

# **Executive Director Report to 2020 AGM**

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# Past Year's Recap

## Coaching Association of Canada & National Coaching Certification (NCCP)

Orienteering Canada is very fortunate to have the Coaching Association of Canada as an ongoing partner. In addition to their financial support we have been very lucky to have the support of our own Sport Consultant – Neale Gillespie.

This past year Orienteering Canada has been active within the Coaching Association partnership-participating in monthly NSO calls and being present at the NSO Annual meeting and Partners Days in June in the first ever virtual format. It's always a good opportunity to share and learn from other sports.

This year, I completed a large working group project with CAC and other National Sport Leaders to revamp the coaching code of conduct and coaching code of ethics for the Coaching Association of Canada. We completed this project at the end of 2019 after many meetings and feedback provided by other sports

Orienteering Canada will continue to participate in upcoming NSO (National Sport Organization) working days where NSO's get together and work on creative solutions together.

I am pleased to share that Orienteering Canada has once again received \$3000.00 in funding support for 2020 which will help in further development of our program.

I'd like to mention that September 19<sup>th</sup> to 27th is National Coaches week. As a coach, I think it's very important to recognize those in our clubs and community that teach/coach/instruct at all levels of our sport. We'll be using the hashtag #ThanksCoach and #CoachesWeek along with other sports to shout out and celebrate those that share their love of sport and expertise by teaching. Please join us on social media and celebrate National Coaches Week!

#### **HP Manager**

This past year, we welcomed Jeff Teutsch to the position of HP Manager. Jeff is still active on committees and is currently the chair of Major Events committee as well. Jeff has been a great addition in this role, and I look forward to continuing to work with him in this new capacity.

#### Other partners

Orienteering Canada continues to be involved with other partner organizations at the National level

- Coaching Association of Canada
- Concussion harmonization project
- LTAD/ Sport for Life (LTAD Tracking project)
- Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES, anti-doping program)
- Sport Matters
- AthletesCAN

Our involvement with these partners improves our sport and keeps us involved in the larger sport community; we will continue to be an engaged partner at the National level.

### **Let's Talk Orienteering Speaker Series**

This Speaker Series has been such a great experience especially when we were all at home and unable to get out to socialize as we normally would. Thank you to everyone who has given their time an\ expertise and shared experiences with the community. Please continue to watch our social media for future series.

#### **Committees**

A large part of my work as ED is contributing to special projects and committees and working with all the wonderful volunteers across the country. There are a few committees that are looking for some new members and if you would like to know more please reach out to me.

Major events committee is looking for members. Mapping committee is looking for members.

#### **Hall of Fame**

This year we expanded our categories for the Hall of Fame and had 10 new inductees selected. Reflecting on contributions and successes that have contributed to Orienteering Canada's history is one of the most rewarding projects to be involved with. We appreciate the engagement from the entire community.

#### Challenges

This year was not without its challenges. Covid-19 proved to be one of the most difficult things I've encountered in my professional life as it impacted every area of sport. From participation, competition to insurance and being completely shut down - crazy! Thank you to the community for your patience and understanding as we continue to navigate this. While we are not back to where we want to be yet, what I do know is that we will do our best, with the best information and consultation with other sport and sport experts. Please know that every step forward is done with great thought, care and concern using every available resource we have. Until then, we will be creative with engagement using the speaker series and Zoom as a way for us to continue to connect.

## **Additional Notes**

#### Thank yous

To the board of Directors: I appreciate all your support and am very thankful to have such a talented group. Bruce Glen - thank you for stepping into the Treasurer role! Don Riddle, thank you for your years of service on the board. I hope we get to keep you on the committees!

Committees: Thank you to all the Chairs and committee members who share their time and talent. It is such a pleasure to serve on some of these committees with you.

Charlotte MacNaughton & Jeff Teutsch: you are both such great teammates and I appreciate all the talent, wisdom and experience you both bring.

Anne Teutsch: I could not end my report without my heartfelt appreciation to you for your service as President. I've learned so much from you and have appreciated the time we have had working together. Orienteering Canada has been so fortunate to have you.