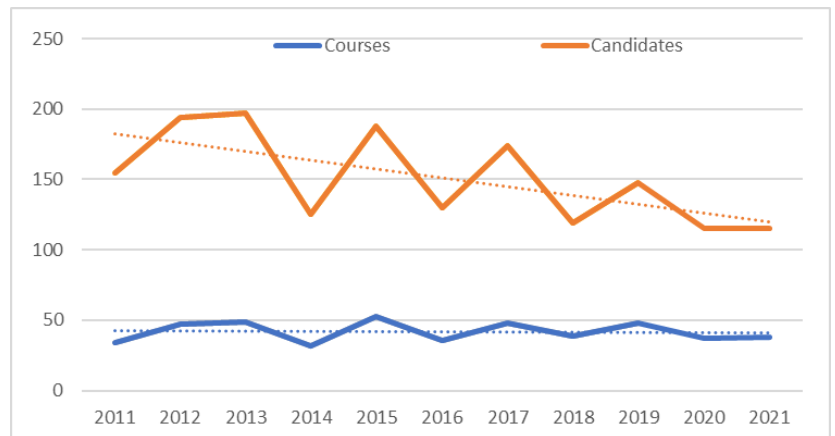


CWC Report to the CSPA AGM

The CWC last year consisted of Monique Andrie (Chair), Jeff Dean (Director of Courses), Daniel Grant (Ratings Processor), Burk Reiman and Dan Whitman. Jocelyn Brunet is our Board Liaison. There were no changes to committee composition during the year, and all current members wish to remain for the coming year.

After a reasonably normal 2021 season, we are returning the ratings currency requirements to pre-Covid requirements. We are aware that the 2021 skydiving season was still different from region to region, with restrictions coming and going and some staff choosing not to participate last summer. We encourage DZOs and others to contact the CWC directly with any staffing or capacity issues related to currency requirements. We will work with affected DZs to find a reasonable solution.

The long term trend in running coach and instructor courses is fairly steady. In 2021, another slow start and travel issues resulted in a continued low volume of courses, with 38 courses run. The average number of candidates per course has decreased from 4.13 to 3.03 over 10 years. This indicates that the decrease in new coaches and instructors is not due to a problem with system capacity, and speaks well of the dedication of our Learning Facilitators.



Learning Facilitator development continues to be a high priority, as this is key to CSPA's ongoing system capacity to deliver training coaches and instructors. We believe that increasing the supply of LFs will increase demand for courses, and are working to fill the gaps we see in the sport. A Learning Facilitator training course was run in fall 2021 with 4 successful candidates. We expect to run another LF seminar in 2023. The prerequisites for LF can be found in PIM 1—please forward any recommendations to the CWC.

We continue to find that PFFI candidates who select the “alternate pathway” to PFFI rather than taking SSI or JM first do not perform as well on the course. The lack of teaching ability (different from coaching) means we are spending more time in the courses teaching candidates how to teach. Attending an SSI course prior to PFFI is strongly recommended, even if a candidate doesn't intend to teach often.

There is ongoing uptake on ratings conversions, from equivalent FAI associations or Canadian Forces ratings. The process continues to be challenging to manage fairly and successfully; the conversion is quite time-consuming and many candidates are ill prepared in terms of their knowledge of the process and the CSPA system. Conversion candidates must be able to meet the standard. If they are weak, and are granted a conversion anyway, we risk de-valuing the rating in the eyes of their peers.

The Coach 3 Freely and Coach 3 CF ratings are under development. Invitations to talented and expert coaches to be “grandfathered” into the freely rating will be sent out shortly. If you have a recommendation, please forward to the CWC. Please see the CSPA website for the established standard.

There are no changes to the CoP exams or CoP requirements from 2021 to 2022.

On behalf of the CWC, I would like to thank the BoD and the Office staff for their hard work on behalf of our sport. We look forward to working together in the coming year.

Monique Andrie, Chair – Coach Working Committee