



LIFESAVING SOCIETY

The Lifeguarding Experts

Lifesaving Sport Report

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Introduction

The Lifesaving Sport Commission objectives are:

1. To support the drowning prevention work of the Lifesaving Society and its humanitarian mission.
2. To provide athletes, coaches and officials opportunities for participation in Lifesaving Sport at all levels from developmental to high-performance.
3. To internationally position the Lifesaving Society as a leader in Lifesaving Sport and provide Canadians international opportunities for the pursuit of excellence.

Progress in 2009-2010

- The commission was re-organized in order to be more responsive and dynamic and to ensure more provincial representation and input to the commission activities. Of note was the creation of an advisory committee to the commission to provide advice, to inform of trends and provincial initiatives relating to sport, to liaise with respective Branch Board of Directors and to recommend representatives to the annual sport commission planning meeting. The first meeting of the advisory committee was on March 29, 2010.
- The national Lifesaving Sport Officials Certification program is in progress. The Lifesaving Sport Coaching Certification Program is expected to launch in 2011.
- A full delegation comprised of officials and national and development teams participated in Commonwealth Championships 2009 hosted by Alberta NWT Branch. Canada's National Lifesaving Team took the overall silver behind gold medalist Australia. Canada's Development Team impressed with a gold medal finish in the overall championships.

- The Canadian Competition Manual was published in March 2010 through the leadership of Paul D'Eon and with the support of Doug Ferguson and Ed Bean.
- Quebec Branch under the leadership of Raynald Hawkins and Tristan Audet hosted a successful Canadian Lifesaving Championships from May 28-31, 2009. The Nova Scotia Branch under the leadership of Paul D'Eon hosted the annual Canadian Surf Lifesaving Championships at Martinique and Rainbow Haven Beaches from August 2-10, 2009.
- Initiatives are underway to realize active provincial sport organizations in each province and to provide a library of sport community development programs

Looking ahead

The Sport Commission's annual planning meeting is scheduled for May 7-9, 2010 hosted by Ontario Branch when strategic goals for 2010-11 will be formulated.

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