



KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

Summary – Nova Scotia Karate Nationals – 2018 March 22

The National Organizing Committee (NOC) for the National Karate Championships had its final follow-up meeting this week, in order to bring to a close, the Halifax, Nova Scotia Canadian Karate Championships for March 2018.

As a result, it is important to recognize some of the individuals and organizations that have contributed to the success of this record breaking event. Locally - the Organizing Committee (LOC), Executive, Board, Officials, Coaches, Athletes, Medical Team, Volunteers, and Parents - as well as other related groups in the province, have been recognized for their contributions through personal thank you's and letters recently distributed.

It is now time to thank the various groups outside of Nova Scotia for their valuable contribution:

- The National Organizing Committee (NOC) for all of their support and guidance throughout the planning and implementation stages
- Karate Canada Board of Directors for their support in hosting the 2018 Championships
- National Officials for providing a safe and secure environment for all competitors at all times
- Cheryl Tataryn (Events Manager) for overseeing the largest tournament of its kind - for all of Karate Canada. Her knowledge and experience provided the best of resources and environments – for all those preparing for, and performing at, the 2018 Championships
- Karate Canada – Bravo Craig Vokey and your incredible Lead Team who represent all of Karate Canada, as they work tirelessly before, during, and after every event. They are Olivier Pineau (Executive Director), Alexandra Roy (Program Manager) and Gillian Benson (Admin and Logistics) – your expertise and efforts are appreciated all year long.
- My fellow Atlantic Canada Presidents that provided me with the support required to apply for, and to host, this year's Nationals: Thank you to Derek Ryan, Don Mazerolle, and Dawn Brown.
- And a very Special Thank You to Stephane, Michael, Maxime, and Danny - and KQ and KC for providing us with all of the Equipment and Materials (and expertise) used at the Canada Games Centre for the Competition portion of this year's Championships. The equipment at the Marriott belonged to Karate Nova Scotia, but KQ and KC was able to



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provide all the necessary Tatamis, Cameras, Laptops, and Monitors, etc – totally free of charge. And thank you as well to all of the technical team that provided us with the expertise in running this equipment throughout the entire event.

I believe that this is best explained in Stephane’s own words, as he describes what has been achieved, as he outlines how we organized this year’s Nationals, and by emphasizing support and cooperation among the provinces and groups –Stephane said, and I quote:

“PSOs can work together in achieving greater results overall for the events we hold. The strength of an organisation is built on Teamwork and Cooperation and this is what KNS, KQ and KC has demonstrated in this National Championship”

To our Tournament Director Jojo Fontanilla and all of his technical team - for running the biggest, and one of the best, Nationals in KC history. And to Charles Fink our MC - for once again being the voice of Karate Canada.

Thank You to all of our Coaches and Managers that always provide their athletes with the best technical and tactical training possible – preparing them for both competition and life.

And congratulations to Gerard Lauziere and his NCCP Committee and Facilitation Team - who through courses, certifications, and evaluations at events such as the Nationals - have raised the standards of coaching certification in Canada to the point where we are now officially in the 2023 Canada Games in PEI.

And as I have said so many times before, “Last ... and most important of all” - Thank You and Congratulations to all of the Athletes - Nation Wide. You are the reason we are all here – your dedication, determination, and your achievements make everything worthwhile.

We are all in good hands

What a Great Time to be a member, in any capacity, of Karate Canada!!

Thank You All So Much

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