

BC Branch Officials Committee Annual Report 2010

A. Past Year in Review

Actions

Members of the officials committee served on the Host Committee for the WMA Indoor Championships in Kamloops. This enabled us to ensure a substantial development opportunity for officials. We congratulate the Host Committee for doing an excellent job. We have received many notes of appreciation from participants. A spokesman for the British Masters Athletics Association wrote:

"The Canadian people were unfailingly friendly and helpful so that any problems were dealt with cheerfully. There were said to be 1,000 volunteers helping, so we were never far away from someone willing to guide or help. The officials were excellent, leading some of our athletes to say that they were the best they had encountered in any championship. One experienced GB athlete said she normally comes back from a championship with a list of things that frustrated her, but this time had no complaints, only praise."

The Branch Committee supported officials' participation in an expanded program of Community, School District, and Championship events. An officials team participated in the BC Seniors Games (Comox Valley), training a new group of enthusiastic community officials. An official's team participated in the Whistler Spirit Run, demonstrating a new paradigm for non-Stadium results processing. The application of high platform Finish Lynx camera and Identilynx bib identification produced results for a digital scoreboard and the Web (Twitter) within 10 minutes of the athletes finish.

Accomplishments

Created a database/spreadsheet to track training workshop registrations; listing of individual registrations from 1997-present. Drafted and trialed a procedure to gather feedback from officials funded for travel. We maintained our membership at 202, a slight decrease from the 2009 level of 206. We expect to make progress toward our goal of 250 active officials in 2011.

Incentives

The BC Athletics officials' recognition program provides most registered members who obtain 12 credits in the year with a uniform item.

- Level 3+ member officials receive a team jacket
- New Level 2 officials receive a BCA Officials Golf Shirt

Provided all member officials at Level 2 and above with a free 2010-2011 Rule Book

Recruitment strategies

The Recruitment and Education sub-committee focused on building the base level of officiating. Recruitment initiatives fall into broad categories

Building partnership with Clubs (good). We have had some success in Zone 3,4,5.

- Supported more of the community level and school oriented meets organized by Clubs
- Presented Level 1 workshops for parents

- Received donations toward support for officials programs
- And success in Zone 1,2
- Level 1 workshop for Kelowna Track and Field Club
 - Appointment of an officials coordinator and trainer as a Director (Board member) of Kelowna T&F Club
- And continued development in Zone 7,8 (the Great North)
- Members of the new officials group in Prince George participated in 2 local meets, and in Summer Games, and BC Championships. Some members are applying for upgraded certification.

Promotion in the 'athletics community' (getting better). We publicize volunteer opportunities using the BC Athletics blog, and take advantage of opportunities presented at Meets. We encourage senior officials to act as recruiters. This is somewhat successful, but we are making an effort to evaluate and refine this effort.

B. Branch Statistics

Number of Events 76 Indoor 3 Outdoor 73
 Calibre of events P 70 N/NC 6
 Total number of Officials 202 Paid 167 Unpaid (non-Members) 35
 Inactive ?
 Provisional 24 Level 1 44 Level 2 51 Level 3 30
 Level 4 18 Level 5 35
 NTO 4 ATO 1 ITO 1
 Number of Mentors 21 Number of Clinicians 12
 Number of Junior Officials 5
 Level 1 5 Level 2 0 Level 3 0

C. Award Winners

Awards presented in December 2009

<u>Name of Award</u>	<u>Winner</u>
Mary Temple Award (Novice Official)	Randy Stuart
Ian McNeill Award (Official of the Year)	John Cull
Ralph Coates Award (Long Service)	Howard Brandt
Dave Coupland Award (Inspiration)	Tom Masich

John Cull was awarded the NOC Official of the Year, and Sport BC Official of the Year. Carol Cull was inducted into the NOC Wall of Honour

Awards presented in January 2011

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D. Clinics

We presented 11 Level 1 workshops for 89 participants in 2010. As a matter of historical interest, since we began compiling statistics in 1997, we have presented level 1 workshops for 545, and level 2 workshops for 225. The principal weakness in our training program occurs at transition from the Community level (1+2) to the Provincial level (3). We would have more success in training officials for upgrading to Level 3 if we developed a formalized mentoring program to follow from our Level 1 and Level 2 workshops. We depend on National Level officials to provide informal training and guidance during events. This is not universally successful, and some new officials do not receive the leadership they require. We recommend development of Level 3 technical workshops (see Upcoming Year Goals). We now have 8 active Level 1 trainers in the Province (Lower Mainland, Kamloops, Kelowna, Prince George). Over all we delivered 19 workshops (vs. 7 in 2009), for 162 participants.

Discipline	Level	Location	Clinician	Participants
Walks	N	Kamloops	David Weicker	9
Photo	N	Kamloops	David Weicker	7
S.A.	N	Kamloops	Jennifer Campbell	unknown
Starters	?	Kamloops	Alan Bell	25
Throws	N	Kamloops	Ray Deere	26
Safety Judge	?	Kamloops	Serge Beckers	unknown
Umpires	N	Kamloops	Keith Newell	16
Introductory	Level 1	Langley	Sue Kydd	12
Introductory	Level 1	Coquitlam	Jackie Barrington	1
Introductory	Level 1	Coquitlam	John and Carol Cull	4
Introductory	Level 1	Vancouver	John Cull	10
Introductory	Level 1	Kamloops	Alwilda van Ryswyk	4
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Introductory	Level 1	Langley	John Cull	1
Introductory	Level 1	Kelowna	Bob Cowden	11
Introductory	Level 1	New Westminster	John and Carol Cull	19
Introductory	Level 1	North Vancouver	John and Carol Cull	13
Introductory	Level 1	Courtenay	John and Carol Cull	10
Provincial	Level 2	Vancouver	John and Carol Cull	4
Provincial	Level 2	Kamloops	Bob Cowden Alwilda van Ryswyk	3
Photo	Provincial?	Kelowna	Jason Swan	unknown

E. Mentorship

World Masters Indoor Championships in Kamloops gave us substantial training opportunities. BC Mentors provided leadership and evaluations for officials from BC,

Alberta, Ontario, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A BC Official was also mentored in Ontario (Dave Short). We have made it easy for members to communicate with the Committee regarding their training and upgrading needs through an interactive web-based form. The Committee responded to some mentoring requests received in 2010, but most are still outstanding. The priority officials on the "Travel List" submitted to NOC were not given any opportunities. There will be few N/NC level events in the Province in 2011-2014, and we will be attempting to maximize opportunities for travel to ensure that our members can continue to progress in certification and training.

Mentoring in 2010				
Discipline	Level	Where	Mentor	Mentee
Starter	3	Abbotsford	Dale Loewen	Bill Koch
Horizontal Jumps	5	Kamloops	Janet Slocombe	Aileen Lingwood
Throws	3	Kamloops	Darlene Hainer	Heather McCallum
Throws	3	Kamloops	Darlene Hainer	Udo Grady
Throws	3	Langley	Bert Engelmann	Nancy Fitzpatrick
Throws	4	Kamloops	Kathy Pettinger	Gord Murray
Starter	5	Kamloops	Ian Gordon	Mike Stenson
Walks Judge	5	Kamloops	Peter Hocking	David Weicker
Walks Judge	3	Kamloops	Kanwal Neel	Heather Climenhaga (AB)
Track Referee	5	Kamloops	Cecile Lefebvre	Jack Leman
Track Referee	4	Kamloops	Judy Peddle	Kathy Terlicher
Umpire	5	Kamloops	Alice Kubek	Louise Buskas
Umpire	4	Kamloops	Jack Leman	Penny Roze
Throws	4	Toronto	Ken Lake	Dave Short
Throws	4	Abbotsford	Peter Fejfar	Dave Short
Chief Photo Judge	4	Saskatoon	Glenn Kurmey	Lin Hopkins
Chief Photo Judge	4	Kamloops	David Weicker	Vern Schmid
FRJ	4	Kamloops	John Cull	Tim Slocombe
SA	5	Kamloops	Keith Newell	Richard Winton
Vertical Jumps	4	Kamloops	Tim Slocombe	Laurel Wichmann

F. Junior officials program

We have developed a document describing our Junior Officials program (renamed the U-18 program in this Province), and expect to continue building membership slowly. The program is primarily of interest to young people who are already affiliated with BC Athletics member Clubs. There were 5 active U-18 officials in 2010. All active U-18 officials in BC receive a letter of commendation from the Branch Chair.

G. Upcoming Year/Goals/Events

The Committee will continue its efforts to recruit and train officials in all areas of the Province. The goal for the coming year is to match the expansion of the Provinces competition program, and increase the number of active officials to 250. We will focus

on Member Clubs, Individual BCA Members, and the wider “affiliation network” that links people to athletics. Training and mentoring for the large numbers of new level 1 and Level 2 officials in the Province will be an important task for the Committee in the coming year. It will be a logistical and financial challenge to provide support for officials groups in wide-spread communities. The BC Seniors Games will be hosted in West Kootenays in 2011; an area with few officials. We hope to use this as an opportunity for development. We will continue to work with Host Organizing Committees and member Clubs to improve safety and technical standards at all sanctioned events. The recognition program will continue.

Promote officiating through effective partnerships with member Clubs, and individual BCA members.

- Ensure that BCA members are aware of the opportunity to volunteer.
- Create a promotional power point show and use it.
- Provide Senior officials with recruitment kits

Provide leadership at ALL athletics events in the Province. Use every event as an opportunity to promote officiating:

- Respond to all requests from sanctioned stadium and non-stadium events.
- Send a team or at least an ambassador to non-sanctioned events when possible.
- Provide announcer with a text for public recognition of officials services
- Place acknowledgement text in all programs and advertising for events
- Display the sign

Create basic self-sufficiency in each region

Maintain a Flexible and effective training program for Levels 1-3 throughout the Province

- Recruit Level 1 trainers in every region
- Ensure a quick response to Level 1 training opportunities
- Develop event specific Level 3 workshops, starting with Umpires
- Create a training plan for South Okanagan, Prince George, and Zone 6

Continue to build our capacity to handle high level events

Build up our teams of Photo Judges in the province, and ensure consistency in technical and organizational protocols

- Organize a National Photos workshop, and support participation from all photo judges and competition secretaries
- Place a high priority on upgrading photo judges’ skills and certification; opportunities for experience and mentoring outside the province

Find opportunities for travel to Championship-level events outside the Province

- Support for existing level 5 officials to maintain their knowledge and skills
- Support for Level 3 and 4 officials to obtain credits and mentoring

Support expansion of the Indoor Track and Field season in the Province

- Fund travel to indoor meets in Western provinces for training/mentoring
- Develop officials teams for events in Kamloops and Richmond (Achilles Indoors)

Improve tracking of program statistics and data to support BC Athletics as an organization

- Assign a Committee member to track mentoring assignments and create reports

Decisions of Note (2010 Committee decisions)

1. Reinstatement of Officials to Active Status

If an official is requesting reinstatement after an absence of up to 2 years, we require:

- 8 credits of work

If an official is requesting reinstatement after an absence of more than 2 years, we require:

- 8 credits of work, and

- one of the evaluations that would usually be required at that level, and

- successful completion of the National Open Book exam (for Level 3+)_

2. Changes to BCA Officials Travel Guidelines

BCA provides the Officials Committee with an Annual Core Budget' of \$17,000. This amount is supplemented by voluntary donations from Member Clubs. The budget available for competition is approximately \$6,000. These funds are used to cover expenses of more than 200 officials servicing 75 plus competitions. It is important to work from clear rules. The Regions to which we refer are based on the BC Games Regions, e.g.

Zone 1,2 (Okanagan/Kootenays)

Zone 3,4,5 (Lower Mainland)

Zone 6 (Vancouver Island, Central Coast)

Zone 7,8 (Central and Northern BC)

WE DO FUND

- *authorized travel to **sanctioned events by BCA member officials, when working in their own region.**@ \$.30 per kilometre (\$.43 for a carpool.)*
- *authorized travel to **National And Provincial Championships In BC by BCA member officials, when not working in their own region.** The Committee will reimburse costs for the driver (e.g. gas bill, ferry fares, tolls), plus \$20 for each passenger.*

WE DO NOT FUND

- *Meals or Accommodation*
- *Travel to events with an International component*

- Travel to **sanctioned non-championship events outside the BCA member official's own region**. (Unless the official is designated for training).
- Travel to BC GAMES events

Members who agree to participate in events **not funded by BC Athletics** (see above in this section) **MAY** be compensated for travel by the Local Organizing Committee. This compensation may take the form of repayment for specific expenses (e.g. gas bills) or in some other form, as decided by the LOC. The Committee recommends that compensation follow the formula outlined above.

Officials Membership 2010

The table below shows Club affiliation of BC Athletics members who indicate on their registration form that they are Officials. The “Unknown membership status” category represents certified Officials who are known to participate in sanctioned events, but are either:

- Not current members of BC Athletics **or**
- BCA members in some other category (who have not ticked the right box)

There were 202 officials in the Province In 2010, a slight decrease from 204 (in 2009)

Club affiliation	Officials members
Achilles	1
Alberni Valley	0
Burnaby Striders	1
Campbell River Comets	3
Chilliwack Track and Field	2
Comox Valley Cougars	1
Coquitlam Cheetahs	3
Golden Ears Athletics	1
Hershey Harriers	1
Kajaks	3
Kamloops Track and Field	36
Kelowna Track and Field	10
Langley Mustangs	1
Nanaimo and District	7
Nor'Westers	5
Ocean Athletics	5
Pacific Athletics	0
Pacific Road Runners	1
Peninsula Track and Field	4
Prairie Inn Harriers	3
Prince George Track and Field	9
Saltspring Track and Field	0
Semiahmoo Sun Runners	1
South Fraser Track and Field	2
Unattached	48
Universal	0
Valley Royals	7
Vancouver Thunderbirds	4
Victoria Track and Field	8
Unknown membership status	35
Total	202

Upgrades for 2010

Level 1

Ursula Grady	March
Suzanne MacKenzie	April
Hans Verwey	April
Linda Kouwenhoven	April
Clark Hiles	April
Jack Ready	April
Duncan MacRae	April
Marie MacRae	April
Robert Forbes	April
Shelly Bryant	May
Michael Swanson	June
Elaine Giesbrecht	July
Celina Wong	July
Gerald Joe	August
Daniel Elke	September

Level 2

Nancy Fitzpatrick	February
Tom Hastie	March
Vince Sequeira	April

Level 3

Udo Grady	March	Throws
Heather McCallum	March	Throws needs to complete exam
Bob Cowden	March	Vertical Jumps
Bill Koch	August	Starter
Cheryl Elke	September	Throws

Level 4

Laurel Wichmann	March	Vertical Jumps
Lin Hopkins	March	PFCJ
Kathy Terlicher	September	Track Referee

Level 5

Dave Weicker	March	Walks
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BCA Officials Committee Annual Budget
April 1, 2010-March 31, 2011

Allocation		Expended	Remaining
Competition Expenses and Training	10,500	5,946.80	4,553.20
Committee Meetings	2,000	528.79	1,471.21
Equipment	1,500	501.01	998.99
Recognition and benefits	3,000	-	3,000.00
Total	17,000	6976.60	10,023.34

Additional Funds (Donations)

From previous years	3,902.33
Fraser Valley HS	400.00
Ann Juteau	40.00
Spartans	200.00
BC High School Track	500.00
Kajaks International Meet	250.00
Sprott Shaw Community College	1,000.00
Achilles International	600.00
Total	6,892.33
Available	6,892.33

Summary of competition expenses (mileage) in current budget year

National Championships		\$2,094.87
National Track and Field Championships	\$2,094.87	
Provincial Championships		\$ 1,546.73
BCJD Pentathlon (Surrey)	\$18.00	
BC Juvenile/Junior/Senior (Abbotsford)	\$1,528.73	
Local Competitions		\$2044.60
Zone 1,2	\$0	
Zone 3,4,5	\$ 943.94	
Zone 6	\$ 1,100.66	
Zone 7,8	\$0	
Total		\$5,677.20

Parking Lot (where good ideas wait for owners)

- Develop an interactive review (web based) for technical rules
- Develop a Meet Director's Course
- Collect video footage for training in critical decisions in Throws officiating
- Figure out how to use social media to promote officiating

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