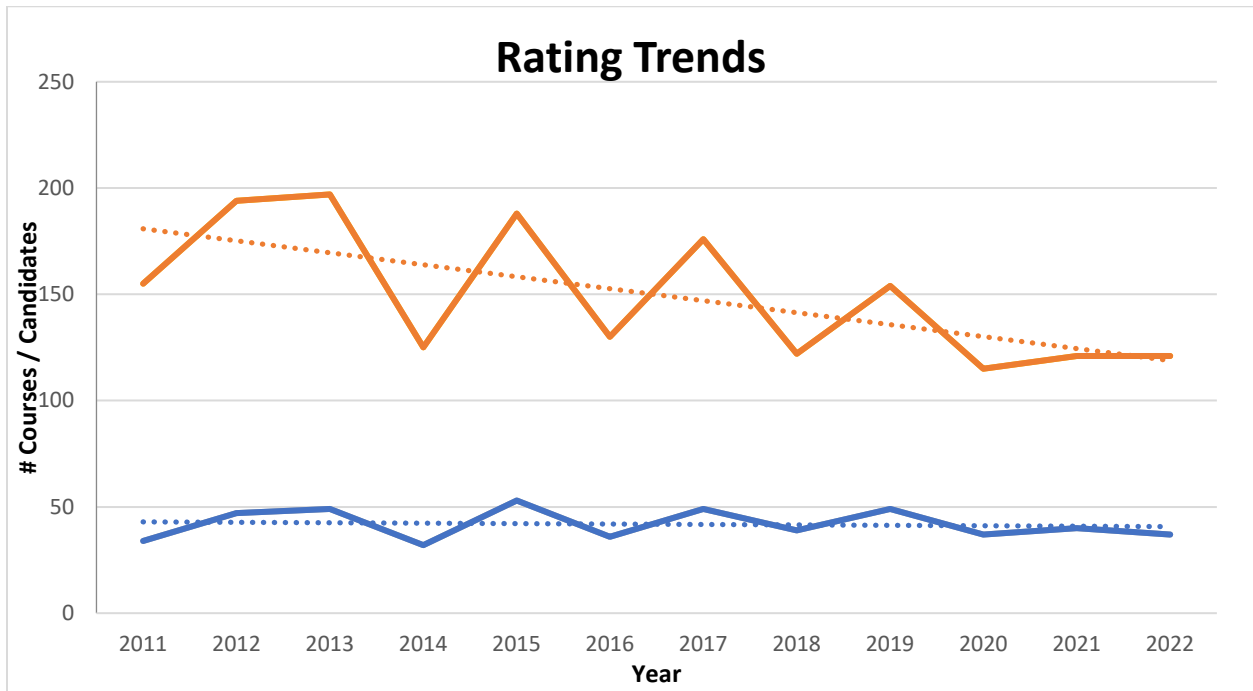


CWC Report to the CSPA AGM 2023

The CWC started the year with Monique Andrie (Co-chair), Jeff Dean (co-chair and Director of Courses), Daniel Grant (Ratings Processor), Burk Reiman, Dan Whitman and Alex Dufour. Jocelyn Brunet is our Board Liaison.

During the year, as most of you know we tragically lost Jeff Dean. That loss has been difficult in many ways and has highlighted how sensitive our system capacity can be to one multi-talented individual. Dan Whitman has stepped in to the Director of Courses role, and Burk Reiman has stepped in to the Co-Chair roll. Alex Dufour joined the committee during the year to help with the PIM 2A project. All current members wish to remain for the coming year.



The long-term trend in running coach and instructor courses is fairly steady. In 2022 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. The average number of candidates per course has decreased from 4.02 to 3.27 over 10 years. This indicates that the decrease in new coaches and instructors is not due to a problem with system capacity and speaks well of the dedication of our Learning Facilitators.

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. Four new Learning Facilitators were successful in their challenge courses and are actively training new Coach 1s and working towards their next ratings. We have scheduled two LF seminars, one in Calgary in 2023, and a second one in eastern Canada in 2024. The prerequisites for LF can be found in PIM 1—please forward any recommendations to the CWC.

We continue to find that PFFI candidates who select the “alternate pathway” to PFFI rather than taking SSI or JM first do not perform as well on the course. The lack of teaching ability (different from coaching) means we are spending more time in the courses teaching candidates how to teach. Attending an SSI course prior to PFFI is strongly recommended, even if a candidate doesn't intend to teach often.

The Coach 3 Freely progression pathway was released and there is good uptake for the new Coach 3 ratings, now that the “grandfather” period is over. The C3 study materials are now available in both languages. Please see the CSPA website for the established standard.

The committee’s major project over the winter is to update the content in PIM 2A. Once completed, the content will be translated and professional graphics added. There are also discussions between the CWC and the T&SC into the possibility of implementing CoP currency requirements, as an extension of Technical Recommendation 3.11 (“A student parachutist who has not made a jump within the previous 60 days shall make a check-out jump with an instructor before returning to solo freefall.” We’d be interested in hearing feedback from DZ and Club members on this matter. We also are considering changing the FS requirements as follows and are also interested in feedback as to whether this would support jumpers moving into their B CoP more effectively.

| | Current state | Possible future state |
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| A CoP FS endorsement | Minimum 5 coached jumps with C2 + demonstrate skills per the endorsement requirements | Minimum 8 coached jumps with C2 + demonstrate skills per the endorsement requirements |
| B CoP FS endorsement | 15 FS jumps + min 3 coached jumps with C2 + demonstrate skills per the endorsement requirements | 15 FS jumps + min 1 coached jump with C2 + demonstrate skills per the endorsement requirements |

There are no changes to the CoP exams or CoP requirements from 2022 to 2023.

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.

Monique Andrie, Co-Chair – Coach Working Committee