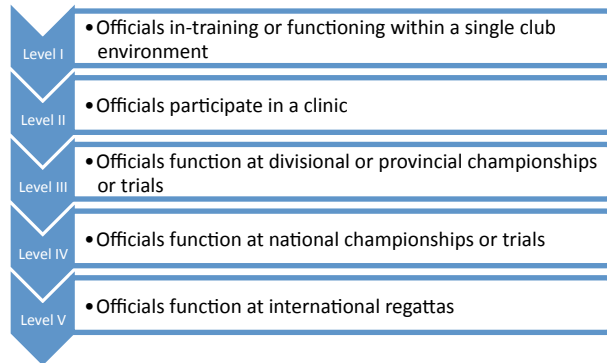


The accreditation program for sprint racing:



The Officials Accreditation Program has been designed to promote and develop officiating in Canada and to provide Officials at all levels within it an integrated and progressive means of improving their knowledge and skill in the theoretical, technical, and practical aspects of sprint racing officiating. Within this process, each level of officiating experience is matched to appropriate competition demands so that Officials are qualified to officiate at regattas which are most suitable to their experience and ability.

Join the Team!

The quality of competition in sprint racing has been developed and improved considerably in Canada over the past few years and this growth has been due to the dedication of many individuals across the country. The Official's Accreditation Program allows you to become involved and if you choose to enter the program you will find being an Official a challenging and rewarding experience.

For further information, contact

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Sprint Racing Officials

Western Ontario Division
CanoeKayak Canada

How to become an Official

Canoeing as raced in the sprint racing discipline of CanoeKayak Canada (CKC) is an Olympic event and requires officials as well as athletes to conduct a competition (regatta). Volunteers are the core of the officiating team and give their time, energy, and expertise to ensure the fairest and safest racing conditions possible for all competitors. The Official plays an integral role in the conduct of the regatta and numerous volunteer Officials are required for the many officiating and/or support positions necessary.

The Officiating Team

If you enjoy volunteering and are interested in obtaining a better understanding of sprint racing, officiating offers an alternative involvement in the sport. Enthusiasm and a sense of contribution will carry you through any regatta or the racing season. Swimming competency is an asset as this is a water sport however non-swimming Officials are accommodated.

Chief Official
Chief Finish Line Judge
Competition Secretary
Finish Line Judges
Timer
Boat Controller
Starter
Referees

Support Positions

Starters assistant
Boat control assistants
Motor boat drivers
Safety boat personnel
Announcer
Results management

Events

Regattas are held for various levels of competitive racing: local, divisional, provincial, national and international. Volunteer Officials serve at various positions at each level of competition.

Local / Divisional / Provincial

Club regattas
Divisional regattas
Divisional trials / championships
Provincial trials / championships

National

Canadian Sprint Racing Championships
CanMas (Canadian Masters) Championships
Canada Summer Games
National Team Trials

International

Junior World Championships
Senior World Championships
Pan American Games
Olympic Games

Accreditation

When you decide to become a sprint racing Official, the initial step is to attend a half-day clinic held in your locale. These clinics are conducted by experienced people who are knowledgeable in officiating. The clinic will introduce you to the competition rules and to the specific responsibilities of the various officiating and/or support positions. As a novice Official, you will not be expected to learn or attain all abilities of an experienced Official immediately. Rather, you will begin by learning the basic essential material. The knowledge, experience and confidence that you will require to be an effective Official will be learned by gradually performing the various officiating positions.