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To: Diving Judges – all levels

Re: Officials Mentorship Program

The Diving Canada Officials Committee is pleased to present the new Officials Mentorship Program. Developed by the National Officials Committee, the program is another resource and tool within the National Officials Development Program aimed at targeting those officials who meet certain criteria, possess required competencies and express the desire to move to a higher designation of diving official. The attached document outlines the program.

Each mentorship will be structured to meet the needs of each official and enable multiple experiences that will benefit the official being mentored, the mentor coordinator and the DPC community. Mentorship activities will take place in formal and informal settings and allow for quick but appropriate progression through the judging designations.

Currently, the DPC Officials Committee will be granting mentorship opportunities to a total of 3 mentors:

1. One official aspiring to judge at the Senior level
2. Two officials aspiring to judge at the Junior (Age Group) level

While administered by the Officials Committee, this program will not succeed without the support and involvement of officials, the provincial sections, host clubs and the DPC Board of Directors. For this first year of the program, DPC has approved a total of \$2400 in financial support. The Officials Committee anticipates the program to be a success and will seek future funding in the years to come. It is strongly encouraged that applicants to the program work with their provincial sections, host clubs, and other organizations to support this program both in process and financially.

This program is open for application at this time. Officials applying for a mentorship should submit their applications and supporting documents to DPC, Attention: Anne Warburton (anne@diving.ca) by March 23, 2007. An application form is available at <http://www.diving.ca/english/html/officials.htm>

Officials wishing further information on the Apprenticeship Program should refer to the National Apprenticeship Procedure at <http://www.diving.ca/english/html/officials/apprentice.htm>. The Mentorship Program is separate from the Apprenticeship Program Applications for the junior nationals can be submitted at any time, but no later than 90 days prior to the first day of competition, and must include a judging plan for the current season.

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