

High Performance Committee - AGM Report for 2014

1. Committee purpose

The High Performance Committee (HPC) leads and manages the programs of Orienteering Canada that exist to develop, train and provide competitive opportunities for elite foot orienteering athletes.

2. Committee members

Alison Price - Chairperson and Communications

Jeff Teutsch - Athlete's Representative

Emily Ross - Representative for Junior Athlete interests

Adrian Zissos - Member at Large

Mark McMillan - Member at Large

Charlotte MacNaughton - Executive Director; advisor to the committee

3. Number of meetings in last year

10 committee meetings in 2014.

4. Highlights of last year's accomplishments

- The HPC engaged Toni Louhisola in a volunteer capacity as the senior Team Canada coach for the 2014 and 2015 seasons. Toni will work with senior HPP athletes on one-on-one and team coaching, as well as coaching the WOC and WUOC teams.
- The HPC engaged Raphael Ferrand in a volunteer capacity as the junior Team Canada coach for 2014. Raphael worked with our JWOC athletes leading up to and during JWOC. Raphael was the head coach at the AOA training camp, which was a great success.
- Both WOC and JWOC were a success this year, with some solid results from our athletes. From a logistics standpoint, Stefan Bergstrom and Meghan Rance did excellent work as team leaders for JWOC and WOC respectively.
- The HPC completed a major overhaul of key documentation, including the Athlete Handbook, Selection Criteria, and the Athlete Agreement. The goals of this overhaul were to ensure documentation reflects the philosophy, goals, and expectations of the HPP, as well as being legally sound. We feel these goals were achieved. These documents will continue to be updated on an annual basis.

5. What obstacles need to be overcome

The HPC is still looking to engage more volunteers to assist with programming.

6. Goals/activities for the next year

The HPC is developing a long-term athlete support system to ensure HPP athletes receive support and guidance in accordance with the LTAD. The main goal is to build a sustainable support system. The HPC will be consulting with athletes, community members, and other key stakeholders to develop this system.

The HPC would like to acknowledge those individuals who assisted with JWOC, WUOC, and WOC selection. Our thanks to Ross Burnett, Nina Wallace, Katarina Smith, Brian May, Mike Waddington, and Magali Robert.