

KARATE NOVA SCOTIA

Technical Director Report

Annual General Meeting - 2024

Overview

Things have been busy in the world of Karate Nova Scotia in 2023/24. We have been able to accomplish many things and have many more initiatives planned for the future. This report will go over all these items, to provide details on these items.

What has happened:

TD Role - The TD role has been divided into 2 separate roles:

- Technical Development Director
- Technical Outreach Director

Jeff Murphy fills the role of Technical Development Director, at 5 hours per week. During this past year, he has worked on the following:

- Working on grants for KNS
- Setting up Kata and Kumite clinics with guest instructors
- Working on Policy updates
- Assisting with club membership
- Updating Instructors Criminal Background Checks and Child Abuse Checks
- Assisting with the setup of First Aid Offerings
- Set up Newcomers Karate Program
- Assist with live stream set up for Grand Prix #3
- Assist with the administrative process on requirements to receive funding from Sport Nova Scotia and the Canadian Sports Institute Atlantic.

Karate Nova Scotia was able to host Toshihide Uchiage for a Kata Clinic in December 2023 and Yevhan Motovylin for a Kumite clinic in March 2024. Both clinics were well attended, and KNS was able to cover all costs associated with participant registration.

Governance Policies

The following policies have been created and/or updated and are pending approval by our board of directors:

- Funding Policy
- Annual Travel Funding Policy
- Hall of Fame Policy

The following policies are still outstanding:

- Event guideline Terms of Reference
- Equity and Access Policy (Inclusion Policy)
- Policy Concerning the Protection of Personal Information
- Social Media & Social Networking Policy

Committees

Karate Nova Scotia will be putting a focus on recruiting members for our committees in 2023. You can see all the committees and requirements here:

<https://karatens.org/wp-content/uploads/KNS-Committees.pdf>

These are all the committees we currently have in place:

Governance – to review and update the Constitution and Bylaws and policy for the association.

Staff Oversight Committee - responsible for the hiring process, appointment, and annual performance review of the Technical Directors and High-Performance Coach of the organization.

Coaching Development - is responsible for the development and implementation of coaching development plans and programs to ensure that the athletes in the sport have the best opportunity to achieve their personal goals. High Performance - responsible for the development and oversight of the provincial High-Performance Program

Tournament Committee - responsible for the organization and management of Provincial Tournaments. Official Committee - oversees all matters related to officiating.

All committee members are subject to the approval of the board of directors. All committee decisions need the board of directors' final approval before being put into place.

Conclusion

Much work has been done, and so much more is yet to come. I can say with no doubt, that we have amazing leaders, officials, coaches, athletes, volunteers, and parents that help make KNS a truly great organization. As always, I am excited to see what the future holds for KNS.

All the best in 2024/25.

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