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## Bill Koch

This report is broken down by activities under the topics of competitions served by officials, training for officials, and upgrading of officials. In addition, we discuss two current development activities related to official recruitment.

In 2015-2015, the officials committee members were:

Bill Koch –Chair	John Cull – Vice Chair
Kathy Terlicher – Vice-Chair, Upgrading	Carol Cull
Sue Kydd	Brian Thomson
Evelyn Parent	Greg Nicol
Wayne Elke	Neil Chin Aleong
Dave Short	

Neil left us for Texas this past August. Dave is his appointed replacement for the next year.

Regional Development Coordinators do the work of recruiting officials for meets as well as often providing Levels 1 and 2 officials workshops in their zones.

This past year, our regional (zone) coordinators were:

Zones 1 & 2: Alwilda van Ryswyk, Greg Nicol

Zones 3, 4, & 5: Carol Cull, John Cull

Zone 6: Evelyn Parent, Vince Sequeira

Zones 7/8: Cindy King

### Competitions Served in the 2015 Competition Year <sup>1</sup>

Throughout British Columbia, BC officials served a large number of track and field meets. The higher profile (e.g., international or provincial championship meets, large club meets) meets were well-staffed with officials.

Zones 1 & 2 held 13 track and field meets in the 2015 competitive season. Between 10 and 47 officials worked each meet. Meets served by 20 or more officials included:

1. Van Ryswyk Indoor & BC Masters Indoor Championship
2. Elementary Indoor Relays
3. Battle of the Borders
4. Okanagan Valleys HS
5. N & W High School Zones
6. Centennial Meet
7. Jack Brow
8. BC Junior Development Championships

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<sup>1</sup> Cross-country, road, and trail races get little mention here because most such races do not request officials other than through informal requests, and thus are difficult to track.

Zones 3, 4, & 5 held 39 track and field meets during the 2015 competitive season. Between 4 and 50 officials worked each meet. Meets served by 20 or more officials included:

1. Jerome Indoor
2. BC High School Championships
3. Harry Jerome
4. Jesse Bent
5. Langley Pacific Invitational 55+ Games
6. Universal Athletics
7. Athletics Canada Midget/Youth Meet
8. 55+ Games

Zone 6 held 13 meets. Between 4 and 41 officials worked each of these meets. Meets served by 20 or more officials included:

1. Dogwood
2. Elwood Wylie
3. Vancouver Island HS Championships
4. Victoria International
5. BCA Jamboree

Zone 7 had 2 meets in the 2015 season.

## Education

This year, members of the officials committee, zone coordinators, and other senior officials conducted 21 separate officials training workshops, the majority of which were Level 1 workshops offered to novice officials. A total of 156 officials attended these workshops. Details are in the table below.

Date	Discipline	Level	Location	Clinician	Participant #
February 11		1	N. Vancouver	Bill Koch	8
February 21		2	Delta	Carol Cull/John Cull	7
March 27	National Clinicians		Surrey	Peter Fejfar, Iain Fisher	7
April 7		1	Duncan	Vince Sequeira	7
April 8		1	Vernon	Roberta Tetlock	8
April 11		1	Coquitlam	Bill Koch	12
April 14/16		2	Kamloops	Greg Nicol	5
April 18		2	Nanaimo	Vince Sequeira/Ina Wallace/Aileen Lingwood	8
April 27		2	Prince George	Carol Cull/John Cull	9

May 1		1	Trail	Greg Nicol/Roberta Tetlock	8
May 19		1	Richmond	Bev Larssen/Neil Chin Aleong	16
May 25		1	S. Surrey	C Cull/S Kydd	16
May		1	Victoria	Brian Thomson	1
May 30		1	S. Surrey	S. Kydd	1
June 5	Walks		Langley	Peter Fejfar	9
June 11		1	Chilliwack	Laurel Wichmann	5
June 15		1	Kamloops	Greg Nicol	4
June 26		1	Victoria	Brian Thomson	1
July 17	Walks		Kamloops	Peter Fejfar	10
August 22		2	Delta	John Cull	8
October 10		1	Victoria	Vince Sequeira	6
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### Upgrading/Credentialing

Upgrading involves training and evaluating officials so that they can provide either general or higher level specific officiating duties. The current structure of officials credentialing in British Columbia has two generalist levels (1 and 2), a provincial specialist level (3), and two national level specialist credentials (4 and 5). This is currently under review by the National Officials Committee and Athletics Canada but the current structure still directs our training and education endeavors.

The following officials were upgraded in 2015

#### Level 1

Tom McWilliam	February	Natasha Friedmann	February
Carolyn Forsyth	March	Ryan Powell	April
Mike Walsh	April	Sandi Kneller	April
Dewi Griffiths	April	Rose Jansen	April
Mike Stoll	April	Onna Stoll	April
Phyllis d'Entremont	May	Don Bergman	May
Bruno Gartner	June	Sharon Hann	June
Anthony Thomson	June	Eric Frederiksen	June
Brad Fenton	July	Dave Shibata	August
Ron Heron	August	Juliet Napier	August
Valerie Shannik	August	Lillian Kwan	August
Tiffany Hawkins	August	Dawn Gilbert	August

Catherine Carr	September	Reg Harris	September
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Level 2

Betsy Rollins	February	Jim Rollins	February
Gordon Flett	March	Sherri Oryschak	April
Laurie Harder	April	Phil Froment	April
Grant Robinson	April	Siobhan Lane	May
Linda Giesbrecht	July	Cindy King	July
Evelyn Barker	July	Bruno Gartner	August
Natasha Friedmann	August	Carol Paraskish	
Sharon Hann	September		

Level 3

Judy Needham	VJ	August	Linda Schatkoske	SA	August
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Provincial

Rod Mudie	Photo Finish	July
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Level 4

Victor Rodriguez	HJ	March	John Cull	CER	May
Steve Martin	Umpire	September	Vince Sequeira	Umpire	September
Greg Nicol	HJ	September			

Level 5

Bill Koch	Starter	March	Neil Chin Aleong	Starter	March
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Changes in National Officials Committee

In the summer of 2015, Athletics Canada disbanded the previous National Officials Committee and re-constituted it with new appointments by AC as well as nominees from provincial branches. It is chaired by AC and communications now go directly through AC. BC has good representation on the new NOC with David Weicker and John Cull serving as branch and AC appointees respectively. The first NOC teleconference meeting was in November 2015 and the first face to face meeting is on December 9-10, 2015. The new NOC will maintain the ongoing mentoring/upgrading programs but has also formed work groups to (a) research and consider new credentialing levels (the "pathways" group) as well as (b) new educational delivery approaches. The latter group has significant BC contributions from John Cull, Brian Thomson, and Bill Koch.

