**Ottawa-Kingston-Ottawa Valley Area Chairman Report**

**2018-2019 Wrestling Season**

**Written by Geoff Griffin**

Ottawa had another busy season, unfortunately fewer tournaments this year, hopefully this will not be a trend. Wrestling athlete numbers I believe were also down. Brookfield high school wrestling program lost Joe Ghobril this year not sure yet what school he has moved to, a huge loss for Ottawa powerhouse Brookfield. We hope that Brookfield program will not shut down & Joe continue coaching at whatever school he has moved to.

Ottawa Kingston registered 12 Officials for the 2018/2019 season:

Geoff Griffin Prov. AE, Nat.AE

John Krahn Prov. AE, Nat.AE UWW2

Lee Mackay Prov. AE, Nat.AE UWW Honorary Membership

Derek Kossatz Prov. A, Nat.B

Erika Levesque Prov. A, Nat.C

Mike Saunders Prov. A, Nat.C

Trish Smith Prov. A, Nat.C Pair master

Richard Wijnbeek Prov. A,

Teegan Tabbert Prov. B

Ismail Ayyoub Prov. B

Jean-Lue McDonald Prov. C

Myles Melamed Prov. C

The following Officials have been promoted from Prov. C to Prov. B

Jean-Lue McDonald & Myles Melamed

Mike Saunders received his recommendation for National C

The Ottawa-Kingston Clinics in 2018-2019:

1. October 25, 2019 at Confederation High School

Tournaments in Ottawa-Kingston Area 2018-2019 Season:

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| **1** | **Sat. Nov. 17, 2018** | **NCWC Maurice Lapointe** |
| **2** | **Tue. Nov. 20, 2018** | **Jr High Immaculata** |
| **3** | **Thur. Nov. 22, 2018** | **Jr High West Mother T** |
| **4** | **Tue. Nov. 27, 2018** | **Jr High final Holy Trinity** |
| **5** | **Wed. Dec. 5,2018** | **Brookfield** |
| **6** | **Sat. Dec. 8, 2018** | **Regi Kingston** |
| **7** | **Wed. Dec. 12, 2018** | **Novice CW** |
| **8** | **Tue. Dec. 18, 2018** | **South Carleton** |
| **9** | **Wed. Jan. 9, 2019** | **Duel Meet CW Start time 6pm** |
| **10** | **Wed. Feb. 6, 2019** | **Mother Teresa** |
| **11** | **Sat. Feb. 9, 2019** | **Renfrew Norm Bujold Rumble** |
| **12** | **Thur. Feb. 14, 2019** | **NCSSAA East/West St. Pats** |
| **13** | **Tue. Feb. 19, 2019** | **EOSSAA St. Joe Renfrew** |
| **14** | **Wed. Feb. 20, 2019** | **NCSSAA Final SWL** |
| **15** | **Tue. Feb. 26, 2019** | **Grant Lavallee Qualifier** |

Area Highlights:

OFSAA was a great success this year in Ottawa. We hope that all the Officials had a memorable experience.

We struggled this year with Officials in the new year mostly because of me breaking my ankle & having to Officiate with a broken ankle not a pretty site, see John Krahn for video & a few other set backs, fortunately I have been getting a few emails from athlete’s looking to become Officials. We should be good shape in the up coming season.

My thanks to the Officials who stepped up & helped me through the year Lee & Ismail especially.

Area of Concerns

The area convener asked me to mention the cost of Officials for OFSAA.

“The items the current Officials contract has built into it means that for convenors, the cost of Officials outweighs the cost of the venue! I don’t see the as sustainable for the sport. I’d encourage a debate on it, possible a committee to be struck to see what options the Officials would consider. I’m not saying pay them less, I’m saying all the associated costs are too much. -Shirts, free hotels and parking, food on top of the per diem. It’s in the best interests of the sport to re-examine it. What are your thoughts?”

He also requests that for future Officials increases build in % increase per year or several years keep everything transparent.

The OFSAA increase this year was done very poorly in my opinion, we can’t just let the host committee know in short notice of an increase.

Thanks Geoff Griffin

Area chairman

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