

## Committee Report to 2019 AGM

Committee Name	<b>Orienteering Canada - Technical Committee</b>
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### Past Year's Work

Received 4 sanction requests - approved 3, advised USOF that Rogaines did not fall under our mandate.

Rules review - The main focus of this year's review was a detailed comparison with the IOF rules and to eliminate any unnecessary differences. The second emphasis was a significant amount of wordsmithing to improve the clarity of the rules. We also made the rules more consistent with the Course and Class Guidelines

There were a few requests after the NAOC's for some rule changes to the NAOC rules. These have been drafted and await response from the USOF.

We did a survey on the issue of moving from 10 year age classes to 5 year age classes. The results were mixed. We are working towards a recommendation on this.

We started the year discussing the "rebranding" of the Canada Cup Events. This has now become the mandate of an AdHoc committee - 3 technical committee members are on that AdHoc Committee.

### Future Work – Projects and Goals

We are planning on preparing and finalizing a document on "How to Use the Course and Class Guidelines".

As far as rules reviews we will move to a two-step process. Every year we will review the changes that the IOF has made in their rules. Every second year we will open the rules to a more thorough review.

We have discussed preparing a set of guidelines for B Meets. We view it as an item not to intrude into the responsibility of the Officials Committee but to gather information on how B meets are put on across Canada - how many courses, how difficult are the courses, etc.

## Successes and Challenges

### Successes

Rules were updated and over the last 2 updates they have become much clearer and easier to read.

We do refer to the Course and Class Guidelines ourselves and hear from officials preparing for meets that they are referring to them.

### Challenges

How to make the rules and the course and class guidelines more of the orienteer's friend rather than just something to be obeyed.

it is unclear where the sanctioning of events will be headed in the future

## Finances

The expenses of the Technical Committee were limited to the monthly cost of the conference call line.

## Additional Notes

