



OHIO REGION OET

==Toboggan Tracks IT Update==

2/16/2021

Wow, where has the season gone? If the past is any indication, I would think that our season might be over in 4-5 weeks. Crazy how Winter just arrived! In talking to many of you around the region, I have heard how the past week has been some of the best conditions in many years, to bad we couldn't have had these earlier in the season. I'm writing to remind you of a few items.

1. **COURSE CLOSURES:** If you held any **Frosty Refreshers (TREF)** or in-house **TES's** which were registered through the national website, please make sure you officially close them when the course is finished. Both Tracy (Division OET) and I will appreciate it as national will be checking on "open" courses next fall. Lets get them closed this Winter!
2. **MENTORING INSTRUCTORS (MI) & ZOOM WORKSHOPS:** Hopefully you have been working with your mentoring instructors. I know many have been involved in our Zoom Workshops this season. To date, we have held multiple Workshops covering 2 topics:
 1. OET Mentoring: Process and Teaching: A followup to the ID class
 2. OET Mentoring Movement Analysis Workshop

Almost all Mentoring Instructors have taken part in these workshops. We will be continuing these next season. I also hope to add additional session next Fall and Winter for current instructors and possibly utilize a session for those instructors who will be recertifying. It has been pretty awesome developing these materials. If you are interested in knowing more, please let me know and we can find a time to have a demonstration.

3. **MENTORING INSTRUCTOR PAPERWORK:** Once your MI is ready for their final evaluation, please email me, I will ask one of you, (from your home area) to be the final evaluator since we are not having TTW's this season. If you have worked with the MI, you may not be their final evaluator. Here are a few reminders about the paperwork.

3. MENTORING INSTRUCTOR PAPERWORK (continued)
 - a. **BOTH** the **INSTRUCTOR APPLICATION** and the **MENTORING FORM, must be the current forms found on Region OET Resources web page.** (revision date is 9/2020)
 - b. Forms should be **FULLY COMPLETED.**

The Evaluating IT must sign both the **Application** and the **Mentoring Form**. In the event the MI has not been signed off for their demo skills, the Evaluating IT, should do so. If the MI has been signed off, the Evaluating IT does not need to review these skills unless, a concern has been noted. In this case, please work to correct this concern and include it in your final decision to pass/fail the MI. If there is a reason why the Evaluating IT cannot sign off on the MI, please let me know so we can help the MI become successful. I don't anticipate this being a problem.

- c. **EMAIL** a PDF of **both** completed forms to me: Brian Monroe, OhioRegionOET@gmail.com. Make sure the quality of the scan is good as I need to sign and forward them to Tracy at Division.

4. **WEBSITE RESOURCES:** I am continuing to add more resources to our OET webpage. Thank you to the instructors who have agreed to create content for our "*OET Minute Clinics*." I think it provides our instructors and patroller some helpful hints to make themselves better teachers and students. If you are still working on them, no rush, please contact me when you are done, as I can assist you in uploading the files. I will be editing them for you. I'm still waiting to hear back from a few of you as well! If you need any help, please let me know.

5. **PASSING ALONG WHAT WE HAVE LEARNED:** As we look into the future, we will need to begin handing the torch over to new Instructors leaders to ensure the continuity of excellence you have helped to develop in the region. If you have great instructors who you think should become IT's, please let me know. I have already started a list and will be contacting people this spring. I also will be looking for an **Assistant OET Region Advisor** to serve for the next 2 seasons. If you are interested, please let me know.

THINK SNOW!