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2022-2023 Officials Committee Report

Actions/Accomplishments:

- Evaluator training was hosted in Nov 2022
- Brought in 4 SK officials to assist with CSG and Legion Trials – received great feedback on some of our more TECHNICAL volunteers! Noted that many of them should definitely be recognized as officials.
- Had 4 MB officials attend Canadian Masters Championships in Regina
- Hosted a summer recruitment session with club parents – had a good turnout and positive responses.
- Launched use of the new Officials Database. Hosted 2 online training sessions.
 - This past season was a bit of a pilot for meet sign ups. It was the primary system for event sign ups but will need to host a refresher prior to the start of the outdoor season.
 - Still working out the kinks for credit tracking.
- New promotional/pathway graphics were designed to match the new updated official training pathway.

Incentives:

- Weather writers ready for our Level 5 Officials this season
- Will be collecting sizes for Level 4/5 zip up – lightweight sweaters.
- Level 1 – Pens
- Level 2 – Official name tag + Golf Shirt
- Level 3 - TBD

Recruitment Strategies:

- Orientation/recruitment sessions coordinated through the clubs have been more successful these past two seasons than in previous years with decent turn out AND a number of individuals taking the online clinics.
- We have also begun to see a group of individuals start to transition from previous “volunteers” into new officials. Tracking volunteer hours through meet record cards as we started back in 2019 has resulted in some who are willing to take on additional responsibilities and feel like they have good experience and are showing some ownership over their development.
- Link/partnership with Sport MB. No Ref = No Game Campaign.
 - Also now have the ability to post volunteer positions/opportunities online through Sport MB Coaching website on their newly established recruitment/Job opportunities section.
- Still need to make better use of the Volunteer Manitoba portal and posting volunteer positions there as well.

Award Winners:

Name of Award

Marie Burgess Spirit Award

Keith Beard Award

Official of the Year

Winner

Angie Conrad

Jane Edstrom

Donna Turner



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Clinics:

Discipline	Date	Where	Clinician	Level/Type	# Participants
Evaluators	Oct 18	Winnipeg	Jane Edstrom	Evaluators	9

Upgrades:

- Robert Renaud successfully completed his Level 4 upgrade as an Starters Assistant - Track

Officials Travel:

In 2022 MB Officials attended the following events:

- AC Indoor National Championships and Masters Championships in NB
- World Championships in Eugene Oregon
- Commonwealth Games in Birmingham UK
- AC U20/Senior National Championships in Langley, BC
- Canada Summer Games in Niagara, ON
- Canadian Masters Outdoor Championships in Regina, SK

Upcoming Year/Goals/Events:

- Must print and distribute more copies of officiating pathway and record cards at all events!
 - Also update web content with new pathway graphics.
- Implement individualized follow-ups with all new recruits, especially those who have completed the online training. While not automatic – need to create a template so that this is quick and easy for ALL new sign ups.
- We still don't have all active officials signed into the system and expect that this may be an ongoing challenge. Hosting another training session on Thursday April 20th – hope to see additional usage afterwards!
 - Aim to get everyone online and active by the end of 2023.
- Would like to establish regular orientation sessions at the start of each season – These could be zoom or in person check-ins. Opportunity to review pathways, discuss challenges, and start to build relationships and a network across from event groups.
 - Need to find an official willing to take the lead on this project.
- Hope that this will also help with the creation of mentorship partnerships – need to create these pairings once an officials has attended at least two events.
- Identify and support the substantial group of Level 2 officials who are ready to work through their level 3 upgrade process.
- Identify current level 3 officials who are ready to start their Level 4 upgrade process.