



Committee Report to 2017 AGM

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Past Year's Work

Biannual update of the Orienteering Canada Technical Rules. This set of updates consisted of changes due to IOF Rule changes. The rules were also restructured to better index them and make them easier to read.

Sanction Requests for many Canada Cup Events were processed. In addition to this with Orienteering USA's approval applied for a deviation request for the sprint relay at the 2018 NAOC's being held in the Yukon.

Changes were made to the Course and Category Guidelines (see the Successes and Challenges section for details)

Future Work – Projects and Goals

With the rollout of the new ISOM mapping standard in 2017 it is important that the PTOA's and mappers utilize the changes encompassed within it. The technical committee has a role within this.

The Technical Committee also has a roll in ensuring that the new changes to the Course and Category Guidelines are implemented and used.

Successes and Challenges

The Technical Rules were updated and approved by the OC Board.

The updates to the Course and Category Guidelines were a considerable challenge. These updates were under discussion for several years. Input from many individuals and committees was sought. These included HPP, Sass Peepre, SOGO, the OC Board, the LTAD, as well as the PTOA's. Discussion was back and forth with them. Also some information from other IOF countries was evaluated. The eventual recommended changes were approved by the OC Board.

The changes consisted of some changes to the Recommended Winning Times. Also there were a few changes to courses for some of the senior categories. The major changes were in the junior categories.

These included evening out the gaps in progression for the under 20 orienteers. It also includes the additional of a new Level 1 category (existing levels were shifted up by 1). Currently this is being called the "Super Junior" category.

Finances

Expenses of the Technical Committee were primarily confined to the costs of the conference calls.

Additional Notes