

Committee Report to 2020 AGM

Committee Name	Officials Committee
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Past Year's Work

The committee held 8 conference calls, all with quorum to discuss pertinent topics.

Linda Hildebrandt has finished the online O100 course on BlackBoard and over 20 people are at various stages of obtaining their O100 Theory qualifications. The first people have completed the course, some obtaining full O100 certification.

A fast track process was designed and approved whereby very experienced orienteers can be nominated by an individual or a PTOA. If approved that person can go all the way to O300 without doing the required practicum at each level, just the theory and course planning requirements.

The revised O200 manual is near published. Many revisions were made after extensive committee discussions. The committee has started work on the O300 modules, currently focussing on the O300 Course Planner Manual.

The O200 Power Point Instructor's manual was revised. Thanks Marg

The O200 Exam was updated, thanks to Richard.

We began to work on getting the O100 manual translated to French. Isobel did an original review of contracted work and indicate more work is required to get a useful version.

The committee read the ad hoc committee's report on Rebranding Canada Cup Events and comments were passed along to members on both committees.

The Term of References for the Officials committee was reviewed and changes were recommended. In particular, we were will passed the maximum member requirement. A final version is near approval.

Discussion approved the self-directed and other virtual events as suitable for O100 practicum requirement.

Thirty-five O Level certificates were issued in 2019 – 2020 to qualified officials. Associations that want to recognize their active officials can have them receive the new O level certificates with submission of the Orienteering Canada Official Record for each. Thanks to Anne for signing each certificate and OABC, AOA, OQ and OANS for promoting officials' certification.

The Orienteering Canada National Officials database has been continually updated and edited, adding new officials as they submit their official's record. Thanks to all

Future Work – Projects and Goals

- Complete the O200 Manual, Instructors Manual and exam.
- Finish review of the O300 CP Manual.
- Start work on the O300 ED and O300 Controller Manuals to ensure they are consistent with the lower O level manuals.
- Have all manuals translated into useable French versions?
- Continue evolution of the officials' certification process towards making increased electronic media availability.
- Continued evolution of the officials' certification process to encourage more quality events held by competent officials

Successes and Challenges

Keeping the national database updated and all manuals current.

Continued improvement of all O level manuals, etc.

Encourage more Canada Cup events, partially to encourage officials to be certified at the highest levels but also to ensure high level events to fulfill OCan strategic plan.

Develop strategies to maintain the orienteering events and official's certification through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Finances

Conference calls, publishing and web pages as well as fees for the final editing work. Funds are required for contract work to translate all O Manuals into French.

Additional Notes

Thanks to all committee members. Members ending their term in 2020; Marion Ross, Isobel Sigouin, Anyone interested in serving on this committee, conference call meetings are monthly. We would be glad to have you.