

Officials Report to NSKA 2015 AGM

Over the past twelve months we have had steady progress within our officials program. Our members have participated in Provincial, Regional, National and international clinics and competitions. The depth of knowledge, skill level and quality of calls of our officials continues to improve

The number of officials remains relatively the same as the previous year. We continue to be able to run tournaments successfully, finishing in a reasonable time, however we did have a personnel shortage this year at the Yarmouth cup forcing us to use only 2 rings for the entire tournament. The changes we made to the Kata competition several years ago seem to be working out well. I believe the Competitors, Officials and spectators are getting more accustomed to watching 2 people do kata at the same time. PEI has also picked up on this idea and will be using it at the Atlantic Championships in a few weeks time.

There were 3 provincial officials clinics over the last year as well as an Atlantic Regional officials clinic which was held in conjunction with the Atlantic Championships. In January 2015, a clinic was conducted with our officials, coaches and athletes to introduce the new rule changes which took effect the beginning of the year. In April an officials clinic was held in conjunction with the Horton grand Prix tournament. On June 5, another clinic was conducted prior to the Yarmouth cup. In October of 2014, we were fortunate to be able to host Sensei Yaro Tarana to conduct the Atlantic Regional officials clinic with several of our members obtaining up-grades to their provincial licenses. Also this year, Gary Walsh was able to obtain his Pan-American Kata judge "C" license at the senior Pan-Ams held in Toronto in March. In November of 2014, in Bremen Germany, I up-graded to WKF Kata judge A.

In October of this year, some of our members will be travelling to PEI for the Atlantic Regional officials clinic hosted by Karate PEI. The clinic and certification will be conducted by Sensei Tarana, co-chair of Karate Canada Officials Committee.

Respectfully submitted

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