

# NTC Report 2023

## **Committee Members:**

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## **Host Committee Members:**

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The NTC met each month from September to May, culminating in the National Championships in Wolfville, NS. The purpose of the meetings was to plan the competitive aspect of the National Championships and to liaise with the host committee members in Nova Scotia, who were instrumental in finding the venue and making arrangements locally. It is important to have an ongoing NTC in order to ensure continuity from one championship to the next, to build on successes, and address shortcomings. It is also to have a group of people whose only role is running the competition. The NTC is still seeking individuals committed to working on this committee and attending Nationals, regardless of its location.

The NTC oversees all aspects of the Championships from initial communication, website population, ordering of supplies, floor set up, judging, registration, competition schedule, results, first aid, food, etc., and liaises with the RSC board when necessary.

The host committee worked hard to make sure that athletes, coaches, and judges, as well as other attendees felt welcome. Accommodation in dorms was good and there were no issues brought to our attention regarding accommodation.

Following this year's championships, the NTC would like to note the following:

## **Positives:**

- The host committee worked hard to make sure that athletes, coaches, and judges, as well as other attendees felt welcome. Accommodation in dorms was good and there were no issues brought to our attention regarding accommodation.
- The core of the host committee members worked extremely hard during the competition as there were not as many volunteers as anticipated.
- Given the number of athletes and events, the competition ran pretty much to schedule.
- The floor and pipe and drape/flags/banners etc. looked professional.
- The move to black judges' shirts was a positive one.
- The livestream was very well received.

## **Recommendations:**

- Practice area needs to be adequate.
- We are reaching a max capacity for numbers of athletes, days, and space leaving no room for growth if additional provinces were added, and would suggest any (not all) of the following options:
  - Reduce overall entries per event/province from eight to five.
  - Reduce stand-alone entries (wheel, triples) from eight to three.

- Increase the number of days of the competition.
- Reduce number of events
- Remove 11U category or further reduce their events.
- Intersperse awards throughout the competition so it is not a very long procedure at the end of each day.
- Order black tablecloths along with pipe and drape to keep a professional look.
- Move away from projector and screens for speed display and use 56" or greater TV if possible.
- Be clearer on location and protocol of first aid attendant (assign a tournament committee member as main contact person should an emergency occur)
- Does RSC have a plan for IJRU qualifiers moving forward?

## Budget

This year, we ended up with a deficit, which is close to the profit of last year's nationals in BC (+\$5000). We have not had a deficit for many years. We need to move away from a model where the goal is to break even.

- Numbers of athletes were lower than initially predicted based on the survey. The survey drove the registration cost decision. It was decided to keep the registration fee as low as possible.
- The University bill was greater than initially projected as there were charges for a lot of extras.
- Locally sourced team show, group routine, and participation ribbons were more expensive than anticipated.
- Judges' shirts were all ordered new and there are a lot of extras for next year.

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>41950</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>48737.66</b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>-6787.66</b>

## Budget recommendations

- Increase the cost of attendance at Nationals (this year, the registration fee for US Nationals was over \$600). We do not recommend raising it to more than \$200 but this is a very reasonable fee for a national competition. This will ensure we have enough funding each year.
- Athletes receive a t shirt and tournament pin as part of registration. There is no need for extra bags and gifts.

- Pay more attention to costs of supplies earlier in the year as it may be less expensive to order them in a different province and ship them or pay the extra baggage cost. The NTC should order supplies directly.
- NTC members whose only purpose of attending Nationals is to run the competition should have travel and accommodation paid. We suggest that a set amount per night for accommodation be set so that NTC members can choose their own accommodation and pay the difference, if there is one.
- The National tournament budget should be set apart in the RSC budget so that it can be seen as an item on its own. There were a few mix ups with funds belonging to the IJRU Qualifier.

**Other comments:**

There of us were very fortunate to be asked to assist in the running of the IJRU World Championships. This proved to be a great opportunity to learn how other countries do things and we have many ideas stemming from this, mostly to do with roles and responsibilities, and award ceremonies. We also were able to take a deeper dive into the scoring program and its role in ensuring a smoother competition and communication system. Nicola Eleniak was very much missed in Colorado Springs and we were struck by the outpouring of support from other countries.

The NTC committee comprises a group of individuals who are committed to improving the caliber of the National competition, and who spend countless hours thinking, meeting, and planning. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NTC members for their dedication to our sport.

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