

National Officials' Committee
Mentor and Clinician Recertification Process

1. Recertification of Mentors and Clinicians

Further to the report presented at the April 2011 NOC/BOC meeting and the approved motion that Master Trainers for Mentors and Clinicians be trained and funded by NOC for one individual from each branch with the option for each branch to fund up to two more individuals for master training.

The strategy for training "master trainers" is essentially to provide the training for both (Clinicians and Mentors) on a Saturday afternoon for one and Sunday morning for the other.

2. Master Trainers' (Clinicians and Mentors)

- Selection criteria
 - minimum level 5 official
 - possess a good knowledge of the application of the Rules
 - post-secondary education
 - knowledge of the principals of adult education
 - experience using of presentation technology (eg. MS PowerPoint)
 - good oral and written communication skills
 - be respected by other senior officials in Canada

- Participant selection
 - The Athletics Canada Coordinator of Officials Development, on behalf of the NOC will conduct a call for "expressions of interest" to all level 5 officials in Canada with copy to Branch Chairs and Branch Presidents
 - The Athletics Canada Coordinator of Officials Development will collate and summarize the submissions for NOC approval
 - NOC will select all participants even those funded by Branches to attend the training

- Location for Master Trainers' training
 - Option 1 – training in one central location in Canada (eg. Winnipeg)
 - Option 2 – training in two or more regional locations in Canada (eg. One session in Calgary for Manitoba west; and, one session in Toronto or Montreal for Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic provinces)

- Contents and delivery format

While the contents and format for the delivery of the training is not finalized it will likely include forms of:

 - Using power point and/or electronic training
 - Have a competency-based focus
 - Follow the general format of the current clinics and mentoring processes
 - Use case studies and a "discussion" format

3. Other issues on logistics relating to Master Trainers' training for mentors and clinicians

The delivery of the Master Trainers' training could be handled by NOC or potentially through someone from outside the NOC or even outside the Sport of Athletics. For example using someone who has significant experience in adult education and in particular sports administration may be an appropriate choice.

Costs for conducting the Master Trainers' training are to be calculated by the Athletics Canada Coordinator of Officials Development and funding secured through Athletics Canada and/or a sponsor.

The proposed timing is fall 2012 for the delivery of the training for Master Trainers'.

Next steps include circulation of these notes to the NOC members and for the Athletics Canada Coordinator of Officials' Development to pursue funding options.