

# Director of Seminars and Upgrading – Report to 2023 AGM

145 AO registered officials – Oct 30th 2023 (No significant change from 138 in Oct 2022). It is estimated that approximately 80 officials were active at AO Championship meets.

## Clinics

### AOO Comprehensive Clinics held since 2022 AGM

- None. Comprehensive clinics are no longer required for upgrading purposes. This format has been discontinued.

### AOO Introductory Clinics held since 2022 AGM

- 3 clinics presented virtually - Jan, Apr, May 2023. 43 participants total. Lynn McFerran clinician supported by Lisa Ferdinand, Kathryn Dertinger and Vinesh Midha. May clinic incorporated a practical 'field of play' component.

### National Clinics held since 2022 AGM (Discipline Specific)

- Required for L4 upgrading
- 4 National clinics offered - in-person hosting, in-person and virtual participation.
  - Throws 4 (Enrico Toscano)
  - Field Referee Throws 4 (Enrico Toscano)
  - Field Referee Jumps 4 (Jane Edstrom)
  - Umpire 4 (Helen Vasilic / Peter Hocking)
- Virtual participation from out of province officials
- 2 out of province National clinics accepted participation from Ontario Officials - Starter 4, Track Referee 4

### Provincial Clinics held since 2022 AGM (Discipline Specific)

- Required for L3 upgrading
- 7 Provincial clinics offered - virtual hosting
  - Vertical Jumps 3 (Vinesh Midha)
  - Horizontal Jumps 3 (Bob Mero)
  - Throws 3 (Enrico Toscano)
  - Field Referee Jumps 3 (Tim Slocombe / Janet Slocombe)
  - Starters Assistant 3 (Kathryn Dertinger / Larry Mayhue / Susan Mayhue)
  - Starter 3 (John Stevenson / John Roberts)
  - Track Referee 3 (Ian Reid)
  - Umpire 3 (Helen Vasilic)

## **eLearning**

- Officials 101 - 33 completions (ON)
- Officials 201 - 26 completions (ON)

Most individuals took both 101 and 201 courses. eLearning is available and consistent for all provinces. eLearning is a required component for level 1 and level 2 upgrading. There is an opportunity to improve collection and dissemination of completion data.

## **Mentorship Pairings**

- An official must be recommended for an upgrading evaluation by their assigned mentor. All candidates for level 4 / 5 upgrading evaluations have now been paired with mentors. We continue to adopt the mentoring structure at all levels
- Extensive mentorship pairings established for level 3, 4 and 5 officials
- Mentoring of provisional, level 1 and 2 officials will be a focus for 2024.

## **Evaluator Training**

- There were no further Provincial or National evaluators trained since the 2022 AGM. There are 17 National and 9 Provincial trained evaluators available in Ontario. This limits flexibility for evaluation in some disciplines.

## **Evaluations Conducted since 2021 AGM**

NOC adopted a new process for requesting Level 4 or Level 5 evaluations - this was introduced for indoor season and subsequently modified prior to the outdoor season. Multiple National evaluations were conducted at AC Indoor Championships (NB), AC Nationals (BC), WP&FG (MB) and AC Legion Nationals (QC). Some limited scope was established for Level 4 evaluation at Provincial Championships (ON).

- 7 evaluations conducted at Level 2
- 6 evaluations conducted at Level 3
- 9 evaluations conducted at Level 4
- 6 evaluations conducted at Level 5

## **Upgradings since 2022 AGM**

### **To Level 1:**

2 L1 upgrades

### **To Level 2:**

11 L2 upgrades

### **To Level 3:**

5 L3 upgrades (3 1st time L3)

### **To Provincial Level:**

1 Provincial Level Upgrade

### **To Level 4:**

4 L4 Upgrades (3 applications pending NOC approval)

Doreen Thompson - Horizontal Jumps 4

Sharon Powell - Horizontal Jumps 4

Gumar Bala - Throws 4

Laura Houston - Walk Judge 4

### **To Level 5:**

3 L5 Upgrades (2 applications pending NOC approval)

Phil Martin - Vertical Jumps 5

Lynn McFerran - Umpire 5

Lisa Ferdinand - Combined Events Referee 5

### **To National Level:**

1 National Level Upgrade (pending NOC approval)

Larry Mayhue - Technical Manager National

**Priority Areas for 2024**

- Development of New Officials - Upgrading to L2
- Growth of mentorship pairings at all levels
- Evaluator Training - Provincial and National

Phil Martin, AOO Director of Seminars and Upgrading - November 18<sup>th</sup> 2023