

2019 Umpire Training Conference

Session Schedule & Description

9:00 am	
Welcome & overview of the day	
9:15 am	
Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) – Negotiation Skills for Sport Leaders	<i>Negotiation is an intricate part of our daily lives. We negotiate even without realizing it, whenever our opinions, values or objectives differ from those with whom we interact. In sport, negotiations are a common occurrence between administrators, athletes, coaches and officials. Unfortunately, more often than not, relationship preservation is pushed to the sidelines when emotionally-charged parties face each other in a conflict. This session introduces the best practices of principled negotiation as they apply to the sport context, through interactive scenario analyses and mock negotiations. Participants will learn tips and strategies to discover the underlying interests of parties de-escalate conflicts and preserve relationships throughout the resolution of a disagreement or dispute. While comparing different approaches to negotiation, step-by-step processes are suggested to better analyse, strategize and communicate during a negotiation.</i>
10:45 am	
Break	
11:00 am	
Objections & protests – Case study	<i>This session will involve individual reflection, small group collaboration, and large group discussion, all related to real life rowing scenarios and the rules of racing. Time permitting, participants will also be invited to discuss situations or critical incidents that they</i>

	<i>may have come across on the water, or on the dock.</i>
12:00 pm	
Lunch	
12:40 pm	
Chief Umpire's Decision in Staffing a Jury	<i>Have you ever wondered how a Chief Umpire decides on who gets assigned to an Umpire Jury, and why? Former RCA Umpire Chair, Tom Blacquiére, will use his experience as a long-time Clinician, to give some insights behind the rationale of Chief Umpires and how they undertake the very important duty of assigning Umpires to a Jury.</i>
1:00 pm	
ROWONTARIO - Policy Updates	<p><i>Andrew Backer - Executive Director for ROWONTARIO, will provide an overview of ROWONTARIO's long term vision for umpire registration and compensation and explain the process that has been made to date since the implementation of the umpire registration fees in 2018.</i></p> <p><i>Lisa Roddie – ROWONTARIO COAST Manager, will be going to discuss Rowan's Law (concussion Safety) and the role Umpires will play in the unfortunate circumstance a concussion is to occur. Lisa will touch on concussion awareness recourses, protocols and codes of conduct.</i></p>
1:40 pm	
Predicting Weather Patterns with Geoff Coulson	<p><i>Geoff was a meteorologist with Environment Canada for over 35 years. During his career, he was involved in weather forecasting, training, software development and outreach activities.</i></p> <p><i>Weather and wind conditions can change rapidly during the late spring and summer, in Canada. Some basic weather scenarios that can result in quick shifts of wind and weather will be discussed. Cloud formations can also provide</i></p>

	<p><i>clues to changing weather conditions and some of these key formations will be discussed. As well as, a quick review of useful weather websites and apps will be discussed to allow for the close monitoring of current and short-term weather.</i></p>
2:40 pm	
Break	
3:00 pm	
<p>Rule Changes – What’s Working & What Isn’t?</p>	<p><i>The 2018 Rules of Racing have been in effect for almost a year, after being approved by the RCA members at the January 2018 Semi-annual Meeting. What has been your experience with the new Rules of Racing? How has it affected the sanctioning process (for Chief Umpires) and the regatta delivery process (for everyone else)? Are there suggested changes that we should convey to the RCA Umpires Committee for next time the Rules get reviewed? Small group discussion will be facilitated, along with a large group discussion, in order to address these concerns.</i></p>
3:45 pm	
<p>ROWONTARIO Umpire Committee – What are we Doing?</p>	<p><i>Over the past year, the ROWONTARIO Umpire Committee has been hard at work. This session will be an interactive conversation to answer questions, as well as present the 2019 Umpire clinic schedule.</i></p>
4:00 pm	
Closing Remarks	