



Dear Fellow Officials,

As the end of 2018 approaches, we start to look back on the year that has passed, and feel thankful for what we have achieved and hopeful for what is around the corner.

2018 was an eventful year. We had a very successful CFOA Biennial Conference in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Not only did we share interesting and practical information, it created a renewed sense of community among officials from coast to coast.

One of our key objectives throughout the year was to improve engagement. Through our new website and social media, we have been able to connect with officials on a regular basis. Inviting groups to participate in the development of the annual CFOA exam has clearly demonstrated the appetite for local associations to get involved.

The upcoming year will be an important one as a number of initiatives will (finally) take shape with your support:

- We have been in discussions with Football Canada and a new streamlined process to (re-) certify Master Facilitators will be introduced in the spring. Until then, we'll continue to rely on existing MFs for their support.
- Football Canada is expected to officially introduce the new FCOCP in 2020. For the classroom portion, the first part covers the administrative / safety aspects of officiating. The second part will be the practical information. (see diagram below)

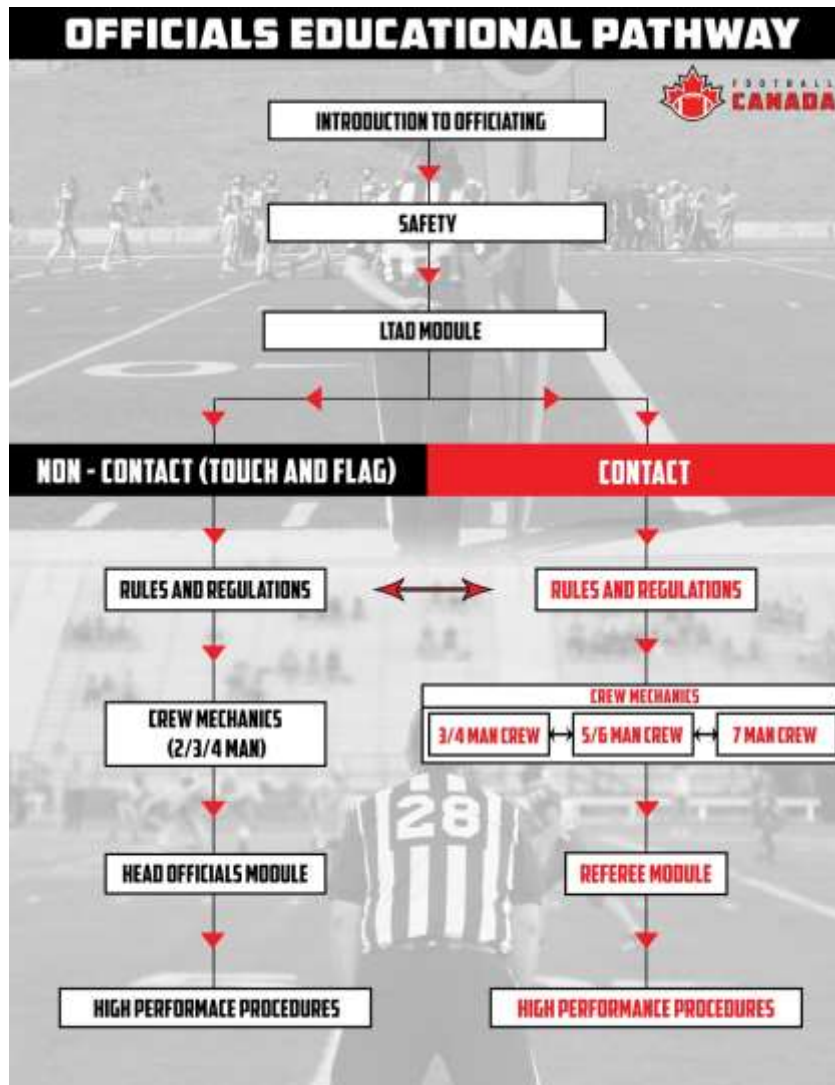
In early 2019, CFOA will be calling for local association's interest in updating mechanics for 3 / 4-official crew, 5 / 6-official crew. For 7-official mechanics, we will adapt the U Sports mechanics.

I am happy to report that CFOA is actively working with FC in crafting their program. Many details are still being worked on and we will continue to seek your input.



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- A new system, Locker, will be implemented to register our clinics so that we can begin to establish a consistent set of records. Invitation for online training sessions will be extended in January to MF and those who are interested in becoming MF / F.
- It is my pleasure to inform you that the 2020 CFOA Conference will be held in Calgary. More details to come from the host.



As we celebrate the holiday season, please also take a moment to commemorate those who we lost on and off the field.

Enjoy a safe and peaceful time with your loved ones.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'M' followed by a horizontal line and a period.

President