

BC Athletics Officials' Newsletter

December 30, 2018

Hello Officials,

As we say goodbye to 2018 and hello to a brand-new year we reflect on our past accomplishments and look forward to what is to come.

Our BC Athletics' Officials' AGM held on October 20th was well attended and participants enjoyed the presentations. Way to go, Bill for stepping in to guide us through the past year's activities. Thank you again and again, Dale for entertaining us so well with this year's blockbuster and Sue, what would we do without your plethora of gifts and give-aways and your infinite preparations for the AGM.

We thank those of you who took the time to complete the meeting assessment form – many good suggestions which we hope to implement at the 2019 AGM.

Our Officials' Committee members for 2019 are:

Brian Thomson (acclaimed as Chairperson of the Committee for 2019)

Bill Koch

Wayne Elke

Cheryl Elke

Anthony Thomson

Marilyn (Marnie) Benz

Jim Rollins

Sue Kydd

John Cull

Carol Cull

We thank Ron Heron for his past work on the Committee and look forward to seeing and working with him throughout the coming year in his capacity as a very fine Throws Official.

Kathy Terlicher is taking a well-deserved rest from her work on the Committee. Kathy has been a hardworking and hugely productive member of the Committee for many, many years. We cannot thank you enough for your consistency, knowledge and guidance, Kathy. We are so pleased that Kathy will continue to share her expertise as a Track Referee, Walks Judge and Umpire at Competitions in 2019.

Our first Meeting of the newly elected and continuing members of the Committee was held on November 17th. We reviewed the 2018 Competition Year and discussed plans for the Competition years to come.

From Brian Thomson

The National Officials Committee (NOC) held their annual meeting with Branch Official Committees in November (Nov 29-30) on Granville Island in Vancouver. All NOC committee

members were present as were chairs from all but 2 provinces. NOC is moving ahead with several items thanks to Athletics Canada staff support from Serge Thibaudeau. Items are at the conceptual and early development stage with more information, decisions and implementation tools coming. Some highlights include the following:

- Minimum staffing of Level 3 officials for National Championship meets. A draft concept but we encourage anyone interested in being considered for national championship meets ensure they look at their certification level(s) and consider upgrading to level 3 (and even higher). Contact Cheryl Elke for information...via the Upgrading Certification tab on the Officials page of the BC Athletics website.
- Enhancements to training and mentoring to support upgrading. Online training to support the upgrading to levels 1 and 2 is being designed with some materials scheduled for delivery in 2019. A mentoring program is envisaged to be developed and rolled-out in 2019. Mentoring will be separated from evaluating.

More information on these initiatives and other changes will be provided as they are flushed out, approved and rolled-out. All very exciting!

From Keith Newell

Keith sent a fascinating chunk of the prehistory of track and field in BC. The program for the 1969 National Track and Field Championships in Victoria lists some familiar officials. Keith notes:

Thought you might be interested to have a look at the list of officials.

It looks like Victoria ran a NC meet with about 10 actual officials.

p.s. David Weicker was in the 800m, Ian Gordon was in the 100m & 200m (running for BC) Gerard Dumas was in the pole vault.

And among the officials:

Gerry Swan (Communications)

Gerard Dumas (Programming)

Bill McNulty (Horizontal Jumps)

Rafe Duke (Umpire)

Inge Hedman (Throws Judge)

Keith Newell (Clerk of the Course)

There will be a small prize for anyone identifying what the officials listed for "Anemometry" were up to.

NOC has confirmed the following BC Officials have been upgraded (National Certification)

* Bob Cowden VJ5

* Sharon Hann S4

* Celina Wong T4

* Norma Love-Pankonin S5

It's Official

Competition age categories will now be referred to as:

U16 (Under 16 years of age)	formerly known as Midget
U18	formerly known as Youth
U20	formerly known as Junior

Also - Performances with mixed gender do not qualify for Canadian Records but may be used for team selection.

Outstanding Officials

Thank you to those of you who sent in Nominations for the annual awards for Officials. These awards will be presented to our very deserving colleagues at the BC Athletics' Annual Awards Banquet.

The BC Athletics Annual Awards Banquet to celebrate the 2018 Athletics season will be held:

Date: Saturday, February 2nd, 2019

Time: Social Hour - 6pm | Dinner - 7pm

Location: [Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, Richmond](#) (7311 Westminster Hwy)

The BC Athletics Annual Awards Banquet will celebrate the accomplishments of the 2018 season with individuals being recognized for athletic performances, coaching, officiating, and administration. Inductees to the BC Athletics Hall of Fame will also be recognized during the evening.

Award recipients will be notified directly, with lists being publicized throughout January.

Tickets to the Awards Banquet can be purchased at the following link:

<http://www.bcatletics.org/News/bc-athletics-annual-awards-banquet-february-2-2019/2852/>

Workshops

John Cull has been hard at work over the past weeks planning and arranging for Workshops to be held in the Lower Mainland in 2019.

[Officials Workshops, Lower Mainland 2019](#)

Date	Level	Location	Instructor(s)
February 2, 8:30- 10 a.m.	Level 1	Richmond Oval	John and Carol Cull
April 6, 1030- noon	Provincial Walks	At Emilie Mondor	Peter Fejfar
April 13, 8:30-10 a.m.	Level 1	Abbotsford	Carol and John Cull
May 11, 8:30-10 a.m.	Level 1	Maple Ridge	Carol and John Cull
June 15, 8:30-10 a.m.	Level 1	Langley	John and Carol Cull
June 21, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.	National Walks	Burnaby/Swangard	Peter Fejfar
June 22, 8:30-10 a.m.	Level 1	Burnaby/Swangard	John and Carol Cull
June 25, 4:30 p.m. -6 p.m.	Level 1	South Surrey	Carol and John Cull
September 8, 10 a.m. - 3:30	Level 2	Fortius Centre	Carol and John Cull

This list of planned Workshops will be updated as information is received.

Upgrading

If you are interested in upgrading your certification in 2019, please remember to look at the information on the website under **Upgrading and Certification**. Here you will find the information, forms and contact information required to advance to your next Level in your chosen event discipline(s). We strongly encourage Officials to advance their certification. Having Officials at the Levels 3 and above is of great benefit to athletes who are striving to qualify for standards or need their performance records recognized and approved. And, of course, we are ALWAYS in need of more Officials. We can never have too much help!

Don't forget: After meeting all of the requirements, you need to apply to upgrade your certification. This is not done automatically for you. Please go to: <http://www.bcathletics.org/Officials/> and click on the heading **Upgrading and Certification**. There you will find information on the steps you must take. The Regional Development Coordinator for your area can help you with this process if you have any difficulties.

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

Protests and Appeals

From John Cull

Let's make our dispute resolution process work better in 2019 (That's one of John's New Year's Resolutions). There were several "unresolved issues" from 2018 meets which caused conflicts, and stay in my mind. In one case, a parent of a JD athlete publicly challenged a meet result 2-3 months after the event. In another a coach "lost it" during a meet, and made loud challenging remarks about an individual official's judgement.... which were widely heard.

Differences of opinion happen. Even our most fabulous officials occasionally (very occasionally) blink at the wrong moment. We have an excellent and fully explained dispute resolution process which ensures that, by the end of the day, justice will be done; and that the event can move on while we look for a resolution. All participants (coaches, athletes and especially officials) should be familiar with the procedures for Protests and Appeals.... and ensure that they are used. Keep the time limits for Protests in mind. Protests or Appeals must be submitted within 30 minutes (after posting of results or a Referee's decision). A Jury's decision is FINAL. Posted results are FINAL 30 minutes after posting. At that point the officials have gone off to the pub to celebrate (hopefully) a successful day, and don't want to hear any whining. We don't take our work home.

The first newsletter of the year seems like a good place to start. The text below explains how Protests and Appeals work, both at formal (Championship level) events and at the more informal local events. I am adding some FAQ's right here to underline key points.

Doesn't the house always win? Officials always support each other, right?

In my experience, not so. Protests are successful much of the time. As a Chief Judge, I have been over-ruled by Referees (and we stay friends.... It's not personal). As a National Jury member, I have over-ruled Referees, and we eventually become friends again). Athletes are reinstated, athletes get second chances.... there are a lot of remedies available.

Protests cost money, don't they? I could lose my beer money.

No, your beer money is safe unless you appeal to the Jury. Host Organizing Committees often get this wrong in their handout packages. The first level of the process is free. Take that "Protest Fee" right out of your handouts.

- A Protest to the Referee is **free**
- An Appeal to the Jury about the Referee's decision requires a deposit

And some inspirational thoughts:

For the Meet Director

Make sure you have discussed the protest procedure with the Officials Manager, and have the correct information for the participants.... Who are the Referees? How will you assemble a Jury?

Have you got a stack of Protest forms?

For the Officials

Are you within range of certifying as a Referee? Get on with it.... there are very few active Referees in BC.

For all participants

- Read the procedures below
- Do what my mentor Valerie says.... Read the Rule Book before every meet. You will be surprised at what you have forgotten.

Procedures for Protests and Appeals

See BC Athletics Protest and Appeal Form

See Also

Rule #119 (Jury of Appeal),

Rule #125 (Referees)

Rule #146 (Protests and Appeals)

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Best Practices for Protests and Appeals

These Best Practices are based on requirements at Canadian Championships. Their use should be considered at other levels of Meets.

Protests

"Protests concerning the result or conduct of an event shall be made within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the results of that event." Result postings are normally time stamped, and that time is considered the beginning of the 30-minute period. Protests may also commence while the event is still in progress, e.g. in field events, longer races and Combined events. In either case the Protest is made orally to the relevant Referee; e.g. the Field Referee for the Field event, or the Track Referee for the Track event. A protest concerning a false start shall be made to the Track Referee, or (if there is one) the Start Referee.

Only an athlete, or his/her representative may make a protest. The athlete must have been affected by the decision or result of the event. The protestor may contact the relevant Referee through the Meet Director or Technical Information Centre, if the Referee is not immediately available. No deposit is required for a PROTEST.

The Referee or TIC should record all details concerning the Protest on the Athletics Protest and Appeal Form. Time and date of receipt of the Protest should be noted.

The Referee will consult with the protesting athlete or her representative and with relevant officials, as the Referee determines appropriate, to make a decision. The Referee may deliver his/her decision orally or in writing.

The Referee should record his/her decision and the reasons for that decision on the Protest and Appeal Form. This completed form is posted with the time and date of posting indicated. Once posted, any athlete affected has 30 minutes to lodge a protest concerning this decision.

Appeals to the Jury

The original protestor, or anyone else affected by the Referee's decision has the right to make an APPEAL TO THE JURY regarding the Referee's decision, within 30 minutes of the official announcement of that decision. An APPEAL TO THE JURY shall be in writing, and should cite the relevant Rule number. A deposit, usually \$50 at Canadian meets of all levels, shall accompany an APPEAL TO THE JURY. The deposit will be refunded if the Appeal is successful. The deposit will not be refunded if the Appeal is denied.

Guidelines for the Jury

The Jury of Appeal shall consult all relevant persons. The Official(s) involved in the original decision or event, and the Referee who handled the Protest will always be consulted (if available). The Jury of Appeal may also consider any available evidence, including video. The Jury of Appeal shall deliver its decision in writing, and cite the relevant Rule numbers. Members of the Jury may have access to all venues within or outside the Competition Areas to observe the competition but are restricted from discourse or discussion with event Officials during the competition. Jury members shall have no advisory or participatory role in any competition.

No Jury Member shall participate in a discussion of an Appeal that affects an Athlete with whom they have a coaching or family relationship.

Composition of the Jury

A Jury of Appeal shall be appointed for all Competitions sanctioned by BC Athletics or Athletics Canada.

The appointment of the Jury, whether Formal or Informal, should be indicated in the Technical Package.

A Jury may be Formal or Informal.

Formal Jury

A Formal Jury shall be appointed for the following major Competitions:

- International Competitions (i.e. PanAms, NACAC etc.)
- National Competitions
- BC Championships
- Optional for any other Competitions (as decided by the Meet Organizers)

Composition of the Formal Jury of Appeal for National, International Competitions

3 to 5 Qualified Persons

Qualified Persons are those who are Nationally Ranked Jury members
(see directory)

Composition of the Formal Jury of Appeal for BC Championship and other Competitions

3 Qualified Persons

Qualified Persons are those who are Nationally or Provincially Ranked Jury members (If extenuating circumstances prevent appointments from these categories then other Senior Officials or knowledgeable individuals may be appointed.)

Informal Jury

Typically, an Informal Jury is used at but not limited to:

- School Meets
- Club Meets
- Twilight Meets
- Junior Development Championships

Composition of the Informal Jury of Appeal

3 Qualified Persons selected on the day of the Competition or in response to an Appeal. Ideally, prior to the commencement of the Competition, a Qualified Person will be selected to 'Chair' the Jury.

Qualified Persons are those who are Nationally or Provincially Ranked Jury members, Levels 3, 4 or 5 Officials (who were not involved in the Protested Event), the Meet Director or other uninvolved knowledgeable individual.

Many Thanks to our Hardworking Officials

Event: **BC Cross Country Championships**
Sponsored by: BC Athletics and the Valley Royals Track and Field Club
Date: Saturday, October 27, 2018
Location: Clearbrook Park, Abbotsford
North of Highway 1, off Clearbrook Road, past Maclure Road

Thanks to:

Sanda Turner, John Cull, Carol Cull, Iain Fisher, Peter Fejfar, Dale Loewen, Kathleen Henderson, Betsy Rollins

Event: **BC High Schools Cross Country Championships**
Sponsored by: BC High Schools and Nanaimo Track and Field Club
Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018
Location: Nanaimo

Thanks to:

Keith Newell, Brian Hawksworth, Greg Bush, Iain Fisher, Vince Sequeira, Brad Potenic, Rick Rathy, John Akehurst, Nancy Baxendale, Sanda Turner, Cristi Lundman

Officiating Opportunities

Please come lend a hand

Event: Harry Jerome Indoor
Sponsored by: Achilles Track and Field Club
Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019
Location: Richmond Olympic Oval
6111 River Road, Richmond

Times: (Tentative)

Track – Oval

First Event – 10:00

Last Event – 4:30

(Please note that a Racewalk event is being held and Racewalk Officials will be required to help. Event time – 1:15pm)

Track – Straightaway

First Event – 9:45

Last Event – 3:30

Field

Shot Put – 10:00, 11:25

High Jump – 1:00, 3:05

Officials who have committed to attend:

Peter Fejfar, Jason Swan, Ted de St. Croix, John Cull, Carol Cull

For those of you who may have missed the announcement, BC has been awarded the Canadian 10,000 metre Championships for 2019 and 2020.

More information about the events which will be contested at this Meet will be given to you as it becomes available. What we do know is that all events will be held on the Track (no Field Events will be held). There is currently no funding for accommodation for Officials.

Ottawa – Athletics Canada, in partnership with BC Athletics, BC Endurance Project and Mile2Marathon, announced today that the City of Burnaby will play host to the 2019 and 2020 Canadian 10,000-metre Championships. The event will take place at Swangard Stadium, which features an eight-lane, 400-metre IAAF certified track, on June 13, 2019, and June 11, 2020.

The national championship races will be held in conjunction with the Pacific Distance Carnival, a new event that local organizers plan to model after England's [*Night of the 10,000m PB's*](#) where the racing atmosphere is seen as a crucial element in heightening athlete performance. Spectators will have access to prime track-side seats throughout the licensed facility to cheer on Canada's best, while pyrotechnics, music and an entertaining group of drummers will add to the excitement.

"Athletics Canada looks forward to working with BC Athletics, the BC Endurance Project and Mile2Marathon to bring the 2019 and 2020 editions of the Canadian 10,000-metre Championships to Swangard Stadium as part of the Pacific Distance Carnival," said Chief Operating Officer Mathieu Gentès. "Our objective with the Canadian 10,000-metre Championships are to provide a first-rate competitive opportunity setting the stage for Canadian athletes to run personal bests and international standards in a fun and exciting atmosphere. We are confident that the Pacific Distance Carnival will provide this opportunity."

The Pacific Distance Carnival will feature three distances – 1,500-metres, 5,000-metres and 10,000-metres – in six different events that will include both able-body and para athletes in ambulatory and wheelchair races. The 10,000-metre races will

include elite-level pacers, to assist local, national and international athletes looking to chase personal bests and international standards.

“BC Athletics is thrilled to have been awarded the 2019 and 2020 Canadian 10,000-metre Championships. In partnership with the BC Endurance Project and Mile2Marathon, we look forward to hosting the inaugural Pacific Distance Carnival with the goal of bringing new excitement to long distance track racing,” said meet manager Chris Winter. “Our priority is to offer Canadian and international athletes ideal conditions to achieve personal-best performances in the lead up to the 2019 IAAF World Track & Field Championships and the 2020 Summer Olympics in a setting that is exciting for both athletes and fans of the sport.”

Additional information, including athlete registration, the schedule of events, prizes and awards, will be accessible at www.athletics.ca as it becomes available.

The following is a **Tentative Schedule** for this event:

Women’s 1500m Heat 3	6:00pm
Women’s 1500m Heat 2	6:10pm
Women’s 1500m Heat 1	6:20pm
Men’s 1500m Heat 3	6:30pm
Men’s 1500m Heat 2	6:40pm
Men’s 1500m Heat 1	6:50pm
Wheelchair 1500m	7:00pm
Chase the Pace 5000m Heat 4	7:10pm
Chase the Pace 5000m Heat 3	7:40pm
Chase the Pace 5000m Heat 2	8:10pm
Chase the Pace 5000m Heat 1	8:40pm
National Anthem	9:00pm
Canadian 10,000m Championships	9:05pm
Canadian 10,000m Championships	9:45pm

We will be needing many Umpires for this Event. We hope that Field Officials will also come to help at this Competition, of course wearing a different hat.

Don’t forget to send me a note if you are able to help at the Indoor Jerome on February 2nd.

Maybe all of this rain means we won’t have any on competition days in 2019.

Happy New Year
Carol