how you are listed.

In conclusion...

2016-2017 will be my sixth year serving on the AOO Executive Committee. It has been a great experience working with so many passionate and committed individuals within the Athletics Ontario community, and I thank each of you. This will be my last term on the Executive, and I invite anyone who might be interested in running for the position of Director of Seminars and Upgrading at next year's AGM to talk to me about the role.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacquie Downing
Director of Seminars and Upgrading