

## 2025 CWC Report to the CSPA AGM - by Dustin

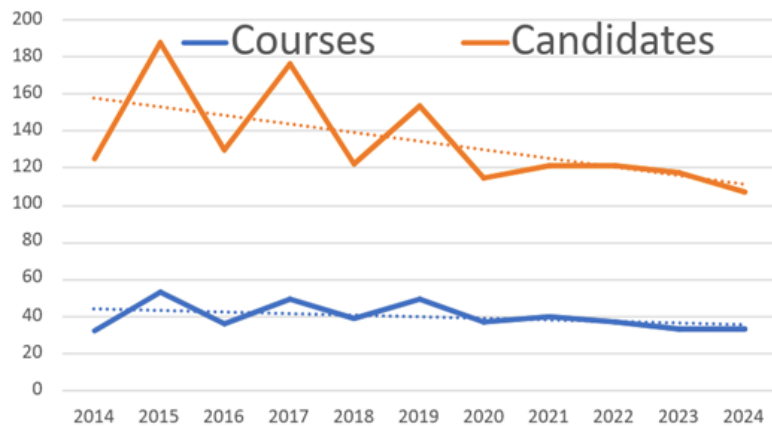
### Composition

The CWC started the year with Daniel Grant (Chair), Monique Andrie (Director of Courses), Dan Whitman, Alex Dufour (Ratings Processor), Dustin Renz (CoP Processor) Ned Ambrus, and Candice Stevenson. Dave Withrow is our Board Liaison.

Near the end of the year, Ned Ambrus chose to step back from the CWC and is thanked for her support to the CWC. This year saw no new additions to the CWC.

Monique transitioned to the role of Director of Courses and Alex took over as Ratings Processor. Daniel transitioned into the Chair position. As life got busy, Daniel took a step back from the role. Dustin Renz will be the interim Chair until further notice.

Year	Courses	Candidates	Candidates Per Course
2014	32	125	3.91
2015	53	188	3.55
2016	36	130	3.61
2017	49	176	3.59
2018	39	122	3.13
2019	49	154	3.14
2020	37	115	3.11
2021	40	121	3.03
2022	37	121	3.27
2023	33	118	3.58
2024	33	107	3.24
<b>Averages</b>	<b>43.8</b>		<b>3.7</b>



### Rating Trends

The long-term trend in running coach and instructor courses is fairly steady however is on a gradual decline since 2021. In 2024 the number of courses and candidates held steady and is consistent with historical averages, and the number of candidates held steady but was not back to pre-Covid numbers. We have not seen the historic “peaking” of course and candidate numbers return to the system. This may be an indication of the overall economic state of the post-pandemic. The number of candidates per course has remained relatively steady. This demonstrates that despite a decrease in the number of courses, the courses have been filled to the same capacity. This appears to indicate that the number of courses being offered is relative to the number of interested individuals, however the CWC recognizes that certain courses have been more difficult to obtain.

### LF System Updates

Learning Facilitator development continues to be a high priority, as this is key to CSPA’s ongoing system capacity to deliver training coaches and instructors. We believe that increasing the supply of LFs will increase demand for courses and are working to fill the gaps we see in the sport.

While the past few years were met with challenges in ability to deliver courses, the CWC is pleased with progress in addressing these issues with the LFs progressing through the system and the addition of two new MCDs in training towards finishing their certification. The CWC continues to recognize the challenges in the education system and are reviewing the process to determine opportunities for efficiency while

maintaining a high standard. Adjustments to the training system will take time to take effect as LFs progress through the system but will ultimately result in a better ability to deliver courses across Canada.

The CWC is pleased to announce that several new LF Candidates completed their LF training seminar which was generously hosted by Skydive Toronto and are on their way to become certified. Another seminar is scheduled to occur in May 2025 in Quebec which should alleviate additional pressures long-term.

Last year, the LF nomination process was updated to include a nomination form available on the website. The CWC is pleased to see it being utilized and well-received.

We continue to recognize that the availability of PFFI courses has been a challenge to many DZs and requires the utmost attention. A PFF course is currently scheduled in Western Canada with the participation of two PFFI LF candidates. Assuming the evaluations are favorable, the system will have two new PFFI LFs able to deliver courses, which is anticipated to alleviate a significant burden on the system. This, combined with the additional numbers of LFs progressing through, should alleviate the PFFI burden and prepare newer LFs for the eventuality of obtaining ratings to perform the PFFI course.

### Rating Updates

The portfolio requirements for the C2 course were updated mid-season to include a more well-rounded experience which included the addition of delivering endorsements, EP reviews etc and reducing the number of required contacts. The driving force was the need to get the C2 candidates up to speed on items that the course doesn't directly cover, and that it was found that approximately 40% of candidates were unable to complete the portfolio in the one-year time frame. These changes received positive feedback from several members.

Last year the CWC completed the technical overhaul of PIM 2A. Some minor revisions were made this year, but it is now in the process of translation and graphic design. The next step in this process will be to combine PIMs 2A and 2B, with the overall intentions of removing duplication of information, and simplifying the library of documents that CSPA needs to upkeep. We are hopeful that the new PIM 2A will be released in the near future.

The C1 and C2 manuals are both in the process of being updated to reflect some more modern approaches and inclusive of updates from the CAC.

### CoP/ PIM Updates

The A CoP requirements were updated to allow two A CoP holders to jump together in certain circumstances. This was also a welcomed change and revised at the request of member DZs. The Solo low altitude jump is in the process of being adjusted slightly to be more in line with the PFF manuals. The CWC is looking at implementing suggestions to include a wingsuiting option in the D CoP thanks to a suggestion.

A prototype of an updated Skills Grid was introduced to C1 candidates and was met with positive feedback. The CWC intends on rolling this out upon completion of PIM 2A.

Changes to the CoP requirements are being updated to reflect privilege changes. The CWC appreciates the feedback provided by SSEs with question changes.

### Miscellaneous

Throughout the past two seasons, both the CoP and Ratings Processors have seen a decline in the quality of paperwork received at the office from CoP applicants and Ratings Certifications. Notices are being written and sent out to Ratings holders to reconfirm the minimum requirements for verifying and signing

off portfolios, logbooks, and applications. The CWC is discussing ways to make the paperwork “sign-off” process more efficient.

On behalf of the CWC, I would like to thank the BoD and the Office staff for their hard work on behalf of our sport. We look forward to working together in the coming year.

Dustin Renz,

CWC Member