

# 2023-24 ODC Report to SSBC AGM

- **Introduction:**

It is our pleasure to submit the 2023-24 ODC report to the SSBC AGM. This report (1) identifies the committee members; (2) outlines the responsibility of the committee; (3) reviews the main achievements this past year; and (4) identifies goals for 2024-2025.

- **2023-24 Committee Membership**

The 2023-24 Committee consisted of Members Kristina Krieck, Kate North, Vice-Chair Amanda Leonard and Wim Kok, Chair. The Committee has also been assisted by Stuart Gibbs (SSC) Ted Houghton, Staff Valerie Linton (ED) Chris Acton (past TD), and Jodi Roberts (new TD). Thank you.

- **BCSSA ODC Responsibilities**

In broad terms ODC is responsible for the training, development, and mentoring of officials. More specifically, this is done through planning, identifying of needs, organizing, hosting, and supporting clinics throughout BC, assign chief officials to specific competitions, evaluate, and recommend officials for accreditation and upgrading to just name a few. As of 2023 SSBC no longer provides chief officials for local competitions but supports the clubs to find suitable officials.

- **2023-24 Achievements**

The list of achievements for this past year includes the following:

**I. Officials Development:**

- a. **Clinics:** Five (5) **Level 1:** Intro to Speed Skating and Officiating Clinics  
(via *Google Meet*)
- b. **Accreditation and Upgrading.**  
This past year SSBC ODC has accredited and upgraded:  
23 Level 1 accreditations  
8 Level 2 upgrades
- c. SSC has four (4) SSBC officials under consideration for Upgrading to Level 3 (N)  
After the 2023 SSBC AGM, SSC upgraded two officials to Level 3 (N)
- d. IODP: as of **May 29**, thirty-seven (37) officials have completed IODPs, fourteen (14) of whom are **Level 3** (National) Officials

- **Goals for 2024-25 Competition Season**

For the upcoming season the committee is planning the following activities:

**I. Clinics**

- i. **Level 1 Clinics:** Intro Officiating/Speedskating.

- ii. **Level 2 Clinics:** Meet Coordinator, Competitor Stewards, Referee, and Starter Clinics
- iii. Identify individuals for **Level 2** clinics and encourage them to attend.
- iv. Identify individuals for **SSC Level 3** Clinics, encourage them to attend with financial support from SSBC/ODC

## **II. Mentorship**

- i. Mentor officials across BC, specifically but not limited to Meet Coordinators, Competitor Steward (formerly Recorder), Referees and Starters.
- ii. Provide opportunities for Competitor Stewards, Referees and Starters from other Branches to take advantage of officials' development opportunities in BC and vice-versa.
- iii. Early season round table discussions with groups of officials to enhance sharing of experiences and best practices.

## **III. Competitions**

- i. Support clubs to ensure that competitions do happen by providing chief officials (Competitor Stewards, (Video) Referees and Starters.
- ii. Support all officials and volunteers, especially the junior ones, so they will continue to contribute to officials' development.
- iii. Identify individuals to attend high level competitions out-of-province with financial support from SSBC/ODC

## **IV. Accreditation and Upgrading**

- i. Work with clubs and officials to ensure accreditation of upgrading occurs in a timely and appropriate manner.

## **V. Communication**

- i. Respond to queries and concerns raised to ODC g-mail account.
- ii. Review and address issues identified in Meet Coordinator and Referee Reports submitted to *Google Drive* under ODC g-mail account.

## **VI. Updating**

- i. Update list of Clinic Conductors
- ii. Update list of Accredited Officials

## **VII. Challenges**

- i. Ensuring that officials do sign up as members with SSC/SSBC. The importance of this for insurance and liability purposes can not be stressed enough. The same level of importance applies to officials' accreditation and upgrading.
- ii. Encouraging members and clubs to become (more) actively involved with their accreditation and upgrading of officials.
- iii. Officials' development never stops. It needs to always look ahead and

beyond local boundaries to help create opportunities for ongoing development. The benefits are multiple; they will come to the clubs and Branch in the form of qualified and experienced officials, clinic conductors and mentors. It the end this will benefit everyone.

In closing, a word of appreciation for every official and volunteer for your time, commitment, and contributions.

On behalf of SSBC ODC

E.W. (Wim) Kok

Amanda Leonard, Katherine North and Kristian Krieck. (May 29, 2024)

## **Accreditation and Upgrading 2023-24**

### **Accreditation as Level 1 (AP)**

Fu Zhang (Fairy)	Burnaby	Finish Line Judge
Nolan Messer	Esquimalt	Referee
Brennan Weber	Langley	Heat Box Steward
Janna Nemeth	Mission	Timer
Mark Miao	Esquimalt	Timer
Daming (Adam) Zhao	Richmond	Lap Counter
Sandra Rae	Sardis	Meet Coordinator
	Sardis	Heat Box Steward
Dimitri Ostritchenko	Prince George	Competitor Steward
Emma North	Fort St. John	Referee
Tyler Roberts	Kamloops	Lap Counter
	Kamloops	Timer
Louis Wight	Langley	Lap Counter
Quirin Teh	Richmond	Timer
		Lap Counter
Alexander Teh	Richmond	Finish Line Judge
		Meet Coordinator
		Announcer
James Chan	Vanderhoof	Track Steward
Jessica Van Kaauwen	Prince George	Finish Line Judge
Gary Goplen	Kelowna	Timer
Joseph Erickson	Kelowna	Track Steward
Gillian Goud	Kamloops	Referee
Heather Hansen	Fort St. John	Referee
Cameron Eggie	Fort St. John	Meet Coordinator
Nickki Hogg	Fort St. John	Lap Counter
Theresa Loeseken	Fort St. John	Clerk of the Course
Amanda Scott	Fort St. John	Finish Line Judge

## Upgrades to Level 2 (P- Provincial)

Nicole Garrido	Richmond	Meet Coordinator
Graeme Jahns	Burnaby	Starter
Craig McKinnon	Prince George	Announcer
Janet Lakusta	Richmond	Competitor Steward
Daniel Lakusta	Richmond	Track Steward
Craig Miller	Prince George	Track Steward
Emma North	Fort St. John	Track Steward
Beth Elliot	Vancouver	Heat Box Steward

## Upgrade to Level 3 (N- National)

SSC is responsible for upgrading Level 2 (P) Official to Level 3 (N) status. SSC currently has four (4) Level 2 (P) Officials from SSBC under consideration for upgrading to Level 3 (N). As of **May 29, 2024**, no decision had been made yet.

SSC upgraded the following officials after 2023 SSBC AGM

Leona McGregor	Fort St. John	Finish Line Judge
Shadi Salehi	Fort St. John	Finish Line Judge

**Note:** For errors or omissions in this list, please contact SSBC ODC .