



Committee Report to 2020 AGM

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Past Year's Work

Updated the OC Technical Rules. Primarily the changes this year came from the annual IOF Rules update. This year their updates were about a month later than normal thus OC's were also late. A subset of this was changes to the sprint mapping standard – ISSOM became ISSPrOM which necessitated changes in both the Rules and the Course and Class Guidelines.

Event sanctioning requests were completed for QOC, BCOC, COC and WCOG – but then these events were cancelled/postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Draft of revisions to the committee's Terms of Reference were completed and sent to OC President.

Set up Course Planner's Corner on the website. This is to serve as a place for TIPS for Course planners.

A few of the members of the committee were involved in the rebranding ad hoc committee for Canada Cup events.

Committee has been working on some "How to Use the Guidelines"

Additional Notes

The committee would like to extend a special thank you to Carol Walker for her work on the committee over the past several years. Her advice has been very much appreciated.

Future Work – Projects and Goals

A full review of the OC Rules will be done this winter. It will include the annual IOF updates as well the general membership will be asked about suggested changes.

It is anticipated that there will be work for the committee once final recommendations are made by the rebranding committee.

Continue work on the “How to Use Guidelines”

Successes and Challenges

One challenge was working with the USOF to get some rule changes for the NAOCs. This took forever to accomplish. All rule changes to the NAOCs need approval of both federations and then the IOF must approve them. NAOC Rules are an Appendix in the IOF rules.

The Technical Committee was asked to review the potential move from 10 year age groupings to 5 year groupings. This has been reviewed many times in the past with pros and cons each way. We may be suggesting changing the M/W 65+ classes into 5 year age groupings as a trial for 2021.

Finances

Expenses are limited to the conference call line – which is paid for by Orienteering Canada