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# BC Athletics Officials' Newsletter

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Warmer Days are Coming!

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## Competition Protocols

**Reminder – Guidelines and Protocols for Competition can be found here:**

[bcathletics.org](http://bcathletics.org)

Remember to keep informed about the latest Covid updates as they affect Athletics, by checking the BC Athletics website.

Remember that Athletics Canada requires Proof of Vaccination at all their in-person events, courses and seminars. This mandate also includes the National Championships which, this year, will take place in Langley, June 22 to 26.

## Official's Development

### Your Branch Officials' Committee for 2022

- **Brian Thomson** - Committee Chairperson  
Bill Koch  
Marnie Benz  
Carol Cull  
John Cull  
Cheryl Elke  
Wayne Elke  
Dawn Driver  
Debbie Foote  
Anthony Thomson  
Jasmine Gill – BC Athletics representative to the Committee

We welcome the following BC Officials who have volunteered their time and expertise to work with the Committee: Urith Hayley, Lanie Man, Zacharie Durand, Reg Harris, Aileen Lingwood, Norma Love-Pankonin, Rick Rathy, Ina Wallace, Debora Carter, Maxine Siklenka.

### Wanting to Upgrade your Certification??? Please, look at the following information!

- Evaluations and Mentoring will take place as circumstances allow. Don't forget to complete the Upgrading Tracking form (<https://www.cognitofrms.com/BCAthletics1/OfficialsUpgradingTrackingForm>), if you require evaluations or credits for upgrading in the coming season.
- If you have already completed the requirements for Upgrading contact Cheryl at [wcelke@shaw.ca](mailto:wcelke@shaw.ca). More information can be found on the Officials' page of the BC Athletics website.
- You can also speak with your local regional development coordinator if you have any questions.
- Coordinators in the Interior – Greg Nicol ([gregorylnicol136@gmail.com](mailto:gregorylnicol136@gmail.com)), Marnie Benz ([m.benz@shaw.ca](mailto:m.benz@shaw.ca))  
Coordinators on the Island – Vince Sequeira ([vince.sequeira@shaw.ca](mailto:vince.sequeira@shaw.ca)), Brian Thomson ([bthomson@alantem.ca](mailto:bthomson@alantem.ca)), Todd Blumel ([toddler@shaw.ca](mailto:toddler@shaw.ca))  
Coordinators in the Lower Mainland – Carol Cull ([carolcull@telus.net](mailto:carolcull@telus.net)), John Cull ([johncull@telus.net](mailto:johncull@telus.net))  
Coordinator for Zones 7 and 8 TBA

### Travel Expenses

BCA Officials Committee is approving local travel expenses for payment in the usual way.

Current rates are:

Travel within Local Region \$.30 per km, with a carpool \$.40

For information and claim form, please visit: [www.bcathletics.org/officials/](http://www.bcathletics.org/officials/) Select OFFICIALS EXPENSE CLAIMS

No authorization is required for travel expense claims within your local region. Please use the available form on the webpage.

Send directly to John Cull ([johncull@telus.net](mailto:johncull@telus.net)). John asks that you clearly itemize each event attended with specific mileage for that event. Submit travel expense forms within 30 days of the event. Questions??? Ask John!

### Officials' Memberships

If you have not already done so, now is the time to renew your membership with BC Athletics for the competition year 2022. Those Officials who belong to an Athletics' Club will usually have their membership application looked after by the registrar for your Club. Those of you who do not belong to a Club will apply to BC Athletics directly. Please note that the fee for membership has been increased for 2023. The fee for 2022 remains the same as previous, \$15.75.

### Official's Record Card

It is important that Officials keep a record of their attendance at all Competitions. The Record Card below will help you to do this.

**Officials Event Record Card**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ BC# \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sample of completed card (below)**

Date	Type	Name of Meet	Position	Hours	Credit	Referee Signature
Jun 05 13	NC	Henry Avenue	Pole Vault (CV)	5	2	<i>/s/ Boonstra (H)</i>
Jan 10 13	N	Knights of Columbus	High Jump (J)	3	1	<i>/s/ Jumper (C)</i>
May 28 13	Pro	BC High School	High Jump (CV)	3	1	<i>/s/ Boonstra (H)</i>
Feb 10 13	N	Clare	Vertical Jump	2	1	<i>/s/ Stan (Champion)</i>

**Codes:**  
Type of Meet: NC - National Championship, N - National, P - Provincial or Local  
Position: C - Chief, AC - Assistant Chief, R - Referee, AR - Assistant Referee, J - Judge  
Credit Information: 1 credit = 4 hrs. or up to 4 hrs. per session, maximum 3 credits per day  
NB: The line may include pre and post event preparation. A copy of this card must be completed and returned to the BC Athletics Officials Committee (Upgrading Coordinator) with an upgrading application form for upgrading purposes. The deadline for Levels 3, 4 and 5 applications is September 15<sup>th</sup> and March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**Officials Event Record Card**

This list identifies basic upgrading criteria at each level. For a more detailed list of criteria, and information on the upgrading process, please see the BC Athletics Officials Website.

**Promotion to Level 1**

- On-line Module 101
- 4 credits—track, throws, vertical jumps and horizontal jumps

**Promotion to Level 2**

On-line Module 201

- 8 sessions—2 sessions in each of track, throws, vertical jumps and horizontal jumps
- Confirmation by mentor

**Promotion to Level 3**

- 1 year service at Level 2
- 8 credits (as Chief or Assistant Chief) and 8 other credits
- National Open Book Exam
- 2 written evaluations

**Promotion to Level 4**

- 2 years service at Level 3
- 24 credits (8 from N or NC) as Chief, Assistant Chief or Section Head
- National Clinic and assignment
- 2 written evaluations

**Promotion to Level 5**

- 3 years service at Level 4
- 36 credits (8 from N or NC) as Chief, Assistant Chief or Section Head
- 2 written evaluations

**Ensure that all meet credits entered on this card are signed by the event chief or referee. BC Athletics membership is required for upgrading (all levels).**


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Date	Type	Name of Meet	Position	Hrs	Credits	Referee's Signature	Date	Type	Name of Meet	Position	Hrs	Credits	Referee's Signature

Updated: April, 2021

This Record Card is available on the Forms tab of the Officials' section of the BC Athletics website. Those Officials who wish to upgrade in more than one event discipline should consider using a separate card or printed record page for each of those disciplines. As an example, if you wanted to upgrade as both a Walks Judge and a Horizontal Jumps Judge, you would use a card to record your credits for Walks and use a separate record card to record your hours and credits for Horizontal Jumps.

### Technical Corner

#### New and Upgraded Facilities

We hope that you have the opportunity to see the 2021 upgrades to facilities.

Maple Ridge – The new Discus/Hammer Throwing Cage

North Delta – The new Track and Field Facility

Here's a wintery look.



South Surrey – The New Track and Field Facility at the South Surrey Athletic Park.  
Painted lines, yet to come.



Langley – The New Track and Field Facility at McLeod Athletic Park  
A new Throwing Cage is coming soon.



*Please tell us about upgrades to facilities in other areas. We would be happy to include news and pictures in future editions of the Newsletter.*

## Lane Infringement Changes

*This interesting interpretation and explanation of the WA Rule Change was written by Dick Boyd, Chair for Rules of the USA Track and Field Officials' Committee. Your fearless Editor has adapted his comments to fit the Canadian situation where we are governed entirely by WA Rules (adaptations for special groups excepted).*

The rule is as follows:

World Athletics (WA) (TR17.2 and 17.3).

Each competitor must keep in the lanes outside the line or curb marking the inside of the track, including the curved part of the diversion from the track for the steeplechase water jump. In races run entirely in lanes, each competitor must keep in the allotted lane from start to finish. In races run partially in lanes, each competitor must keep in the allotted lane from the start to the marked cut-in points. Unless a material advantage has been gained or the athlete is in violation of TR17.2, a competitor shall not be disqualified if he or she:

- (a) Is pushed or forced by another competitor or object to step out of the lane, or
- (b) Steps or runs out of the lane on the straightaway, or
- (c) Steps or runs outside of the outer lane line on the curve, or on any straight part of the diversion from the track for the steeplechase water jump, or
- (d) In all races run in lanes, touches once the line on their left, or the curb or line marking the applicable inside border on a bend, or
- (e) In all races (or any part of races) not run in lanes, steps once on or completely over the curb or line marking the applicable inside border on a bend. *[It is not clear whether the athlete would be disqualified if a material advantage has been gained. This would be left to Track Referees and/or Juries to decide. Ed. note]*
- (f) In races with multiple rounds, the infringement defined in Rule TR17.3 and 17.4 may be made only once during all rounds of an event by a particular competitor without disqualification of the competitor. A second infringement shall result in the disqualification of that competitor whether it was made in the same round or in another round of the same event.

So, what is this amended rule saying?

If an athlete touches the inside line with any part of their foot or shoe, they are not immediately disqualified in events where the curves are run in lanes. Even if 97% of the foot is over the line, yet still touches the line, it would not result in a disqualification. The athlete would be disqualified if the shoe is completely over the line. An athlete is not allowed to touch the line more than one time through all rounds of an event. If they do so, this may result in a disqualification. If a line is touched by the athlete a second time, whether in the same race or in a subsequent round of that event, a disqualification may [WA Rule appears clear that a disqualification shall result. Ed. Note] result. An example would be in the preliminary round in the 400 where an athlete touches the line on the curve. If the same athlete touches the line on the curve in the final, this could result in a disqualification. In a relay, the team is one entity. If the lead leg of the 4 x 100 touches the line on the curve and then the anchor touches a line on the curve, this could result in a team disqualification. If the second leg runner touches the line in the semi-final and the anchor leg runner (a different athlete) touches the line in the final, this could result in a team disqualification. So how does this rule affect races run in lanes on the straightaways?

An athlete will not be disqualified if they would step outside of their lane (either inside or out) as long as they do not interfere with another runner or gain an advantage.

What about races not run in lanes?

If an athlete is jostled or forced outside of their lane, that athlete will not be disqualified. However, remember, that the athlete that caused this could be disqualified by Rule TR17.2.

An athlete that steps on or over the curb or curb line one time without being forced would not be disqualified. However, another infraction, whether in that race or a subsequent round, could result in a disqualification.

In the case of a record being set during a round, if an athlete, or relay team, touches a line one time, the record would be upheld. If the record happens in a round in which a second touching occurs, the record would not be ratified.

*Editor's opinion - Track Referees should instruct Umpires to complete an Umpire's Report for all Lane Infringements. Track Referees should then consider the use of Yellow Cards when not proceeding directly to a disqualification. This will require good record keeping. Note that successive rounds could take place over more than a single day.*

**We welcome comments and feedback on this and any other issues for further editions of the Newsletter.**

## In Touch

Sadly, 2021 was a year in which we lost a number of dear friends and colleagues. They will be missed.

Moseley Jack

Alwilda van Ryswyk

Winston Rekord

Kartar Bains

### Sharing Memories

Dale Loewen ([dale\\_loewen@telus.net](mailto:dale_loewen@telus.net)) asks that you share your photo or video memories, of events you attend, with him. Dale continues to collect these remembrances in order to create his wonderful year-in-review presentations. Please remember that photos should be taken in landscape rather than portrait orientation.

## Officiating Q & A

### Questions

*Rule Numbers used are those cited in the 2020 World Athletics Competition and Technical Rules manual.*

*The New WA Rule Books for 2022 will be available soon. All Registered Officials, Levels 2 and up will receive a copy.*

#### Q 1

Of which actions is the Triple Jump comprised?

- a) Hop, Hop, Step, Jump
- b) Run, Step, Jump
- c) Hop, Step, Jump

#### Q 2

When practicable, in a 200m race, what is the minimum time that should be allowed between the last heat of any round and the first heat of the next?

- a) 45 minutes
- b) 60 minutes
- c) 90 minutes

#### Q 3

When must a cage be used for a Hammer Event?

- a) A cage must be used for Athletes who are 16 and over.
- b) A cage should be used when the event takes place in the Field of Play and other events are taking place at the same time.
- c) A cage must be used when spectators are present.
- d) A cage should be used when all the above conditions are present.

## With Much Appreciation for Your Help

Thank you to all our BC Officials who so willingly gave your time to help with a myriad of Meets in the 2021 Calendar Season.

## Officiating Opportunities

***Please come lend a hand. Send me a note to let me know if you are available in the Lower Mainland.  
We need help for the Meets listed below!***

**\* It is Important that Officials coming to Meets check the Organizer's website the night before the Meet as Schedules can Change \***

Please note that the Indoor Harry Jerome Track Meet, originally scheduled for Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022, has been cancelled.

**Event:** Race Walk  
**Sponsored by:** Race Walk West and UBC  
**Date:** Saturday, February 5, 2020  
**Location:** Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval  
 UBC Campus (Wesbrook/16<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

**Times:**  
 Start: 10:30am  
 5k/10k/15k

**Officials who have committed to attend:**

Iain Fisher, Deborah Carter, Carol Parsakish, Marina Khrisanova, Jake Madderom, Brenda Chinn (tentative), John Cull, Carol Cull

Have a look at more Officiating Opportunities on offer in BC – See the Schedule of Events also attached to this Newsletter. More specific information about these events will be available soon. If you have additional Competitions to tell us about, please write to John Cull with the details ([johncull@telus.net](mailto:johncull@telus.net)). This Events Schedule will be available on the BC Athletics webpage, Officials' section, in PDF and in Excel (for those who enjoy that sort of thing). Please note that we may be missing some information on events outside the Lower Mainland, specifically the names of Officials' managers for the events. Send John updates and corrections, please.

Be Well! Stay Safe!

Carol

## Officiating Q & A Answers

### A1

- c) (Rule #TR31.1) The Triple Jump shall consist of a hop, a step and a jump in that order.

### A2

- a) (Rule #TR20.10) 45 minutes

### A3

- d) (Rule #TR37.1) All hammer throws shall be made from an enclosure or cage to ensure the safety of spectators, officials and athletes.