



## **Selection Criteria for Sectional Series Events**

As we approach the first Sectional event in July, we wanted to remind Ontario officials what is involved in determining the makeup of the invitation list for each event.

At the end of February an Availability Survey was shared with all judges and technical officials who have qualifications suitable for the Sectional Series events. The survey contained all the criteria considered for participation in a Sectional Series event. We received responses from 142 officials. Based on past events, we can accommodate approximately 50 to 55 officials at each of the 3 events prior to Sectionals in November and December which means that roughly 90 people cannot be invited to each event. Each person who responded to the survey has been considered, with great discussion, for each event with the goal being to assign as many of the 142 as we can to one of the 3 events prior to Sectionals in November and December.

The main driver for assigning each person to at least one event prior to November is the following:

- To be considered for assignment at a Sectional Championship event in November and December, Officials must have officiated at a minimum of one Sectional Series event (or higher) in July, August, September, or October. (Note: out-of-province events will be considered)
- Officials with multiple qualifications must be active in a discipline during the current season to be considered for a Sectional Championship assignment in that discipline.

The Assignments – Sectional Series working group has been working very closely with the Pathway and Promotions working group in determining the invitation list for each event. This collaboration has enabled us to ensure that each event can also function as a development event for many of our officials.

We are continuing to endeavour to try to assign each person to at least one of the first 3 events, but it may not be possible given all the decisions that need to be made as per the following considerations:

1. The principal goals of the Assignment – Sectional Series working group are:
  - a. To have high quality officiating at all Sectional Series events
  - b. To have well-balanced event panels including both experienced and progressing officials
  - c. To strive for panels of five judges at Sectional Series events & seven judges at Sectional Championships
2. Priority for assignment to Sectional Series events has been given according to the following criteria:
  - a. Preference given to officials with the greatest availability for an event.
  - b. Preference given to officials with few conflicts.
  - c. Multi-discipline officials preferred (both qualified and those working towards promotion).



- d. Home location of the official is considered for the impact to the travel budget
3. The Assignments - Sectional Series working group has worked closely with the Promotions & Pathway working group to prioritize the following Officials for assignment at Sectional Series events:
    - Challenge and Canadian promotion candidates
    - Challenge promotion application candidates
    - Section level promotion candidates
    - Section level Phase 2 candidates

Going forward, participation in the Provincial Series events this year may play a part in the decision making for next years' Sectional Series events.

Please ensure that you fully read all availability surveys that you receive as any updates to the above information will be included.

As we get further into the season, we hope that all Officials have the opportunities they need to enhance their skills.