

DBC Central Region - VP Report

AGM – June 10th, 2025

The 2024/2025 season from the last AGM till today's AGM has been fairly quiet from the perspective of the Officials Committee and the Rules Committee of which I am the chair for.

For the Rules committee, this year's suggested rule changes and review prior to presentation for approval/rejection by the board was rather uneventful. There were a total of 16 rule change requests this year of which the usual request for changing the age of steers was submitted again and rejected again due to not being in alignment with the IDBF rules and there being no appetite at the IDBF level to relax the age restriction rules for steers. A number of rule changes submitted had to do with more administrative matters than actual rules but they still get considered and changes to the guiding principles document were made accordingly.

With regards to the officials committee, I am pleased to let everyone know that Canada has 3 Chiefs/Asst Chiefs as this year's Nations Cup in Brandenburg an der Havel including the Co-Chief Official. So Canadian influence on getting the IDBF to become more Athlete Centric is growing and here in Canada it took a good number of years to achieve this. What's nice to see on the international stage is that the IDBF has started an officials review process along with an endorsement for officials from their respective national federation. So if you've ever thought about being an official at the IDBF, you first need to be an Official in your home country and be endorsed by your national federation. So sign up to officiate at Nationals, get selected to officiate at nationals, get recognized for doing a great job and be recommended when the IDBF asks DBC about various officials requesting to officiate at an IDBF event. Part of the rules for IDBF officials moving forward is they must be active within their national federation not just at festivals. We have quite a few officials who have taken the officials course, but have not come out to Nationals to officiate... For succession planning and training purposes, we need to have more than the usual officials request to officiate at Nationals and get involved. So if you know someone or are that someone who's thought about it, please send us an email to get involved.