

# 2020/21 AGM Officials Report

## Overview

The COVID pandemic of 2021/21 has brought challenges to all, and our officials' group has been no different. This report will review what happened, where we currently are, and what is planned for the future.

## What has happened

David Griffin has decided to step down as the Provincial Chief Referee of Karate Nova Scotia and the Officials' Committee. During Dave's tenure, we have seen more certified officials than ever before (both Provincially and Nationally) and increased female participation and certification. Karate Nova Scotia would like to thank Sensei Griffin for his years of service.

Matt Sullivan has also decided to step down from his role as an Official Committee member. Matt brought forward many good ideas and opinions, and helped move Officials forward in Karate Nova Scotia. Karate Nova Scotia would like to thank him for his service.

KNS senior official Milton Bourque put on a virtual Official's clinic reviewing proper judging techniques for kata. In addition, Sensei Bourque attended a Virtual Official's Certification clinic held by Karate BC, to see how other PSOs are conducting their certification virtually.

Lastly, we were able to host a virtual tournament, to give our official's practice in refereeing katas.

With assistance from the Technical Director, we were able to review the Terms of Reference for the Official's Committee and make updates from a governance standpoint. Clarifying roles, responsibilities, terms of reference amongst other things.

## Where we are

One of the negative impacts from COVID for many organizations, is people (athletes, coaches and officials) leaving the sport due to the inactivity. KNS is no different, and we have lost some of our officials over the downtime. We are currently in a rebuilding state for Official's program

## Plans for the Future

Our current Officials' Committee (made up for Milton Bourque, Kevin Jones and Rob Sweeney) met and voted Milton Bourque as Provincial Chief Referee. He will serve in this position for 1 year, with the option to renew for 1 more year if not suitable applicants come forward.

With a real tournament season looming soon, we will be looking to host numerous provincial official clinics and certifications. Plans are underway on how to facilitate many of these trainings virtually. In addition, we have allocated monies to bring in a Nationally certified instructor to conduct a provincial clinic and certification course. These details are still being worked on and will be communicated to our membership as they become available.

In closing, we are currently in a rebuilding phase for our Official's program, but we have all the tools and resources available to ensure a successful future.