

Officials Program Committee Report 2014

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Official Program

The old level system has been replaced with Orienteering 100, Orienteering 200, Orienteering 300 and Orienteering 400. Modules are complete for O100 and O200 with instructor PowerPoint presentations. The O 300 Event Director, Course Planner and Controller modules are written and ready for use. Some final edits are all that are required.

The certification process has been updated. O100 is required to officiate a C or park meet. O200 is required to officiate a B event or control a park event. O300 allows for specialization in all or any of three disciplines, Event Director, Course Planner and Controller. Certification in a discipline is required to officiate Canada Cup events and regional or national championships such as the COCs or NAOC. Qualification in all three O300 disciplines is required to control a Canada Cup event, regional or national championships. O400 recognizes Canadian officials certified at all O300 disciplines and licenced as a World ranking Event Advisor. The process requires officials completing each level to submit the data to Orienteering Canada before being recognized.

Clubs and associations are encouraged to have all event personnel certified at O 100 and higher for insurance purposes. Any certified officials are suitable as instructors and Orienteering Canada has a database of manuals, presentations, and exams with answers at all levels for anyone interesting in holding a clinic. Also individuals can study the Orienteering Canada O level manuals on the officials resource page. Then ask to have a mentor assigned to administer the exam, provide feedback on the course design criteria and help in obtaining the practicum requirement for each O level.

What is left to do

O300 requires instructor guidelines and the exam to be added.
Completion of Guidelines for Major Championships. This document is not part of the certification process. It is designed to assist qualified O300 officials to put on a major championship such as the Canadian Orienteering Championship. The event director section is completed, and the work is underway on those for the course planner and controller.

Officials Database

The Orienteering Canada database has been updated with all known officials upgraded to the new O levels. Old Level 1 or B Meet Officials are now O200 certified. Former Level 2 or A Meet officials are now O 300 officials capable of hosting Canada Cup to COCs competitions. For information please contact officials@orienteering.ca or

info@orienteering.ca. Please submit officials log and certification details to the same email addresses.

The Officials Program Committee maintains the certification process and the database. The Technical committee uses the officials database in determining whether events have sufficient qualified officials in sanctioning Canada Cup or higher level events under the Orienteering Canada's rules and guidelines.