

BC Athletics Officials' Newsletter

August 22, 2017

Hello Officials,

Time is quickly flying past and there are only days left in which to make your claim for this year's very popular Recognition Item. Please see the information below.

Though hardly in the realm of Athletics, I trust that many of you were able to enjoy the spectacular sky production that occurred on Monday August 21st.

My photography abilities are severely wanting, however, I was able to capture a display of sun crescents during the eclipse.



The BC Athletics **2017 Event Calendar Congress** is being held on Saturday September 23rd from 3:30pm to 5:30 pm at BC Athletics (3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby).

Clubs and Organizing Committees wishing to have their event added to the BC Athletics Calendar of Events for 2018 are asked to submit those event dates and any relevant information prior to the date of the Congress. A representative from the organization is also asked to be present at the Congress.

It is the strongly held belief of this writer, that all Organizations wishing to hold events should be represented at this very important Congress, particularly if they are wishing to request the services of BC Athletics' Officials. Information about this meeting can be found on the BC Athletics website.

In reading the information on the BC Athletics' website, you will probably already have noted that the BC Athletics AGM is being held much earlier this year. This time is just prior to the Event Calendar Congress.

2017 BC Athletics Annual General Meeting

September 23, 2017 – 11:00am – 3:00pm

Fortius Athlete Development Centre

3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby

The annual BC Athletics Awards Banquet will be held in early 2018. Look for more information concerning this event on the BC Athletics website.

2017 BC Athletics Officials' AGM

Don't forget!!!

The BC Athletic Officials' AGM will be held on Saturday, October 21

Registration 9:15

Meeting 10:00-2:00.

Forum Room in the Fortius Athlete Development Centre

3713 Kensington Avenue

Burnaby, BC

- * Lunch will be served
- * 2017 Recognition items will be distributed
- * Upgrades announced
- * Prize Draws
- * AND the much-anticipated, annual Dale Loewen production

*** Please RSVP to Sue Kydd by October 11 ***

suekydd@shaw.ca

Official's Recognition Item (2017)

Another important reason to look at your calendar!

Remember that the deadline for the 2017 Recognition item is quickly approaching.

Requests must be sent to Sue Kydd by September 1st
suekydd@shaw.ca

Please send a copy of your record card, along with the request form (please see <http://www.bcathletics.org/Officials/> and click on the 'Benefits and Recognition' tab).
Be sure to include your size.
To be eligible, Officials must have earned 15 credits in the 2017 season. If you are unsure, contact Sue.

Upgrading Applications

Remember to have your upgrading applications for Levels 4 and 5 sent to Kathy Terlicher by September 15, 2017.

Applications for Upgrading to Levels 1, 2 and 3 should be sent to Cheryl Elke.

Please see the information on the Officials' portion of the BC Athletics' website <http://www.bcathletics.org/Officials/>

Click on 'Upgrading and Certification' tab in the left hand column.

Provincial Regional Development Coordinators

| | Region | Email | Phone |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| John & Carol Cull | Lower Mainland (Zones 3,4,5) | johncull@telus.net | (604) 599-6638 |
| Vince Sequeira | Vancouver Island (Zone 6) | vince.sequeira@shaw.ca | (250) 923-2458 |
| Alwilda van Ryswyk | Okanagan/Kootenays (Zones 1,2) | alvan50@shaw.ca | (250) 372-9640 |
| Greg Nicol | Okanagan/Kootenays (Zones 1,2) | greg-nicol@shaw.ca | (250) 372-7888 |
| Cindy King | Northern BC (Zones 7,8) | cking@pgonline.com | (250) 613-7672 |

Competition Rules 2018-2019

Selected inclusions and comments by John Cull

New Rule Books will be distributed to all BC Athletics member officials who are Level 2+, as soon as they are available. The 2018-2019 IAAF Rule Books will likely be available close to the beginning of 2018.

The draft of the Rules can be found on the [IAAF Web site](#).

They may go through some small changes as they are inserted into the Rule Book. Meanwhile, here are a few interesting selections from the draft:

Rule 125.2: Referees

The Referee shall not act as a Judge or Umpire but may take any action or decision according to the Rules based on his own observations **and may overrule a decision of a Judge.** (new text in **bold**).

Officials may wonder why this was necessary....

Rule 125.5 Referees

The appropriate Referee where practicable after consulting the Competition Director, has also the power to warn or to remove any person, not in competition but properly identified, that is present in the competition area and who is acting in an unsporting manner or provides assistance to athletes, (new text).

Soon we will be armed and dangerous.....

Rule 162.6 False Start

When an IAAF approved Start Information System is in operation, the evidence of this equipment shall **be used as a resource by the relevant judges to make a correct decision.** (Changed text in **bold**).

This subtle change in wording will probably be welcomed by Starters, who generally trust their own judgment more than the advice given by fluky pieces of hardware.

Rule 162.7 False Start (Amend.....)

If after the Starter has ascertained that all competitors are "set".....etc.

Another example of why the Starters get the big bucks.... They will have to read this in detail.

Rule 168.6 Hurdles Races

An athlete shall also be disqualified if he directly or indirectly knocks down or significantly displaces a hurdle in another lane (**unless there is no effect or obstruction upon any other athlete(s) in the race**).

Well, halleluia! Long overdue amendment

Rule 170.3 Relay Races

In the 4x100m and the 4x200m relays and the 1st and 2nd changes in the Medley Relay, each takeover zone shall be 30m long.....

Get out your spray paint....

Rule 180.5 General Conditions; Field Events

If an athlete by his own decision makes a trial in an order different from that previously determined.....

The gist of this change in language is that an athlete may be warned for jumping or throwing out of order, but will not be disqualified... and the trial will be recorded. This is consistent with the advice in the Referee's Handbook

Rule 180.6 Competing Order and Trials (in Field Events)

The relevant governing body may specify an alternate number (more or less) of athletes who may have additional trials (after the first 3) and provided it is no more than 6 (in total?), the number of such trials.

The competing order for any subsequent rounds of trials shall be in the reverse ranking order recorded after the first three rounds of trials, **unless the applicable regulations provide otherwise.** (new text in **bold**)

These changes appear to give meet organizing committees a lot more latitude to make changes in numbers of trials, and order of final trials

Rule 180.8 (a) Completion of trials

The judge may reconsider a decision if he believes he raised the incorrect flag.

Can't believe it was necessary to put this in the book..... Just because of a fiasco in Rio.....

Rule 180.18 Time Allowed for Trials (in Field Events)

The gist here is that the time allowed for trials will be 30 seconds when

- there are more than 3 athletes in High Jump or Pole Vault, and

- more than 3 athletes in any other field event.

Rule 187.14 (b) General Conditions. Throwing Events

After he has stepped into the circle and begun to make a throw, touches with any part of his body the top (or the top inside edge) of the rim or the ground outside the circle

Note: It, however, will not be considered a failure if the touch happens during the rotation, backward of the white line which is drawn outside the circle running, theoretically, through the centre of the circle.(new note).

Many Thanks for your help

Much appreciation to Laurie Harder for sending along the list of Officials attending the Jack Brow as well as the Special O Meet.

Event: The Jack Brow

Sponsored by: Okanagan Athletics

Date: Friday June 30, Saturday July 1 and Sunday July 2

Location: Apple Bowl, Kelowna

Thanks to:

Cliff Acob, Brian Beck, Dawn Beck, Marilyn Benz, Kathy Brand, Cheryl Elke, Wayne Elke, Jackie Fierbach, Karen Hatch, Stephen Haughton, Sharon Hughes-Geekie, Hedley Larsen, Mark Loland, Diane Matus, Tom McWilliam, Greg Nicol, Jerry Reitman, Dean Sader, Gene Sanderson, Grant Spelsberg, Gage Stoll, Mike Stoll, Onna Stoll, Noemi Stroda, Roberta Tetlock, Wally Smeaton, Alwilda van Ryswyk, Mike Walsh, Ian Webster, Steve Welch

Event: Special Olympics Summer Games

Sponsored by: Special O Society

Date: July 6th to 8th

Location: Tournament Capital Stadium, Kamloops

Thanks to:

Evelyn Barker, Brian Beck, Dawn Beck, Kathy Brand, Miriam Dziadyk, Cheryl Elke, Daniel Elke, Wayne Elke, Bud Forbes, Phil Froment, Pat Gedak, Laurie Harder, Siobhan Lane, Duncan MacRae, Marie MacRae, Diane Matus, Helen Newmarch, Greg Nicol, Sherri Oryschak, Jack Ready, Grant Robinson, Gene Sanderson, Linda Schatkoske, Ken Serl, Wally Smeaton, Karen Truesdale, Alwilda van Ryswyk, John van Ryswyk, Ian Webster, Heather Wiebe

Event: 2017 ULTRA Throws Festival #3

Sponsored by: Ultra Throws

Date: Sunday, August 13, 2017

Location: South Surrey Athletic Park

Thanks to:

Dave McDonald, Maureen de St. Croix, Ted de St. Croix, Celina Wong, Betsy Rollins, Jim Rollins, Ron Heron, Dave McDonald, Dave Short, Jeff Byington

National Events coming to BC

South Surrey to host the 2018 Canadian Masters Track and Field Championships

It was announced that Ocean Athletics will be the Host Organizing Committee and The South Surrey Athletic Park the venue for the 2018 Canadian Masters Track and Field Championships in 2018. Probable dates are August 10, 11 and 12.

Abbotsford to host 2019 and 2020 Canadian Cross Country Championships

Athletics Canada announced today that the City of Abbotsford, located in the Fraser Valley region of British Columbia, will play host to the 2019 and 2020 Canadian Cross Country Championships. The organization's Competition Committee met in late July to further discuss the City's bid, and then confirmed Abbotsford, B.C., as the host for the 2019 and 2020 Cross Country Championships. The Event will be directed by Andrew Lenton and hosted by Swan Racing Team and Ocean Athletics.

Athletics Canada announces hosts for upcoming Canadian Championships

Canadian Track and Field Championships 2021 (World Trials) and 2022 – Township of Langley, B.C.

"The Township of Langley is thrilled to be hosting the Canadian Track and Field Championships with the Langley Mustangs Track and Field Club," said Mayor Jack Froese. "Langley Township is known as a sports destination with a reputation for providing exceptional recreation facilities, accommodation, and support services. Our many enthusiastic volunteers and fans look forward to experiencing the excitement of these prestigious Championships and cheering on the athletes taking part locally and from across the nation."

Upcoming Officiating Opportunity

So strange to see this area blank. If you are aware of a Meet or Event requesting help from Officials, please let me know.

Carol