

NTC Report 2024

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The National Tournament Committee (NTC) is a dedicated group of individuals committed to improving the caliber of the National Championships. They spend countless hours organizing the Championships each year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NTC members for everything they do, and for their dedication to our sport.

Committee Activities

The National Tournament Committee (NTC) met on a monthly basis between September and May of this year to plan all necessary items for the 2024 National Championships. This year, the National Championships were hosted by the Ontario Rope Skipping Organization (ORSO) and took place in Kitchener-Waterloo at Laurier University.

As a committee, the NTC oversees all aspects of organizing the championships, including the website, program, schedule, and staging. The Host Committee played a crucial role in finding the venue and making local arrangements, which was essential for the success of our event.

Highlights and Successes

1. **High-Quality Photography/Media:** The photography, livestreaming, and videography were of high quality and well-shared on social media. We should aim to hire a photographer of similar caliber in the future.
2. **Coaching Communication:** A coaching group chat was created at the competition. Despite some drawbacks with the method used this year, a communication system should be continued. It effectively kept all coaches informed about announcements and awards.
3. **Professional Staging:** The overall look of the competition staging was professional and elevated— particularly noteworthy was the stage used for the podium.

Future Considerations

1. **Practice Space:** Provide more space for athletes to practice.
2. **Staggered Awards:** The initial idea to stagger awards, similar to the 2023 IJRU Worlds Competition, did not fit with our schedule. We will reconsider how to implement this for the 2025 Championships.
3. **Committee Restructuring:** The NTC is looking into restructuring roles within the committee to better meet the needs of the competition and the function of the Championships.

Additional Notes:

This year, we purchased enough medals to suffice the next several years. Due to this order and other factors related to cost of necessary items, the committee was over budget (-\$5,800). With the rising cost of facility rentals and procuring necessary items for the competition, the committee recommends potentially adjusting the cost of registration. Please note, 2023 was the first year that the Championship budget saw a deficit due to unavoidable hosting costs. Previously, the competition broke even, or in the case of 2022, made a profit. It was recommended in 2023 that we move away from the break-even model, and this recommendation still stands.

We look forward to continuing to improve the experience of the National Championships for all athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators. We cannot wait to see everyone in Saskatoon for the 2025 National Championships. Planning is already underway!

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