

Orienteering Canada Technical Committee

2014 AGM Report

The Orienteering Canada Technical Committee was established earlier this year with the purpose of leading and managing the rules and course standards in all disciplines of the sport within Orienteering Canada¹.

The Committee currently consists of four members: Erik Blake, Marilyn Edmunds, Alex Kerr and Forest Pearson.

As the Committee is new, committee activities have been limited to date and have primarily consisted of dealing with operational matters such as reviewing and granting Canada Cup sanctioning requests and requests for rule variations for specific events. Other work over the past year has included completion of the rules for the North American Orienteering Championships (which has now been approved by IOF) and an update to the Canadian rules to bring them into alignment with IOF rule changes.

Over the remainder of the year it is anticipated that activities of the committee will become more proactive to address more substantive technical matters. An assessment of priority technical issues needs to be completed, however some of the upcoming work may include:

- Review of the Canadian Rules by end of 2014
- Conduct a review of alignment of the course/category guidelines with respect to the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model. This may include consideration of new 10 and under category and further assessment of junior course considerations.

Challenges to date have been that the committee has not made progress on the larger-picture objectives of the Technical Committee. The Committee has been largely been operating in a reactive mode responding to technical requests when they come in. This is partially due to the relatively new nature of the committee and getting the committee up and running. This is compounded by the volunteer nature of the members and the challenge of allocating the necessary time and focus needed to advance some of the potential initiatives.

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¹ Terms of Reference for the Technical Committee are found on the Orienteering Canada website at http://www.orienteeing.ca/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/StandingCommittee_Technical.pdf