



# *Water Polo Canada*



The Official's Working Group (OWG) met for 6 hours the weekend of September 19-21, 2008 during the Annual Growth & Leadership Summit in Richmond, BC. This is the first time in a couple of years that this committee has met in person. The mandate of the OWG is to train, recruit, develop, and retain referees and minor officials in Canada.

The main purpose of the meetings was to reinvent the official's development curriculum. Discussion took place around how to deliver a more dynamic workshop at the Regional and Provincial levels. In addition, a Community Sport- Initiation referee context course will be added to the docket of the Officials Training and Certification Program (OTCP). Under the new National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) there is a stream of coaching workshops dedicated to community coaches, which was created to align with the Active for Life competition stream in the Long-term athlete development (LTAD) model. The OWG wanted to align the OTCP with the new NCCP and LTAD, the reason for the creation of the Community Sport referee program.

The official's progression chart can be downloaded here. There are now 2 streams of officiating: Community Sport and Competition. Under the Community Sport stream, Water Polo Canada (WPC) will offer a minor official's workshop and a referee initiation course. Both courses can be taken independently as there are no pre-requisites. Official's can choose to take the Community Sport stream workshops and/or the Competition stream workshops. What that means is that the Community Sport courses are geared for Active for Life levels of competition and minor officiating, and are not pre-requisites for any courses in the Competition stream. Someone who wishes to referee competitive levels of water polo (i.e. Provincial, National, and International championships) should enter the Competition stream at the Regional context level. There are 6 levels within the Competition stream: Regional, Provincial, National C, National B, National A, and International (UANA, FINA, and FINA-R). An experienced water polo person, a NT athlete or coach for example, may be given an exemption from the Regional level context, and allowed to enter the Competition stream at the Provincial context level. UANA referees can officiate Pan American Games and NT joint training ventures. FINA referees are nominated by WPC, and are selected by FINA at various events on the FINA circuit (i.e. World League, World Championships, and Olympic Games). FINA-R is a retired FINA referee, who delivers referee courses in Canada, officiates top level Canadian water polo games, and can still be used for NT joint training camps.

The new Community Sport- Initiation referee course will be delivered over a 3-hour period (approximately), and can be delivered by any Provincial level referee with adequate experience. Given that new standards are being created for delivering a more dynamic workshop, making use of audio-visual and on deck experiences, the new Community Sport OTCP will be easily accessible for all, and should allow for more referees to begin the certification process.

WPC has also announced its referees to represent Canada on the 2008-09 FINA circuit. We would like to congratulate Gaeatan Turcotte (Newfoundland), Stéphane Roy (Quebec), Carl Burt (Newfoundland), Marie-Claude Deslières (Quebec), Mikhail Dykman (Alberta), Doriel Terpenka (Ontario) and newcomer William Mackay (Ontario). WPC would like to once again offer its congratulations to Mr Turcotte for his recent accomplishments at the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. For those not aware, Mr Turcotte was given the opportunity to referee the men's gold medal game between Hungary and USA.



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	*Pre-requisites	LTAD Pathway	Stream of Competition	Types of Competition
Minor Official	None	All	All	All
Community Sport-Initiation	None	Technical Foundations	Physical Literacy	Community
		Competitive Foundations	Active for Life	Regional
Regional	None	Active for Life	Competition	Community
		Competitive Foundations	Active for Life	Regional
Provincial	**Regional	Training to Compete	Active for Life	Provincial
		Active for Life	Competition	16U & 18U NCC
National C	Provincial	Training to Compete	Competition	Provincial
		Training to Perform	Excellence	All NCC
National B	National C	Training to Compete	Competition	Provincial
		Training to Perform	Excellence	All NCC
National A	National B	Training to Perform	Competition	Provincial
		Living to Win	Excellence	All NCC
UANA	National A	Training to Perform	Competition	Provincial
		Living to Win	Excellence	All NCC
FINA	National A	Living to Win	Excellence	Pan American competitions
		Living to Win	Excellence	International joint training
FINA- Retired	National A	Living to Win	Excellence	Provincial
		Living to Win	Excellence	All NCC
				International joint training
				FINA events



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\*Referees are required to successfully complete evaluations and referee a specified amount of games in order to be eligible for upgrades. Details are in the referee log book.

\*\*Official's may be granted permission to skip the Regional course and start at the Provincial level. Applications must be sent to your provincial official representative and provincial organization for approval.