



Officials Report to KNS 2016 AGM

Over the past twelve months we have made good progress with 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.

We have had a modest increase in the number of our officials this year with the addition of a few members from the South Shore region. We are also fortunate to have a former Karate BC certified judge join our ranks this year. I would like to welcome Garret Chase to Karate Nova Scotia and to the Karate Nova Scotia Officials program. The increase in numbers is encouraging and will allow us more flexibility setting up and running our competitions. I hope these newer members will continue to train and develop their officiating skills. The changes we made to the Kata competition along with the mainstreaming of the repechage system with all divisions within our tournaments is taking hold and I believe people are becoming more accustomed to working with it.

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 Charlottetown, PEI. In January 2016, a clinic was conducted with our officials, coaches and athletes to get our referees accustomed to working with high level athletes and to simulate competition conditions for the coaches and competitors going to the National Championships. In April 2016 an officials clinic was held in conjunction with the Horton grand Prix tournament. On Friday June 5, another clinic was conducted prior to the Yarmouth cup. In October 2015, several of our members travelled to Charlottetown, PEI for the Atlantic Regional officials clinic hosted by Karate PEI. The clinic and certification was conducted by Yaro Tarana, chair of Karate Canada Officials Committee. At this clinic, Garret Chase received his provisional National Kata Judge "B" and Kumite Judge "B". Both these licenses were ratified and completed at the National Champions later in January 2016.

This year we have officials clinics scheduled for April 22 and June 10, the Friday nights before the respective tournaments. We will also have a provincial level certification at a date and time to be announced later this year, probably late summer or early fall.

Respectfully submitted

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