

RCA Umpire Committee

2016 recertification seminar

The background

- This is not directly from the RCA Umpire Committee
- Our rep typically delivers the report using insider information
- As we no longer have a BC-based rep on the UC, I have put this together without that insider information

2015 goals for the RCA UC

- Improving consistency across the country and improving the implementation of safety and fairness
- Improving the public image of umpires
- Rolling out the new educational material

- Regret that the UC hadn't met their three goals, and indicated that there were a number of factors in play, many of which were out of the UC control. Money was a big factor.

- Cancellation of 2015 CMC's in Kenora

The new education material

- Progress slower than hoped for
- Level 1 and Level 2 considered completed; ready for branding and translation
- Some technical issues with the playing of embedded video in Levels 1 and 2
- Level 3 [Chief Umpire] material was only started last weekend

Level 1 – Assistant Umpire

- Clinic expected to be 3 to 4 hours
- Just an introduction...
- Focuses on Control, Start and Finish in some detail
- Touches on On-water umpiring
- Not to be a decision-maker – to work under supervision
- Dress code – **encouraged** to wear tan pants, blue shirt. No tie...
- Assistant decides when ready to move to Level 2, in conjunction with clinician

Level 2 - Associate Umpire

- Clinic expected to be 8 to 10 hours
- The full detail is taught for all positions...
- Will be a decision-maker – again, under supervision
- Dress code – **must** wear tan pants, blue shirt. No tie...
- Associate decides when ready to challenge the exam, in conjunction with clinician

General observations

- Seminar content to be mandated by UC
- Extensive changes to Rules of Racing will start in the post-Olympic year
- Request to move to four-year cycle for seminars and retention of licences
- 30% conversion rate currently from clinic to licenced umpires
- Minimum age of 21 for an individual to hold an umpire licence was recommended
- RCA has had 600 measuring devices manufactured for distribution across the country

RCA's measuring disk

