

CWC Report to the CSPA 2017 AGM

In 2016 the following CSPA Coaching and Instructional Courses were run:

- Coach 1 – 13 Courses – 52 Candidates
- Coach 2 – 10 Courses – 37 Candidates
- Jumpmaster – 2 Courses – 8 Candidates
- Skydiving School Instructor – 8 Courses – 21 Candidates
- Progressive Freefall Instructor – 3 Courses – 12 Candidates
- Total – 36 Courses for 130 Candidates

This is a drop of 25% over the 10 year average. Weather and the economy did impact the number of courses run and candidates trained.

In 2016, the pathway to become a Progressive Freefall Instructor was modified. With the decrease of dropzones using the IAD Method of student training, the only Instructor Pathway to PFFI was to become an SSI. This either became a bottleneck for people who did not want to become a PFFI or created “reluctant” SSI’s. An optional module was piloted in 2016 where Certified Coach 2’s who had all the other PFFI prerequisites could complete a series of tasks and understudy the PFFIs on their dropzone and round out the instructional component. The completion of the task and the on-Line PFFI Preparation Module were recorded and signed off in a Portfolio similar to the SSE Portfolio. Four (4) Coach 2s successfully completed the PFFI Course via this new pathway.

Over the last few years, there have been a number of updates to the CSPA Coaching and Instructional Stream that have been implemented with much discussion with the Subject Matter Experts within CSPA:

- FAI Coaches can challenge for CSPA Coach 1 via contacting the CSPA Ratings Processor for direction (ratings@cspa.ca)
- Certification of Coach 1 has been streamlined to reflect that people with 500 jumps who take a C1 Course are higher on the curve than people with 100 jumps. This has been in place for three seasons now.
- FAI AFF Instructors can convert to CSPA PFF Instructors. Contact CSPA Ratings Processor for direction
- Canadian Military Square Parachute Instructors have a pathway to become CSPA Instructors (C1, C2, SSI, PFFI). The process is outlined in PIM 1 Section 7.11.
- Pathway to PFFI has been streamlined to C1→C2→PFFI with the optional module described above.

In February 2016, the CWC hosted a number of workshops and seminars at the Trenton CSPA Symposium that were well received. Both the formal and informal discussions that were held at the Symposium and CWC strongly supports a similar Symposium on a four year cycle to get the community together. The CWC would like to thank the T&SC for taking the initiative in organizing the Symposium.

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In 2016, the following Course Facilitators achieved new CF Ratings:

- Monique Andrie became a CF-SSI and Master Course Facilitator
- Phil Perry became a CF-C2 and Master Course Facilitator
- P-A Gauthier and Nicolas Huard became CF-C2's

In 2017, there will be a Course Facilitator Training Seminar held in the spring to train the next group of Course Facilitators. There are also two CFs who are in the process of becoming CF-PFFIs.

In 2017, the CWC will start development of the Coach 3 – Freely and will be holding a workshop with Subject Matter Experts in April at the Spring 2017 CWC Meeting.

The CWC would like to thank Mario Prevost for his service to the CWC and CSPA for the last two decades. Mario has stepped off the Committee to free up time for his many other activities.

The CWC welcomes Nicolas Huard and Dan Whitman to the committee. Monique Andrie, Burk Reiman and myself round out the committee. Monique is the new CSPA Director of Courses.

On behalf of the CWC, I would like to thank the BoD for their strong support and look forward to the coming year.

Regards,

Phil Perry,
Chair – Coach Working Committee
CSPA Ratings Processor