

VP Technical Report 2024

Let me start by saying congratulations and good luck to Canada's Olympic qualifiers. Hanna Taylor originally from PEI but representing Brock W.C., Linda Morais originally from L'Essor W.C but representing Montreal W.C., Justina Di Satasio and Gondinez Gonzalez from B.C on the Women's side. For the men Alex Moore from Montreal and Amar Dhesi from B.C.

I would like to welcome aboard David Tremblay as the new high-performance Manager. David has hit the ground running assisting in hosting events, attending events, planning camps and trips for athletes. He has also help set up coaching clinics. David will be busy trying to outline and assist on developing a program for the Canada Games 2025 team.

This year we were disappointed that we had to cancel the Ontario Senior championships due to the lack of participants. Hopefully we can avoid this again with the new scheduling for 2025. New scheduling is required to align ourselves with WCL championships and events. The Junior, under 17, under 19 and youth festival were completed as schedule.

The Ontario Juniors were held in London with London being named the overall Junior Champions. The youth event was held in Orillia. It was sad to see 2 of our teams Guelph and Brock Jr. Badgers could not make it, although hosting youth tournaments during the year. Top teams were Novice/Kids Girls- Renfrew, Bantam Girls- Independent W.C., Novice Kids Boys – Independent and Bantam Boy's went to Matmen. The Under 17, 19 and 23 were hosted in Toronto with Independent taking the under 17 girls title and K bay capturing the girls under 19 titles. Matmen won both boys divisions. There were no statistics for the under 23.

Ontario will have its work cut out for them trying to get our age group wrestlers back on top of the podium and ready for Canada Games. We will need to work together to keep Ontario strong. We hope coaches can help encourage all their athletes to get involved.

Officials' numbers were down this year and same thing applies we need to encourage our past and present athletes to get involved. Without officials we do not have a game. I would like to mention that it is up to our clubs to assist and control their members. Ultimately the club head coach is responsible for all it's members and parents. Last year we had a few incidents where our officials were threatened with violence. Police were almost called on two other incidences involving coaches and parents.

Coaches, this year we cracked down on vulnerable sector searches and in the past, it was on qualifications. Due to all the liability issues and issues happening in sport, the OAWA needs to crack down on coaches' eligibility. Not just for events but for club participation. I suggest for 2025- All coaches excepted to OAWA must have a valid

VSC, and current to 4-year e pic. All coaches must have a valid nccp # and a minimum standard safe sport course, while they are working to their certification. I would like to see a Coaches list published to the OAWA web site with coaches' qualifications. This to assist the coaches that may not visit the nccp locker and to assist organizers on who should or should not be on the floor or in the corner. I will leave it up to the VP coaching to touch on more programs to assist getting our coaches and supporters qualified in some ways.

In closing I would like to thank the high-performance committee for working through the carding and other issues with me. Our next big issue will be the planning of the following season with the WCL date changes.

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