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WALL OF HONOUR

Congratulations to three inductees to the Athletics Canada Officials Wall of Honour. Ian Gordon, Helen Vasilic and Peter Hocking are officials with over 100 years of collective service.

Ian Gordon of Calgary Alberta has been officiating for 30 years. He is a Level 5 Track Referee, and a National Mentor and Clinician. He has officiated at multiple national championships, the IAAF Championships, NACAC and World Masters championships. He,s been a member of both the Alberta Officials Committee and the National Officials Committee. In 2016 he was the Athletics Canada Official of the Year.

Helen has over 30 years of officiating experience. She is dedicated, enthusiastic, righteous in principle and she loves her work. She has been Chief Umpire or Track Referee at several major championship events, including Special Olympics and Para events. Helen has been the chief organizer of the well-respected roster of officials in Windsor, Ontario. She has been the Officials Coordinator for countless meets including Canadian Championships and Pan Am Juniors. She served on the provincial executive for many years and also serves on the National Officials Committee.

Peter has officiated in various capacities at all levels of meets from twilight to International. An IAAF Race Walk Judge, Level 5 Track Referee, Umpire and National Technical Official, Mentor and Clinician, Peter has officiated in Australia, Malaysia, Jamaica, Guatemala, Argentina, Chile and the USA, and at World Championships, World Junior Championships, Commonwealth Games, NACAC championships and numerous Canadian championships.



SASKATCHEWAN NEWS

The one year anniversary is approaching for the ceremony to honour long-time coach and official, Richard "Blake" Lyons from Outlook, Saskatchewan. May 2017, the Outlook High School unveiled a new sign officially

naming the school's outdoor facility the "R.B. Lyons Track and Field". Last year's tribute was the kind that everyone wished the guest of honor was present to witness, but sadly, Lyons passed away in the fall of 2015.

The dedication ceremony included words from two long-time coworkers of Blake's who have gone on to make their own impact in helping to coach and mentor young athletes looking to excel in track and field. Blake "led and inspired hundreds of athletes", touching on the lives that Lyons had impacted through his dedication to the school track program. Coaching was not the only contribution to track and field Blake made. He officiated over 28 years achieving a Level 5 in Throws and a National Technical Manager. Blake officiated at all levels of meets; from local school meets in Outlook to the Canadian Olympic Trials. He was very active promoting

officiating at the Aboriginal meets traveling to many reserves throughout the province and officiating at the NIAG in 2015.

To those that knew him, Blake was a notoriously humble individual; always the first to keep a focus on the accomplishments of the athletes and downplaying his own contributions and lasting legacy in track and field around the province. Blake's wife Loretta, a level 5 Horizontal Jumps official, at the ceremony commented "Can't you just see him standing here going, 'Why me? Wow, R.B. Lyons Field – what an honor!'" "The family is extremely honored and overwhelmed to think that the community would even think of doing this for Blake. Track and Field was such a big part of Blake's life, thank you."

ONTARIO NEWS



Congratulations to **Ken Giles** from Windsor Ontario. Ken was the recipient of the **Ontario Official of the Year Award** for 2017.

Ken is a level 3 Throws official working toward his level 4. Ken is always willing to assist at any other discipline and has been asked to do so many times. Ken is a Professor at the University of Windsor, a track & field coach for both University and high school athletes and also coaches for the University of Windsor Athletics Club. Ken's interests have also led him to be an accomplished artist whose work has been shown in many parts of the country. Congratulations Ken for being so outgoing, helpful and encouraging to all the athletes and officials you have inspired.

CONGRATS KEN!

Congratulations to **Enrico Toscano**, our Ontario Official, who recently received his 50 year pin for all his volunteer service in the sport of Track & Field. Thank you Enrico for your passion and dedication to all the athletes and officials who benefitted from your knowledge and expertise.

CONGRATULATIONS ENRICO!



BC NEWS

Recipients of the BC Athletics Officials Committee's annual awards for 2017 include the following:

- Ian McNeil Award (Official of the Year)—Brian Thomson, Victoria, BC—for outstanding contribution and conspicuous excellent in the calendar year.
- Ralph Coates Award (Longstanding Service)—Iain Fisher, Coquitlam, BC—for dependable, long-term and versatile service to Athletics.
- Mary Temple Award (Novice Official of the Year)—Betsy Rollins, Surrey, BC—for substantial effort on learning to be an official and contributing willingly and unselfishly as an official in their first 5 years.
- Dave Coupland Award (Inspirational)—Wayne and Cheryl Elke, Kamloops, BC—for a BC Athletics member who has been an inspiration for Officials; someone who has made it fun.

BC Athletics Officials Committee members were invited to Washington State in early February to observe their equivalent of our Level 2 workshop and participate in an NCAA indoor meet at the University of Washington. Good ideas resulted from the workshop along with experience at a very large indoor meet. Looking forward to further cross-border collaboration!

Our first outdoor meets of the 2018 track and field season are scheduled for the last week of March. The start of a busy and enjoyable outdoor season! Visiting officials always welcome!

BC is planning a National (Level 4) Workshop for Starter's Assistants at the BC High School Track & Field Championships in Langley, BC (May 31-June 2). Spots available for interested officials from other jurisdictions.



RULE BOOKS

A reminder to Branch Chairs that the 2018 IAAF Rule Books are now available through Athletics Canada. There currently is a limited supply and so you are asked to submit your orders to Judy McCallum via email at judy.mccallum@athletics.ca The cost is \$15+tax & shipping cost.

For all of you who are most interested in keeping up to date with the current rules of the IAAF and the WPA (formerly IPC), below are the links to their online Rule Books. You are encouraged to review these books on a regular basis as the most current edition of the rules is online, and for your clarification, there is what is referred to as "green text". The "green text" does NOT form any part of the rule but is simply made available to help clarify the intent of a Rule. If there is an observed need for further clarification you may feel free to contact David Weicker who is a member of the IAAF Technical Committee and the WPA Technical Advisory Group. David will endeavor to seek further clarification for you. He may be reached by e-mail at dweicker@shaw.ca

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The next newsletter will be sent in late July. If anyone has any stories, news or photos of officials, please send to [Helen Vasilic](#).

Thank you to BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Nova Scotia and Quebec for submitting their Pin orders. If you haven't done so, Branch Chairs, please do so asap.

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MESSAGES FROM NOC AND AC BOARD

As Chair of the National Officials Committee I am pleased to announce that Ian Gordon, Peter Hocking and Helen Vasilic have been named to the Wall of Honor in 2018. These senior officials have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the sport over the years and are recognized across Canada for their competence and wisdom. We are also pleased to welcome a new member to NOC. Colin Inglis from Windsor, Ontario replaces John Cull. I would like to thank John for the work that he did, particularly in promoting training and development of officials in Canada as well as his part in developing the Pathways document which will help us navigate the future of Officials development in this country.

I would also like to congratulate Daniel Michaud for achieving the level of ITO with the IAAF joining the select few who have that designation.

The Spring Season for Athletics is upon us – we will all be asked to make a contribution to our sport over the next few months so let's put our best foot forward as officials and make sure that our meets are provided with the kind of officiating that our athletes expect and deserve.

Andy Walker
Chair, NOC

The Athletics Canada Board of Directors would like officials to fill out the following survey on equity that will help assist in determining the overall diversity of the organization amongst all membership sectors and seek to address roadblocks that may exist to all people to become part of AC. [Please click here to complete the survey before April 30, 2018](#). Thank you.

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