

Speed Skate Nova Scotia  
2015/16 Annual General Meeting – June 29, 2016 BMO Centre, Bedford, NS

**Officials Committee Report**

**Officials Development Activities Fall 2015 / Winter 2016**

- Brent Thompson (ass't referee) and Don Mosher (ass't starter) officiated at PEI's SSC sanctioned Atlantic Cup ST meet in Nov 2015. This event helped both gain experience required for Level II certification.
- Brent Thompson (ass't referee) and Stephen MacMurray (ass't starter) officiated at the SSC provincial level Quebec Cup # 1 in Quebec City Nov 28-29, 2015. This event helped both gain experience required for Level II referee & Level III starter certification.
- Twenty attended the SSNS Level I Clinic presented by Bruce Gray at the Halifax Central Library on Jan 16, 2016. The clinic took place the same weekend of the Atlantic Cup LT competition and many attendees were able to apply new knowledge and skills immediately. SSNS Officials tuques marked their completion of the clinic.
- Brent Thompson (ass't referee) and Stephen MacMurray (ass't starter) officiated at the SSC national level Canadian Age Class LT Championships in Quebec City Feb 6-7, 2016. This event helped both gain experience required for Level II referee & Level III starter certification.
- Brent Thompson attended SSC's Level III Referee Clinic in Calgary Feb 26-28, 2016.
- Brent Thompson (ass't referee) officiated at the SSC national level Canada East ST Championships in PEI March 26-27, 2016. This event helped him gain experience required for Level III referee certification.
- Brent Thompson and Don Mosher were awarded their respective Level II Referee & Starter certifications at the season-end officials celebration April 9, 2016. Advancements were marked by presentation a SSNS Officials fleece.
- Level I Clinic completion certificates were distributed at the season-end officials celebration.
- Senior NS official Roland Daigle's (Level III Meet Coordinator, Level II Judge & Timer) years of volunteering were acknowledged by presentation of a SSNS Officials fleece at the season-end officials celebration.

**Acknowledgement & Thanks**

SSNS much appreciates the assistance of the FPVQ, Speed Skate NB, and Speed Skate PEI for opening up positions at various provincial and national-level SSC competitions for NS officials to gain experience. A special thank-you is also extended to Bert Losier and the HRSSC for the extra work to acquire an SSC sanction for the March Citadel Cup ST meet, one of the keys to help more of our officials advance at NS competitions.

And to Sport Nova Scotia's 'Support4Sport' program for the individual officials initiative grants to Brent Thompson & Stephen MacMurray, and the PSO project grant that provided additional funding for officials development.

### **Officials Development Plan 2014-2017**

Significant progress has been made completing the work outlined in the [officials development plan](#). The committee has identified the following priority items for action in 2016-2017:

- Circulation of draft Officials Policy for broad consultation, followed by revisions as necessary and approval / implementation by the board;
- Delivery of two Level II clinics (now in the planning stages) - Meet Coordinator / Recorder / Clerk of the Course, and combined Timer / Electronic Timer / Lap Recorder;
- Continued support of Brent Thompson's advancement process to reach Level III certification.

### **Staffing of the Officials Committee**

As I am stepping down from the Officials Committee the board will need to find new members to ensure the officials program continues to move forward. I am resigning effective the date of the AGM to refocus on other priorities.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to the volunteers who have come out in all sorts of weather and rink conditions to support speed skating in Nova Scotia, and in particular to David MacDonald for the work he's done in the past as Director of Officials. It's been an honour to work alongside you.

Chair, Officials Committee

*Stephen MacMurray*