

BC Athletics Officials' Newsletter

December 5, 2017

Hello Officials,

The 2017 Competition Year in Athletics is drawing quickly to a close but already plans are being made for work to be done by your Officials' Committee on your behalf. We also have a request for help from Officials for the first BC Meet of the New Year, 2018.

Registering as a member of BC Athletics (including Athletics Canada) for 2018 can be done now. If you register as an individual you can find all of the information that you need on the BC Athletics website <http://www.bcathletics.org/Membership/>. If you are registered through an Athletics Club, please ask your Club Registrar to register you soon as one of the benefits of membership (for Levels 2 and up) is the receipt of an IAAF Book of Competition Rules. We hope to be distributing the new books in February (Competition Rules 2018/2019) so want as many Officials as possible to be registered by then. If you have a membership with BC Athletics through another category (Athlete, Club Executive etc.) please don't forget to also check the box for **Official**.

Does the Club to which you belong have an Officials' Page, Information or Yearly Award? This sort of recognition helps our numbers grow and also gives you amazing volunteers the acknowledgement and appreciation that you so richly deserve. Please encourage your Club Executive to add 'Officials' Information' to their website.

Several of our Provincial Officials have sent us queries about the requirement for Criminal Record checks and the process involved. Good information concerning this topic can be found on the BC Athletics website at <http://www.bcathletics.org/Membership/>. Just click on the box labeled Criminal Record Check.

Upgrading

We encourage Officials to Upgrade their credentials. If you are interested in Upgrading in 2018, please see the information on the Officials' portion of the BC Athletics' website <http://www.bcathletics.org/Officials/>. Please click on the box labeled Upgrading and Certification. Remember, if you wish to Upgrade to Levels 1, 2 or 3 you should contact Cheryl Elke (wcelke@shaw.ca). If you wish to Upgrade to either Levels 4 or 5 you should contact Kathy Terlicher (kdterlicher@shaw.ca).

Key Policies for Officiating in BC

Brian Thomson, Chair of BC Officials' Committee

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The following are policies for officiating in BC that were covered at the Annual Officials Meeting on October 21, 2017. Please see any member of the Officials Committee if you have questions, concerns or extenuating circumstances that warrant consideration.

Meet Credits

Only officiating at sanctioned track and field events count for meet credits. Sanctioning can be from BC Athletics or equivalent organizations in other jurisdictions.

- Unsanctioned meets do not count for upgrading, recognition item or travel reimbursement (e.g., Special Olympics, some elementary school events). Sanctioning ensures insurance coverage along with a minimum standard for meet organization, competition and officiating requirements.
- Workshops do not count as meet credits for upgrading, recognition item or travel reimbursement purposes.

Recognition Item

The recognition item is designed as a thank you for those active officials who help officiate track and field meets. To qualify for the recognition item, an official must obtain a minimum of 15 credits at sanctioned track and field meets in the year between September 1 and August 31. Credits for a recognition item cannot be carried forward across years. Recognition items are not for purchase.

Travel Expenses

Expenses can be claimed for travel to sanctioned meets in BC. Expense claims should be submitted within 30 days. Travel to meets outside of BC are determined and approved (in advance of meet) on a case-by-case basis by the Officials Committee.

Travel expense claims for Meets within your own area or zone do not require pre-approval. Travel to a Meet outside of your zone does require pre-approval.

To claim travel expenses, you must be a full time official at the corresponding meet. Officials cannot claim travel expenses for meets in which they also intend to coach, parent and/or compete.

Carpooling or sharing rides is strongly encouraged where feasible. A rationale for travelling as an individual must be provided (if other officials from your area are travelling to the same meet).

Provincial Regional Development Coordinators

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BC Athletics Awards Banquet

The annual BC Athletics Awards Banquet is being held on

February 3, 2018
Executive Airport Plaza Hotel
7311 Westminster Highway
Richmond

More information should soon be available on the BC Athletics' Website.

AND NOW.....

Many Thanks

I know that several of you volunteered at Cross Country Meets this Fall. The Officials of whom I am aware that attended are:

Iain Fisher, Reg Harris, Sanda Turner, Dawn Driver, Peter Fejfar, Maureen de St. Croix, Ted de St. Croix, Dave Short

Huge apologies if there are others of you whose names I have not mentioned. Send me a note and I will include your name in the next Newsletter.

Upcoming Officiating Opportunities

Please send me a note if you are able to help.

Event: Jerome Indoor Games

Sponsored by: Achilles Track and Field Club

Date: Saturday, February 3, 2018

Location: Richmond Olympic Oval

6111 River Road, Richmond

Times:

Track – Oval

First Event – 9:45

Last Event – 4:30

(Please note that a Racewalk event is being held and Racewalk Officials will be required to help)

Track – Straightaway

First Event – 9:45

Last Event – 3:30

Field

Shot Put – 10:00, 11:25

High Jump – 1:00, 3:00

Please Note that Worksafe BC is providing complimentary parking for Technical Officials volunteering at this Meet. Effective hours are 8:30am to 5:30pm. The parking area may be accessed via Elmbridge Way.

Officials who have committed to attend:

Carol Cull, John Cull, Sharon Hann, Bill Koch, Ina Wallace, Alice Kubek, Mike Bennett

Dates and times of upcoming workshops and training sessions will be announced in this Newsletter soon. Stay Tuned!!!

Warmest Wishes for the upcoming holiday season (I'm stressing the warmth),

Carol

