



ROWING CANADA AVIRON UMPIRES COMMITTEE

Presentation to the

Rowing British Columbia Umpires' Seminar

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RCA Umpires Committee



- Technical Committee – reports to CEO, provides advice to Board
- Chair appointed by CEO – open call
- Members appointed by Chair – open call
- Members:
 - Errol Bosman (Calgary, AB)
 - Donna Bliss (Fredericton, NB)
 - Marie-Sophie Desaulniers (Ottawa, ON)
 - Debbie Sage (Clinton, ON)
 - Julia-Ann Vincent (Halifax, N.S.)

Committee Structure



- According to the RCA UC [Terms of Reference](#):
 - “...up to six members selected for their knowledge of umpiring, capacity in policy development, and capability and willingness to undertake committee work. A minimum of one member of the UC shall be a licensed FISA umpire”
 - “...selected through a structured application process”

Sub-Committees



- Umpire Education and Development (UEDSC)
 - Chair – Donna Bliss (L4), Errol Bosman (L4), Julie-Ann Vincent
- National Jury (NJSC) - six members – Chair + 5 - RCA UC Member is Chair (Debbie Sage) and representatives from :
 - British Columbia - Ge-An Rijniersce
 - Prairies – Audra Vair
 - Ontario – Louise Hastings
 - Quebec – Julie Thibault
 - Atlantic – Linda Lee



2018/2019 Accomplishments

- Finalize Terms of Reference; [Umpire Licensing Policy](#)
- Recruiting four new clinicians (BC, ON, QC)
- National Jury appointments made 2019, announcement for 2020 Juries
- Umpire uniform survey, report, decision, new kit confirmed
- Coastal Task Force started
- Level 4 training materials developed
- Umpire Handbook developed
- Umpire Accountability Framework
- Updated RCA UC and PRA Roles and Responsibilities
- 2 meetings with PRA UC Chairs / Umpire Coordinators



2020 Planned

- Umpire uniform – stocking and supplying uniform pieces
- Coastal Task Force – delivers – umpires training module, recommendations to Rules changes, overview for O.C.s and Juries
- National Supported Juries – review criteria
- Chief Umpire Seminar
- Rules of Racing review
- Umpire Development Program
- Level 1 clinic delivered via webinar



Recruitment

- We need to refresh the umpire cadre, younger, more diverse
- Best people to recruit umpires are umpires – you know what's involved and why you do it
- Umpire [training pathway](#)
- Masters athletes, Seniors, National Team alumni—approach them and make the pitch
- If everyone in the room recruited one twentysomething by this time next year, B.C. would be leading the country!



Final Points

- Sanctions - Chief Umpires need to be involved in the development of the sanction application
- Evaluation - Umpire evaluation was introduced in 2011 by the RCA Board through [Policy](#). Umpires need to be evaluated in 3 of 5 stations once every three years.
- Safe Sport – more work to come – Discipline Policy



Questions?

(You may submit these in writing if you wish,
and I will “reply all”.)