

Good day Everyone,

The following is the **Officials Report for the 2022/ 2023 season.**

- KNS officials attended the Yarmouth Cup Karate Challenge in June and, although it was not as well attended as in past years, it provided some healthy competition and, a good chance for newer officials to gain some practical experience.
- Both Ralph D`Entremont and myself attended the Karate Canada National Championships in St. John`s NFLD. Although there were no certification clinics held before the tournament, based on his solid performance, Ralph D`Entremont was upgraded to National Kumite Judge A.
- In the Fall KNS Officials worked at the very successful “Battle of the Bridge” at the Canada Games Centre in Halifax. They also took part in the Chito-ryu Cole Cup bogu tournament held in Eastern Passage.
- Five KNS Officials took part in the Canada Games test Event in Summerside PEI ensuring that Karate would be included in the games for the first time ever.
- In January the WKF rolled out new competition rules for 2023 which included some significant changes. A Zoom call was set up with senior officials, coaches, and some athletes to explain how the new rules were going to be applied in KNS tournaments. The new rules were successfully used At the January 28th KNS Grand Prix in Fall River.
- Several KNS officials took part, via Zoom, at a WKF Officials seminar in Montreal Quebec, conducted by WKF Official Fariba Madani. It was an excellent clinic with lots of good information.
- We have held 2 official’s clinics this year including an officials certification clinic in Yarmouth on March 24,25.
- We just concluded another successful Grand Prix at Acadia on April 1st with 18 officials taking part. It is important to note that all the officials were from Nova Scotia where we usually have several from NB and/or PEI.

As you can see, we have been quite busy and we are not done yet. The Atlantic Championships are scheduled for May 19-21 here in NS. This event will include a KC Officials Certification Clinic facilitated by Mr. Andre LaPlante of KC Officials

Committee. We are also hoping to send up to 5 Officials to Laval Quebec in July for the KC National Championships.

Since the last Report, Mr Robert Sweeney has stepped down from the Officials Committee, in the Spring of 2022. As well Kevin Jones has indicated that he will not reoffer for another term. I would like to thank them both for their work on the committee and I wish them well in their future endeavors.

We have made some headway as far as building up the ranks as there are a few new faces. This is a good and welcome sign that things may be looking up. There has also been some interest shown as far as the officials committee with 3 officials showing interest. I look forward to this group being able to effect positive changes as far as KNS Officials are concerned.

Sincerely,

Milton J. Bourque

KNS Chief Referee