

# N O C N O C

## NATIONAL OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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### **NOC Report from the Chair**

The National Officials Committee held their annual meeting on April 11-13 this year. (Minutes to be posted at <http://www.athletics.ca/page.asp?id=202> )

At the meeting, Rob Guy, CEO of Athletics Canada, outlined AC's new strategic plan. The new focus will be on "Athletics IN Canada". Their objectives are *participation, performance and positive experience*. For officials, this means encouraging more officials into the sport, increasing the numbers at the highest levels and increasing success/performance ratings by officials. To help accomplish this, NOC is investigating ways to assist Branches in recruiting, streamlining the requirements for upgrading and broadening our incentives program. Over the weekend, NOC discussed ways to achieve these goals and subcommittees were formed to look at real solutions. Any change in the upgrading process will take time and serious thought. A big help to participation was an addition of \$5000 to our budget to be used for a national incentives program. The first installment of this should be seen by the fall.

A session for trainers of new clinicians and mentors was held in the fall and this program will start this summer with new clinicians being trained in each province. For now, the mentoring system will remain unchanged. We are now working on refining a new mentor and evaluator system to be in place before 2016.

As you may be aware, AC has combined the Sr., Jr. and Para groups for a single championship meet in 2015 in Edmonton. This meet will require about 20 more officials than the usual number required for a Sr. championship. NOC has some concerns about the reduced number of opportunities for chiefing and mentoring at a NC level. There has been one NC meet added to the list now that AC has introduced the indoor championships which will help the number of mentoring opportunities available.

AC is in the process of reorganizing their committee structure. As a result, the call for applications for NOC and other committees has been put on hold. NOC terms for the current members may be extended for up to one year depending on a future board decision.

NOC (David Dice in particular) has been working on getting an Officials Portal available to all officials. This would allow officials with a login number to access our website for information. We are looking at applications for online meet record cards, clinics and testing. At this time David has put our directory on line and allowed access to branch chairs. Also a "webinair" open to all officials is set for May 5 or 6 to discuss rule changes for the '14-'15 season.

This summer will be busy with championships in Moncton, Ste. Therese, Kamloops and Langley. Thank you to all the officials who will work tirelessly at meets of every level during this outdoor season. Keith Newell

## N.O.C. News

The NOC Committee remains intact for 2014 until the October conference call meeting. Four terms will elapse at the end of October 2014. To apply for one of these positions contact your branch officials' chair and/or president to indicate your interest. The positions are Member Services, Directory, Upgrading and Clinics and Meet Assignments.

**Chairperson:** Keith Newell

**Awards and Incentives:** Jane Edstrom with Helen Vasilic

**Directory:** David Dice with Jennifer Campbell

**Upgrading and Clinics:** Jennifer Campbell with David Dice and Ian Gordon

**Meet Assignments:** Serge Thibaudeau with Jane Edstrom

**Member Services:** Rick Stocker and Helen Vasilic

**Mentoring:** Ian Gordon with Serge Thibaudeau and Jennifer Campbell

**Marketing and Sponsorship:** David Weicker (AC) with Keith Newell and Mat Gentes (AC)

(An archive of meeting minutes, NOC-NOC Newsletters and other documents are available at

<http://www.athletics.ca> Click on the "Officials" tab to get to Officials information.)

## Awards

### NOC Official of the Year

Saskatchewan's Ron Walsh was named the 2013 Official of the Year by Athletics Canada's National Officials Committee (NOC).

Ron, a level 5 starts official, is one of only three in his province. Throughout his career and more notably, within the past nomination year, he has officiated at almost every competition throughout Saskatchewan including Hershey's meets, high school, university, provincial, aboriginal and age competitions. In his 80<sup>th</sup> year he is still the first to climb up the starters stand and fill the role as he was meant to. He is a mentor and friend to athletes, coaches and officials a-like.

Congratulations to Ron Walsh.

### Named to the Official's Wall of Honour are:

**Saskatchewan's Brenda O'Connor**  
**British Columbia's David Weicker.**

## Provincial Officials of the Year

**British Columbia:** Cliff Weathermon

**Alberta:** Irene Gaudet

**Saskatchewan:** Ron Walsh

**Manitoba:** Ron Rogala

**Ontario:** Owen Crane

**Quebec:** John Monroe

**New Brunswick:** Jamie Peabody

**Nova Scotia:** Don Acker

**Prince Edward Island:** Marc Gilman

**Newfoundland:**

## NOC Years of Service Awards 50 Years of Service

**Carol Kyle** Alberta

**Doug Kyle** Alberta

**Dennis Berling** Saskatchewan

**Evelyn Nosedole** Saskatchewan

## Upgrading of Technical Officials

### April 2014

Congratulations to the following officials who have completed all the requirements for their upgrading.

#### **LEVEL 5**

David Short BC T5

#### **LEVEL 4**

Suzanne Lafrance QC FR Jumps 4

John Butler AB VJ4

Bob Cowden BC FR Jumps 4

Kristina Shearer BC T4

#### **NATIONAL LEVEL**

Robert Tucker ON Technical Manager

CONGRATULATIONS to all. Well Done !  
THE NOC EXECUTIVE.

### **FYI**

**It was announced earlier this past year that Dennis Beerling is Saskatoon's Citizen of the Year, for his contribution for many years to the arts, and to sport.**

***Congratulations, Dennis!***

## DID YOU KNOW?

Please take the time to read these documents

By Ian Gordon

- 1.0 There seems to be considerable confusion about what constitutes a false start arising out of the wording in the rulebook,
- 2.0
- 3.0 Motion by an athlete that does not include or result in the athlete's foot / feet leaving contact with the foot plate / plates of the starting block, or the athlete's hand / hands losing contact with the ground, shall not be considered the commencement of the start. (162.6)
- 4.0
- 5.0 What is important to the interpretation of this rule is the question "Is the motion by the athlete a forward motion in which the hands and/or feet will leave the ground or foot plates, or is it a buck or twitch that will not result in the hands and/or feet leaving the ground or foot plates?" It doesn't matter if the hands or feet have left the ground or foot plates at the time of the gun, only if there was motion that would have caused this action.
- 6.0
- 7.0 In other words, if an athlete introduces forward motion prior to reacting to the gun, that can still be considered a false start.
- 8.0
- 9.0 Note that when a Start Information System (SIS) is used, and the SIS is working correctly and indicates a false start, no protest is allowed. A reaction time of less than 0.100 seconds is considered a possible false start.

## New Start Rule

In the new IAAF 2014-15 rule book there is a rule clarification for False Starts that is important for starters to understand. See below for the note on Rule 162.6 It is important to understand that the **only cause for a False Start to be called is "the athlete's foot / feet losing contact with the foot plate(s) of the starting blocks, or the athlete's hand / hands losing contact with the ground"**. Any other motion will not be considered a false start. The start referee may issue a

yellow card (warning) for "improper conduct" (or a red card for a second offence).

### Rule 162.6

*Note (i): Any motion by an athlete that does not include or result in the athlete's foot / feet losing contact with the foot plate(s) of the starting blocks, or the athlete's hand / hands losing contact with the ground, shall not be considered to be the commencement of his start. Such instances may, if applicable, be subject to a disciplinary warning or disqualification. Note (ii): As athletes starting races in a standing position are more prone to over-balance, if such a movement is considered to be accidental, the start should be regarded as "unsteady". If an athlete is pushed or jostled over the line before the start, he should not be penalised. Any athlete causing such interference may be subject to a disciplinary warning or disqualification.*

This is the link to the new IAAF rule book

<http://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/rules-regulations#rules>

**Just a reminder of the type of meets used for upgrading and the N or NC designation for meets.**

### II Types of Meets for Upgrading Purposes:

1. There are four types of meets for the purpose of upgrading:

a) **Regional meets:** which are small area meets that can be used for upgrading to the provincial level only. These meets will not be accepted on requests for upgrading for levels 4 and 5. An example would be a local all-comers meet organized by the club where 3 to 5 entries per even are the average.

b) **Provincial meets:** which are meets large enough to have Chiefs of events and referees, or to involve different regions of a province. Examples are large all-comers meets, school provincial championships, and Provincial summer games. **Note:** All non-sanctioned meets can be used for provincial upgrading at the discretion of the Branch Officials' Chair. They will not be considered for Levels 4 and 5.

c) **National meets:** which are meets designated as such each year at the Annual Meeting of the National Officials' Committee and the Branch Officials' Chairs.

d) **National Championships:** which include Canadian Senior Championships, Canadian Junior Championships, Canada Games and other events designated as such each year at the Annual General Meeting of the "National Officials" Committee and the "Branch Officials" Chairs.

Please refer to the current guidelines as listed in the Upgrading Handbook found in **Appendix 1** at:

<http://www.athletics.ca/admin/..%5Cfiles%5C%5COfficials%5C2010UPGRADINGCRITERIA.PDF>



Waiting patiently in the Montreal underground after the AC Indoor. The subway is down. Back (l to r) Rene VanEndal, Jacquie Downing, Daniel Michaud, front (l to r) Amy VanEndal, Ann Perry.

#### Picture on the left

Our finest ready to work in any weather.

#### Useful web sites

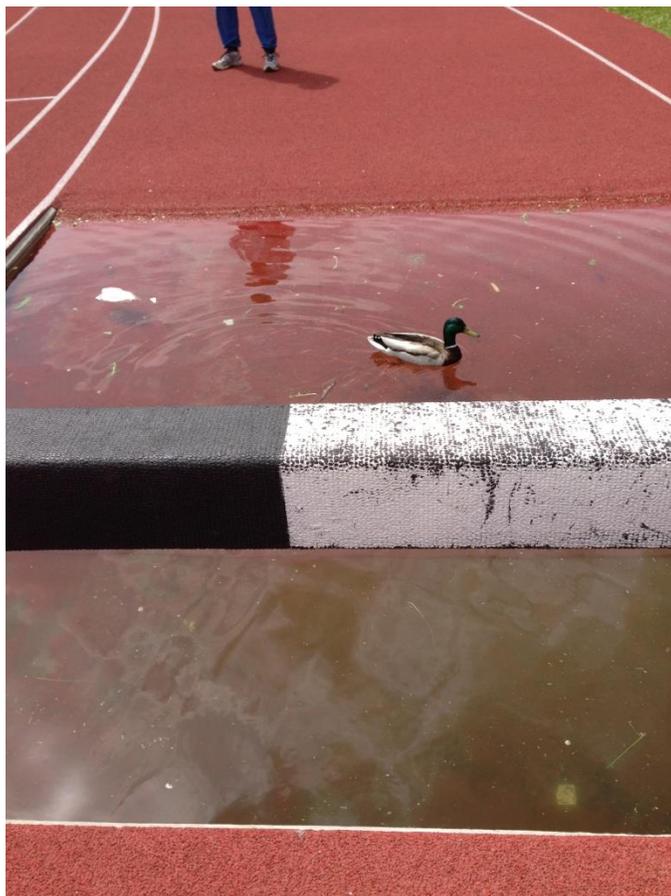
This website is for the USATF Officials but you may find some of this helpful. It is a series of summary sheets for event chiefs/referees.

<http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/resources/best-practices/>

Athletic Officials Guides

UK Athletics Book Centre

[www.ukathleticsbookcentre.co.uk](http://www.ukathleticsbookcentre.co.uk)



### Ducks in the water

Any place ,anywhere, anytime is a good time if you have the proper facilities.

### New Branch Officials' Chairpersons: Welcome

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### DIRECTORY DATA

Many officials have changes to their personal information (PI.) The Vice Chair for the Directory needs to know. If you change your PI, email [Dave Dice](mailto:Dave Dice) the

changes. If you are an officials' chair for a meet it can be very frustrating to have emails returned. **Put NOC on your change of PI list.**

### 2014 National Event Calender

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION
<b>2014</b>		
<a href="#">AC Indoor Open</a>	March 14-16	Montreal, QC
<a href="#">Canadian Half Marathon Championships</a>	April 27	Montreal, QC
<a href="#">Canadian Marathon Championships</a>	May 25	Ottawa, ON
<a href="#">Canadian Track &amp; Field Championships</a>	June 27-29	Moncton, NB
<a href="#">Canadian Junior Track &amp; Field Championships</a>	July 4-6	Sainte-Thérèse, QC
Canadian Junior Combined Events Championship	July 16-17	Ottawa, ON
Canadian Senior Combined Events Championship	July 17-18	Ottawa, ON
<a href="#">Legion Canadian Youth Track &amp; Field Championships</a>	August 15-17	Langley, BC
Canadian 5km Championship	September 7	Toronto, ON
Canadian 10km Championships	September 20	Toronto, ON
Canadian Cross Country Championships	November 29	Vancouver BC

### NTL SCHEDULE

Halifax	Edmonton	Victoria	Vancouver
June 14, 2014	July 5 - July 6, 2014	July 8, 2014	July 10, 2014

### NOC Volunteers

*NOC would like to thank all Athletics Officials for their dedication and quality officiating at hundreds of meets across Canada this past year*

### In Memoriam ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

Sadly, we have lost a long standing national level officials this year. Athletics will miss this dedicated member of our community.

#### **Skiffington Edmund Jr. (Ed)**

Riverview New Brunswick  
Nov.3 1921- March 24th 2014  
Born in Somerville Mass.  
Graduated Springfield College 1951  
Athletics Director Moncton High School

Highly involved in the Royal Canadian Legion Summer Track Program for 15 years  
Head coach of the 1969 New Brunswick Athletics Summer Games Team in Halifax and an official at two other Canada Games.  
Ed was a starter and starters 'assistant.  
Ed was inducted into the New Brunswick Sports Hall of Fame in 2004. His name is inscribed on the Moncton Wall of Honour and the Canadian Track and Field Officials' Wall of Fame.

## **FORMS LIBRARY**

If you as meet director or technical official have new forms or revamped old forms for any part of the meet, please copy and send via E mail to Helen Vasilic

### **Survey of Branch Chairs, NOC 2014** **Survey Initiated by QC Chair, John Monroe**

#### **How the Branches Organize Their Committee**

The QC provincial athletics-officials executive has 7 members – 1 non-voting member (liaison with the provincial athletics federation) and 6 voting members; there is 1 «at large » member, and the remaining 5 members have portfolios / positions.

Most of the members are usually from the Montreal area and our meetings are usually held there, but some members come from further away (2 hr or 3 hr drive to Montreal) and sometimes there is a member from much further away (5 hr drive to Montreal).

Historically , the QC executive meets (in full session) three times a year and meets quickly for a job-distribution session after our annual general meeting, as it's fourth gathering. There are normally no subcommittees and no subsidiary meetings.

We **JUST** manage to cover the necessary / recurring management (organizational) items, so special requirement discussions, on topics such as 'recruitment and retention' are either covered in special sessions (ie. Overtime), or not at all.

My questions to you, are :

1. How many people are on your provincial executive?

2. How far away from the meeting place, do most executive members live (hours of driving)?
3. How many times a year does your provincial executive meet?
4. On average, how many people attend your provincial executive meetings?
5. Describe these meetings. Are they :
  - A. Face-to-face, teleconference or something else?
  - B. Full agenda, or are specific topics assigned to specific meetings (but overall, all topics are covered during the year)?
6. How do you cover **MORE** than only the necessary / recurring management / organizational items?

Thanks for participating,  
John Monroe,  
Coordonnateur du CORO 2014

**Survey of Branch Chairs, NOC  
2014**

**How the Branches Organize  
Their Committee Survey Results**

Prov	Q-1	Q-2	Q-3	Q-4	Q-5A	Q-5B	Q-6
BC	10	2 – Ferry + 1hr, 2 – 4hr, Remainder, max 1 hr	5 or 6	Approx 8	3 face-to-face, 2 – 3 teleconference	Full agenda	Longer meetings
AB	8	Telephone call	4 or 5	6 or 7	Teleconference only	Specific topics per mtg	Increase number of mtgs
SK	5	3hr	3 or more	4 or 5	At track, between sessions, or via email	Usually specific topics, or as a need arises	Prioritize discussions; necessary = face-to- face, leftover subjects via email
MB	4	Max 30 mins, all in Winnipeg normally	3 or 4	4	Face-to-face	Full agenda	Email, as issues arise
ON	7	2 – Toronto, 2 – 1hr from TO 1 – 2hr, 2 – 4 hr	5 to 8	6 or 7	1 or 2 face-to- face, 5 or more teleconferences	Specific topics	Use sub- committees
QC	7	4 in Montreal, 3 with 2 or 3hr drive to Mtl, Sometimes 1 with 5hr drive	3 full mtgs, Plus 1 for job distribution only	6 or 7	Face-to-face	Full agenda	Longer meetings
NS	5	Max 30 mins, local to Halifax normally	6	5	Face-to-face	Full agenda, including recrutement & retention each time	N/A

## CANADIAN INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIP

On March 14-16 was held in Montreal the Canadian Indoor Open Championship after almost 20 years of absence. Considering it was its first year of happening, I dare say it was a success.

I think there could have been many more athletes at the meet. The biggest representation was younger athletes including Juniors. Due to its success and larger publicity, it is to hope that the coming years will bring a larger field of athletes.

The organizing committee was really mindful of requests as for well-being of officials, recruitment of volunteers and supplying equipment needed to host the meet. Of course, a few meetings between myself, Abou Ngame, a great meet director, the responsible of volunteers and host director were needed to make sure efforts were made as to reach the same goal: well-driven meet with officials happy to be working at such a meet and a sufficient number of motivated volunteers to support officials in their work.

A total of 43 officials were at the meet including 11 officials from the nearby province of Ontario. The first meeting with all officials clarified question marks from officials and every official was gladly surprised by the very nice polo shirt given out by Athletics Canada with the black cap. It was a good start making everyone happy.

Outside of Montreal officials were staying at a hotel in the Old Downtown Montreal with parking facilities and metro passes to get to Claude Robillard Stadium where the meet was going on. I believe all officials appreciated the delicious and varied items offered at the hotel for breakfast as well as the meals served at the stadium by the very kind ladies who took care of us in such a friendly way. We shall not forget the so nice reception at the VIP lounge after every day with all kinds of tapas served. Officials were really well treated.

The results of such treatment reflected on the quality of the work, I would also say. All officials worked in a very professional manner giving the best of themselves and seemed happy to work. Officials in horizontal jumps had the jackpot with a first very long evening in long jump and as last event of the meet, a triple-jump which seemed to last forever.

A total of 8 national mentorships were organized at the meet. Most being for Quebec officials, very seldom invited back West for having mentorships needed. Therefore, the occasion seemed perfect to try to get as many mentorships as possible. And thanks to Ian Gordan's approval, it was successful.

On the first day, a few problems occurred with some volunteers not being focused enough on the job asked. A meeting with the responsible of volunteers and asking officials to be more strict but still respectful with the volunteers settled the problem for the rest of the meet.

There were always enough volunteers for all events, arriving long before the event with plenty of time to explain to them what was expected.

During the complete meet, communication with the meet director and the responsible of volunteers was great allowing to solve problems fast.

Overall, the 2014 Canadian Indoor Championship could be considered as a success according to me. Let's hope more athletes will be taking part in the meet in the coming years.

Cécile Lefebvre,  
Officials' coordinator

## Webinar Opportunity for Coaches and Officials

Athletics Canada is pleased to announce a webinar opportunity for coaches and officials to learn about 2014 IAAF rule changes. The webinar will be presented by International Technical Officials Jane Edstrom and David Weicker and is a great opportunity to become familiar with the changes and ask questions of clarification.

Two sessions are being offered on Monday June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 12:00pm to 1:00pm EDT and 8:00pm to 9:00pm EDT. Participation is free and limited to the first 100 registrants per session. To register [click here](#).

This is a pilot initiative aimed at exploring alternative ways to deliver training and disseminate new technical information. These sessions will only be available in English. If you are interested in receiving this session in French, please write to Douglas Duncan, Director – Domestic Programs & Sport Development at [dduncan@athletics.ca](mailto:dduncan@athletics.ca)

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## Occasion pour les entraîneurs et

## officiels de participer à un webinaire

Athlétisme Canada est heureux d'annoncer une occasion pour les entraîneurs et officiels de participer à un webinaire afin d'en savoir plus sur les changements aux règles de l'IAAF pour 2014. Le webinaire sera présenté par les officiels techniques internationaux Jane Edstrom et David Weicker, et représente une belle opportunité de se familiariser avec les changements et de poser des questions de clarification.

Deux sessions sont offertes le lundi 2 juin, de 12 h pp à 13

h 00 HAE et de 20 h 00 à 21 h 00 HAE. La participation est gratuite et limité au 100 premiers inscrit par session.

Pour vous inscrire

[cliquer ici](#).

Ceci est un projet pilote visant à explorer les moyens alternatifs d'offrir la formation et de disséminer les nouvelles informations techniques. Ces sessions ne seront offertes qu'en anglais. Si vous êtes intéressé à participer à une session en français, veuillez envoyer un courriel à Douglas Duncan, directeur des programmes canadiens et du développement du sport, à [dduncan@athletics.ca](mailto:dduncan@athletics.ca).

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