

2018-2019 Education Committee Report

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The EC has held four online meetings since the fall of 2018. The coaching and work commitments of the members of the EC make it challenging to find meeting times, however we were able to get most of the committee together for most of the meetings.

Below is a summary of the projects that the EC is working on, along with a short description of the project, and update, and the current status.

PROJECT TITLE	DESCRIPTION	UPDATE	STATUS
Webinars	The EC will host informational webinars for the Technical Association members	The EC initially determined that two webinars would be held during the 2018-2019 season. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What's New Webinar2. Judges Professionalism Webinar Potential webinars include: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Compulsory Progressions2. Artistic Group Book Club Style Webinar	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What's New Webinar hosted in October 2018.2. Judges Professionalism Webinar hosted in January 2020
Vignettes	The EC will publish Vignettes to the website on relevant topics throughout the season.	The EC established a list of vignette topics: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. WBTF Warm-up trick line2. Basic March technique3. Forward Motion chasse and retire technique4. Core Strengthening Exercises5. Reverse Illusions6. Short Program Elements	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Filming complete2. Filming complete3. Filming complete4. Filming complete5. TBA6. TBA We did not publish any vignettes this year, but will aim to do so in the upcoming season.

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Video Library	To develop a library of videos with standard scoring keys to be used as practice material in any judging course, as assignment material in future judge selection cycles, and as material for self-study and self-improvement programs.	Events that have videos for which standard scoring keys have been developed: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A Compulsories 2. B Compulsories 3. C Compulsories 4. WBTF Freestyle Team 5. A & B Freestyle 6. Pairs 7. Short Program 	Ongoing work. We are continually receiving videos for the library and Ron will continue to keep the library updated with scoring keys.
SDP Adjudicator Course	To update the SDP Adjudicator Course and all of it's supporting materials	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the Adjudicator Manual 2. Review the Role Model Video 3. Review practice adjudicating video 4. Review exam questions 5. Review exam videos 6. Review current grading standards 7. Determine need for adjudicators to be better equipped to assess, identify and reward quality 8. Review adjudicator contract 9. Develop SDP Adjudicator Refresher 10. Determine online certification requirements for S2 and higher 	Sara Thibeault is the project lead and will provide an update at the FTM.

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Realignment of the Coaching & Judging Courses	To review current content of the coaching and judging courses, realign as necessary, and develop an online aspect to the courses.	Align the coaching programs with the athlete programs that are in place (i.e. recreational, pre-competitive, competitive, elite) Align the judging programs and review certifications (especially wrt groups)	Online tutorials and in-class outlines being developed for the coaching program to coincide with the Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model. Coaches Course retreat held in February 2019 to develop practical courses. Theory courses will be available online this fall, practical courses (Foundations and Competition 1) will be available shortly thereafter, and work will continue on Competition 2 and 3. Judging courses will be developed this year. Will need a judges course retreat.
M3 Update	Need to add WBTF Artistic Group to the M3 judging course	This project will work in conjunction with the Realignment project.	In progress
French Translation of the SDP Manual	This is a development manual and is a priority for French translation	The starter SDP manual (White to Bronze Pin) has been translated to French. Will need to continue to translate Grey to Diamond.	In progress
French Translation of the Coaches L1 Manual		Translation has begun.	On hold while we navigate the realignment of the coaching courses.

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Athlete Levels and Advancement	The purpose of the project is to investigate the development of a system to replace the current mandatory advancement by score. For presentation at the 2017 Fall Conference.	A project lead to be identified. Conducted mini-brainstorming session at the Coaches and Judges social evening at Canadians. Input is being summarized and will be available for the project committee as a starting point for further investigation.	On hold while the “Five Levels” project is finalized.
National Coordinator of Course Conductors	Investigate the potential role of a National Coordinator of Course Conductors	A project lead to be identified once the Realignment Project is closer to completion.	
M1 Course Conductor Refresher	Webinar-based update to bring all M1 Course Conductors current with the EC and CC expectations (logistical and regarding course delivery).	This will fall into place along with the Realignment project.	
Technical Rulebook	Publish an online reference which is a current reflection of the specific rules that govern the events held at our competitions.	An easier way for members to search and view the information that they need without having to sift through motions or policies which can sometimes be confusing (and often need to be pieced together to come up with the current status).	An online tool “Technical Reference Manual”. This resource is available to Technical Association members via their website login. Sections continue to be added, but has proved a very useful point of reference!
Practice Judge Process Review	A review of the current practice judging processes and requirements.	This will fall into place along with the Realignment project.	