

# BCSSA Officials Development Committee Bulletin 2013-2014

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## **BCSSA ODC Officials Upgrades for 2013-2014 Season:**

### **New Level 1 Officials**

Thomas McLennan, Referee, Maple Ridge  
William McLennan, Track Steward, Timer, Maple Ridge  
Daryl Carter, Timer, Prince George  
Madison Piling, Timer, Prince George  
Landon Young, Timer, Prince George  
Lesley Budac, Timer, Prince George  
Kimm Magill-Hofman, Place Judge, Timer, Salmon Arm  
David Eddy, Timer, Vernon  
Natalie Kirkwood, Timer, Vernon  
Fred McKersie, Starter, Ft St John  
Don Mah, Place Judge, Richmond

Mae Shupe, Meet Coordinator, Maple Ridge  
Mike Hagen, Meet Coordinator, Burnaby  
Hofman, Rick, Track Steward, Place Judge, Timer, Salmon Arm  
KJ Gist, Recorder, salmon Arm  
Marcia Beckner, Referee, Heat Box Steward, Timer, Salmon Arm  
Lesley Skalid, Starter, Announcer, Salmon Arm  
Cherilyn Drew, Place Judge, Timer, Salmon Arm  
Rob Kurta, Timer, Salmon Arm  
Neville Hamilton, Track Steward, Salmon Arm  
Tracy, Hughes, Timer, Salmon Arm  
Kelsey Norlin, Timer, Salmon Arm  
Alex Seal, Track Steward, Timer, Lap Counter, Salmon Arm  
Kevin Keane, Timer, Salmon Arm  
Cristian Pogolsha, Timer, Meet Coordinator, Burnaby  
Madison Pilling, Timer, Prince George  
Dan Harney, Track Steward, Ft St John  
Dan Brule, Timer, Ft St John  
Sonia Wiebe, Recorder, Ft St John  
Tymen Brigden, Place Judge, Ft St John  
John Cull, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Carol Cull, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Peter Fejfar, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Kathy Terlicher, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Dave Short, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Steve Blacklock, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Judy Needham, Place Judge, Timer, Richmond  
Bruce Wenting, Track Steward, Mission  
Dave McQuaid, Heat Box Steward (H), President BCSSA Speed Skating, received an Honorary Heat Box Steward certificate for volunteering as a Heat Box Steward at many meets around the province. Thank you Dave!

## **Provincial Level 2 Officials**

Sarah Froese, Referee, Kamloops Long Blades  
Bryant Dumontet, Referee, Burnaby  
Thomas McLennan, Track Steward, Ridge meadows  
Doug Wright, Starter, Kamloops Long Blades  
Chelsea Reith, Starter, Kamloops Long Blades  
James Ingle, Announcer, Prince George  
Rick Hofman, Meet Coordinator, Salmon Arm  
Florence Ha, Recorder, Burnaby  
Mel Chizawsky, Meet Coordinator, Matsqui  
Tymen Brigden, Timer, Ft St John

Julie MacDonald, Timer, Ft St James  
Claudette McDowell, Heat Box Steward, Ft St John  
Lisa Quigley, Meet Coordinator, Ft St John  
Kim Telizyn, Place Judge, Ft St John  
Steve Brunn, track Steward, Dawson Creek  
Dave Wilson, Heat Box Steward, Matsqui  
Chris Acton, Meet Coordinator, Kelowna

### **SSC Level 3 Officials**

Alison McKay, Timer, Ridge Meadows  
Dee-Ann Stickle, Recorder, Ft St John  
Lynn Aucoin, Place Judge, Prince George  
Joanne-Lindsay Benoit, Place Judge, Ridge Meadows  
Jim Lovell, Lap Counter, Ft St John

### **Congratulations to you ALL the new level one, two and three officials!**

#### **BCSSA Certified Officials List**

ODC does their best to make sure that the official's list is up to date on the website. If you notice an error or incorrect level please e-mail BCSSA ODC so we can help correct the issue. If you notice that your name was not on the above list and yet you submitted an application for an upgrade please e-mail ODC for an explanation.

### **Ritha Johnson Official of the year Award**

Dee-Ann Stickle has always demonstrated a high level of competency. To be specific, Dee-Ann is very knowledgeable about the rules, the process and the system for recording. When in doubt she will ask and find the solution. She comes very well prepared for every meet and never leaves officials in limbo. She is very reliable, communicates well and is well organized. Her approach and attitude create a very constructive and positive atmosphere, one which is highly conducive to an efficient and productive meet. Dee-Ann has volunteered for large and small meets at the national and local levels. Dee-Ann goes out of her way to help anyone who is need of assistance and spends hours at making sure that any meets she attends runs well. That is why BCSSA ODC is more than pleased to award the Ritha Johnson Official of the Year to Dee-Ann Stickle!

## **It is a Matter of Safety**

### **Skate Blade Radius**

The skate blade radius will again be enforced this year and every subsequent following year. This is especially important as the skaters prepare for the CWG experience to be held in Prince George.

Please refer to Skate Tip Blade safety:

Green Book, ISU rule 291, Equipment of skaters, 1. f) and 2, page 100.

1. All Skaters must be equipped with:
  - a) Safety type headgear that is in compliance with the current ASTM standard (American Society for Testing and Materials) for Short Track Speed Skating. The helmets must have a regular shape and may not have protrusions;
  - b) Gloves or mitts;
  - c) Shin protection;
  - d) Long sleeved and long legged clothing;
  - e) Padded or padded hard shell knee protection;
  - f) All speed skates must have the tubes closed and the blade ends must be rounded off, **with a minimum radius of 10 mm.** Blades must be fixed to the boot at a minimum of two points with no moveable parts;
  - g) Neck protection.
  
2. Each Skater is solely responsible that his personal equipment meets the highest safety criteria in order to obtain the utmost safety of the Skaters.

Skaters must have their skate tips ground down and fixed to a 10 mm radius; this is about the same radius as a 5 cent piece. A penny is the minimum radius that is allowed (however pennies are not manufactured anymore in Canada). **A 10 cent piece (dime) is not a 10mm radius and therefore must not be used.**

### **Helmets**

Due to the increased awareness in recent years about concussions BCSSA ODC wishes to remind everyone that:

*It is recommended that helmets that are over 6 years old need to be replaced. Any skater that has had a significant fall with or without a concussion should replace their helmet. Any helmet that does not fit correctly or has a crack in the outer helmet should be replaced with a new helmet immediately. Any helmets that have openings in the helmet (cycling helmets) are not allowed. Please refer to rule D3-100.*

Each **skater and his or her parents/guardians** are responsible for ensuring that the skater is wearing all required equipment during practices, competitions and events.

## ODC Assigned Officials

If you were not aware ODC stands for Officials Development Committee. For the most part it is up to the local clubs to find referees, starters, timers, recorders, etc. for each club meet, interclub or regional sanction. Over the last 2 years ODC has done this but over the next several seasons ODC needs to develop our senior officials to 3b so that money will be allocated to allow us to develop these officials with trips outside the province. This is especially important for our referees and starters. It is important for our clubs across the province to maintain a high level of officiating. Below is an overview as to what is expected for each sanction. Provincially sanctioned meets will still be provided with a referee and starter assigned by BCSSA ODC.

### BCSSA Sanction Overview

This reference document provides all required information to apply for a BCSSA Sanction. Please use the [BCSSA Sanction Request Form](#) (online form) to formally apply for a sanction. There are two types of BCSSA sanctions:

	<b>Provincial Sanction</b>	<b>Regional Sanction</b>
<b>Purpose</b>	To allow for skaters to compete in sanctioned competitions with guaranteed minimum safety and officiating standards in place.	1. To allow for skaters to compete in local, sanctioned competitions (to attain/improve seed times listed in the BCSSA database) with guaranteed minimum safety and officiating standards in place.  2. To allow for clubs to host sanctioned competitions in a financially feasible manner.
<b>Cost</b>	\$75.00	\$75.00 <sup>1</sup>  <sup>1</sup> Please note that upon receipt of all competition paperwork (within 14 days of the competition being completed; see below for details), \$65.00 will be refunded to the club in the case of "Club Racing" and "Interclub Minimeets".
<b>Indicated Events</b>	a. Interclubs b. Provincial Competitions (Age Class Championship/Ranking Meet) c. National Competitions (Championships/Selection Meet)	All events that do <u>not</u> require a Provincial Sanction: a. Club Racing <sup>2</sup> b. Interclub Minimeets c. Regional FUNales  <sup>2</sup> All racing involving skaters from more than one club must be sanctioned. An exception will be granted in the case where a skater from a neighbouring club <b>regularly</b> practices with the host club on the day on which club racing is being held.
<b>Eligible Skaters</b>	All skaters competing in sanctioned events must be registered with BCSSA as Competitive (1 or 2) skaters.	
<b>Required Officials</b>	<u>Interclub</u> : all chief officials should be minimum Level 1. <u>Provincial Competition</u> : all chief officials must be minimum Level 2. <u>National Competition</u> : all chief officials must be minimum Level 3.	The following officials must be minimum Level 1: • Chief referee <u>or</u> starter • Chief timer  All other officials/volunteers may or may not be certified. It is recommended to have certified officials, where possible, to promote the ODC development program and to provide mentorship opportunities.

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ODC will assist each club to find referees and starters if desired. For all assigned officials (by BCSSA ODC) to assigned meets, ODC will: cover the officials travel costs (whichever is less expensive flight or gas + mileage) while the hosting club is responsible for meals and accommodation expenses for the assigned officials.

## **“New” Yellow Card Policy**

Last season a yellow card committee was formed to look at formulating a new policy on yellow cards across the province. The committee was composed of BCSSA ODC, Chair of the coaching committee and selected coaches from across the province, BCSSA executive director and BCSSA technical director and other invited members from across the province. The conclusion was that the current yellow card policy from SSC/ISU (Red and Yellow card overview form the SSC Red book and the ISU (green book), Red Book:C6-104 Yellow Card, Yellow/Red Card, ISU Page 110-111 infringement of the racing rules, is lacking in several points:

1. Is there any tracking of yellow cards across the province and provinces of Canada?
2. What do we do if someone gets more than 1 yellow card in a season in BC or a BC skater receives two yellow cards in other provinces?
3. What sanctions do we impose, if any, on the skater receiving more than 1 yellow card in a season?
4. What age group should this new policy be implemented for?

A policy was drawn up and will be put in place for this 2014-2015 season as a one year trial and will come into full effect for the 2015-2016 season.

## **Draft policy/Additional New Yellow Card Rules**



Additionally for all Junior C2 (14 yrs. of age) and up skaters:

1. A skater shown a yellow card during a race in a competition will receive a penalty within that race and will miss the next round of racing (this includes interclubs). The skater will forfeit the points/result accrued in that race alone (if any). Points/results accrued prior to that race will not be affected.
2. If a yellow card is shown to the same skater in two separate competitions throughout the skating season, that skater will (a) immediately be removed from the second competition the card was shown, and (b) forfeit all points earned in that competition.
3. If a third yellow card is shown to the same skater in three separate competitions throughout the season the skater will (a) immediately be removed from the third competition in which the card was shown, (b) forfeit all points earned in that competition and (c) **all** that skater's recorded times will be removed from the protocol for that competition.
4. Any yellow card issued in any province within Canada for the skating season will be treated the same as receiving a yellow card in British Columbia for that season.

5. All yellow cards must be reported to BCSSA ODC along with details of the competition and of the infringement including skater name, age, and skater.
6. A list of yellow carded skaters will be kept at ODC/BCSSA Office for the skating season. At the end of the skating season this list will be deleted.

Please feel free to forward any comments about this new policy to:

[officials.development.committe@gmail.com](mailto:officials.development.committe@gmail.com) subject headline: yellow card policy comments

Only comments with a name attached will be recognized for a reply.

### **New ISU Rules**

There will be some significant rule changes for the 2014-2015 season please stay tuned for further announcements.

### **Website**

The website has been redesigned with a new interface, drop down menus and easy navigation please check it out at:

<http://www.speed-skating.bc.ca/>

<http://www.speed-skating.bc.ca/officials/officials-resources/>

<http://www.speed-skating.bc.ca/officials/meet-coordinator-resources/>

If you have any question or concerns please e-mail BCSSA ODC:

[officials.development.committe@gmail.com](mailto:officials.development.committe@gmail.com)

Have great 2014-2015 season!

*BCSSA ODC*