

Notice To All Lower Mainland Event Organizers and Hosts

BC Wrestling Officials Association regrets to inform you that due to the declining number of officials we no longer have local Head Pairing Masters to work event registrations and run computer draws in the lower mainland.

We will continue to provide On Mat official services. Lower mainland event organizers will now be responsible for providing their own draw teams and running their own pairing for events.

At the request of the event organizer, the officials will attempt to import a Head Pairing Master from the island or the interior. The travel and accommodation costs will be the organizer's responsibility.

Online event registration with BCWA will continue as part of BCWA's sanctioning requirements but the registrations for your events will be sent to a registration person that you assign as your head draw master.

The Official's Association is requesting that all coaches assist with the recruitment of officials. This was a successful practice in years past that has fallen by the way side. Please encourage any of your athletes that you feel would benefit from officiating experience to contact the officials and come out for some hands on training.

See below for information related to how students can earn school credits for officiating.

External Official Course Information

2. Official - Course Code - UXSO 10 or UXSO 11 or UXSO 12

The Sport Secretariat has evaluated each provincial sport organization's official's program submissions for inclusion as a Ministry-approved "External Credentials - Sport" credit. Official's programs are monitored on an annual basis.

To qualify, a student must have completed a theory component, passed required exams and completed practical experiences with an evaluation signed by a provincial sport organization's designated official's educator or evaluator.

Official 10 - 2 credits

A student official must complete a theory course, examination, evaluation and 25 hours of practical officiating.

Official 11- 4 credits

A student official must complete a theory course, examination, evaluation and 75 hours of practical officiating.

Official 12 - 4 credits

A student official must complete a theory course, examination, evaluation and 125 hours of practical officiating.

For the practical officiating experience, a student official must complete the minimum number of officiating hours as indicated. Officiating hours between each level (Official, 10, 11 and 12) are cumulative and can be acquired in more than one sport. For students who accumulate officiating hours in more than one sport, it is mandatory they complete the theory, examination and evaluation/assessment component independently for each sport if they wish to earn credit for the particular sport officials program.

The student official must have a record (booklet, passport, etc.) that is signed by a provincial sport organization official to confirm the completion of the components and indicating the number of hours spent on the practical component.

Please refer to the "Recognized Officials Programs 2004-2005" table for a list of officials programs for indicated sports that have been approved for credit.

Recognized Official Programs Approved for 2004-2005			
PROVINCIAL SPORT ORGANIZATIONS	OFFICIAL 10 UXSO 10	OFFICIAL 11 UXSO 11	OFFICIAL 12 UXSO 12
Weightlifting	Provincial Category 5	Provincial Category 4	National Category 3
Wrestling	BC Official-C	BC Official-B	BC Official-A

Respectfully,

BC Wrestling Official's Association