



## Officials' program update

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Certification	Qualification
100 Level Official	Organize and plan C events and typical Wednesday night events
200 Level Official	Organize and plan B events. Control C events
300 Level Official	Organize and plan A events to Canadian regional level such as Western (or Eastern) Canadian Orienteering Championships. Control B events.
400 Level Official	Organize and plan all events including Canadian Orienteering Championships, North American Orienteering Championships, World Ranking Events (WRE) World Orienteering Championships, World Masters Orienteering Championships, etc. Control A events to Canadian regional level (300 level).
500 Level Official	Control all events and serve as event advisor at WRE.

In order to be considered as a candidate for certification, individuals must meet specific pre-requisites, complete specific elements of a theory course and undertake a practicum. The methodology and format for delivery of the theory course is still being determined; i.e., whether it is web-based, classroom, weekend retreat, seminar, etc.

Changes from the current program include:

- Ability to specialize as a Timing or Map Printing Official
- Ability to specialize as Event Director, or Course Planner
- Controllers must be competent in all roles - An individual wishing to be certified as a controller or event advisor must complete all theory courses and practical at all levels.
- Grandfathering
- Currency - Officials must be an active official over a 5 year period in order to retain their certification.

The curriculum incorporates the following elements.

- Consistency in curriculum structure across the four levels
- Flexibility in procedure at the 100 and 200 levels to accommodate local variation
- Electronic templates and tools
- Introduction to three event types (sprint, middle long) at introductory levels. The club will be given the choice as to which type it wishes to use to illustrate 100 level course planning principles and as a practicum. Flexibility is required to accommodate differences in local terrain and club membership.