

Technical Development Director Report (2025-2026)

This past year has been a very active and successful period for Karate Nova Scotia. I am proud of the progress we have made across athlete development, coaching support, and event delivery.

2026 U21 & Senior National Championships - Halifax

The primary focus of this year was the planning and execution of the 2026 U21 & Senior National Championships, hosted in Halifax from February 20–22, 2026.

This was a large-scale national event that required significant coordination and leadership over many months. My role included working closely with Karate Canada, the local organizing committee, and key volunteers to ensure all technical and operational components were delivered at a high level.

Key areas of involvement included:

- Coordinating technical requirements for competition areas and training spaces
- Supporting event logistics, scheduling, and venue planning
- Assisting with equipment planning, including tatami procurement and setup
- Helping recruit and organize volunteers across multiple roles
- Supporting communication between officials, coaches, and organizing teams

The event was delivered with great success. Feedback from Karate Canada, athletes, coaches, and officials was overwhelmingly positive. The championships showcased the strength of our karate community in Nova Scotia and demonstrated our ability to host high-level national events.

Clinics and Athlete Development

Over the past year, I organized and supported three successful clinics that provided valuable development opportunities for athletes and coaches:

- September 2025 – Kata Clinic with Claudia Laos-Loo
- October 2025 – Kumite Clinic with Yevhen Motovylin
- March 2026 – Guardian Girls / Kumite Seminar with Hana Furumoto-Deshaies

These clinics brought high-level expertise to our province and helped raise the standard of training across both kata and kumite.

Coaching and Technical Development

Throughout the year, I supported several initiatives aimed at strengthening our coaching system:

- Assisted with setting up NCCP Competition Development (Comp Dev) training opportunities
- Contributed to the development of the Canada Games coach selection process
- Provided guidance and support to coaches and instructors across the province

Athlete and Club Support

I also worked to support athletes and clubs in several ways:

- Assisted with funding applications and grant opportunities
- Helped nominate athletes for Sport Nova Scotia awards and recognition
- Supported instructors in completing and updating Criminal Record Checks and related requirements

These efforts helped ensure our athletes and coaches continue to meet high standards both on and off the tatami.

Closing Remarks

After careful consideration, I have decided to step down from my role as Technical Director.

It has been a privilege to serve Karate Nova Scotia in this position. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the growth of the sport and to work alongside such dedicated athletes, coaches, officials, and volunteers.

I would like to thank the Board of Directors and the entire karate community for their support during my time in this role. I wish the next Technical Director every success and continued growth for Karate Nova Scotia as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
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