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2014 Initiatives

- Provision of Officials to Competitions
 - BCA officials assisted in 91 meets across BC
 - 42 club meets (3 – 45 officials per meet)
 - 34 school meets (5 – 38 officials per meet)
 - 8 provincial championships (9 – 56 officials per meet)
 - 4 National or National Championship meets (46 – 82 officials per meet)
 - Challenges
 - A very large number of meets, particularly in Zones 3, 4, & 5 stretched our officials quite thin.
 - Recommendations
 - Tighter sanctioning of meets by BCA Administration to reduce the number of conflicting meets and excessive demand on current officials.
 - Highlights
 - Large officials contingents at Provincial and National Championship meets and the International meets.
 - High quality of officiating at championship and international meets.
- Education of Officials
 - 5 Level One Workshops (6 - 18 registrants per course)
 - 2 Level Two Workshops(4-5 registrants per course)
 - 3 National Workshops (Horizontal Jumps WS, Starts WS, Walks Discussion Group)
 - Challenges
 - Too much of load of initiating and scheduling Level One and Level Two Workshops falls to volunteer officials.
 - Many, but not all, clubs show little encouragement to their members for attending officials workshops.
 - Highlights
 - When clubs had a vested interest in hosting Level One workshops or where the Officials Committee heavily promoted same, registration and attendance were high.
 - Recommendations
 - Greater pressure from BCA Board and Administration on member clubs to encourage their members to become officials.
- Recruitment of Officials

- Officials Committee participated in the Subcommittee on Officials Recruitment and Retention that is in the process of submitting a set of recommendations.
 - Recommendations in report need greater emphasis on duties of BCA members other than officials and the officials committee to recruit officials.
- Obstacles
 - Insufficient organizational financial/staff support for recruitment and retention of officials – current system relies on energy of volunteer officials whose main interest in officiating is participation in competitions and not administrative duties.
- Development of Officials
 - New Upgrades
 - 14 Level One Officials
 - 8 Level Two Officials
 - 1 Level 3 Official
 - 4 Level 4 Officials
 - 4 Level 5 Officials
 - Challenges
 - Too little follow up on initial Level One Workshop attendees to follow up with meet experience.
 - Insufficient organizational monitoring of trainees to encourage meet officiating and upgrading.
 - Limited energy in over-worked senior officials for recruitment and encouragement of upgrading in junior officials.
 - Highlights
 - We continue to have a core of officials upgrading to Levels Four and Five which increases our capacity for hosting National Championship and International meets.
 - Recommendations
 - Greater organizational support with respect to tracking workshop attendees and encouraging upgrading.

Planned 2015 Initiatives

- Provision of Officials to Competitions
- Education of Officials
 - Increase number of Level One Workshops and Attendees with assistance of clubs and BCA Administration.
- Recruitment of Officials
 - Will continue to participate in recruitment and retention subcommittee activities.
- Development of Officials
 - Will continue to encourage and arrange provincial and national mentoring opportunities for officials wishing to upgrade their skills and credentials.