

Clinics Program

The Clinics Program is an Athletics Canada-National Officials Committee Program that fosters continuous improvement in officiating through a competency based model and aims to ensure officials apply the rules of World Athletics and WPA in a fair, consistent and positive manner so that athletes have optimum competition conditions.

What is a Clinician?

Clinicians will assist in the delivery of the Athletics Canada-National Officials Committee Clinics Program for officials.

The Clinician is someone who has excellent communication skills in disseminating information and delivering in a way that maximizes retention of the key concepts. The Clinician must be able to “teach” a group or an individual through either in-person training or via video conference. They need to be able to project a positive image of the sport and be well respected by other officials.

The Clinician should have a good understanding of the rules for the corresponding workshop/clinic either personally or in a team-teaching model where the co-clinician has the detailed knowledge of rules and the other clinician has a very good understanding of training delivery and adult education.

The Clinician will:

- Deliver level 3 and 4 workshops and clinics using materials developed and maintained by the National Officials Committee—using principles of adult education as covered in the Clinician clinic.
- Deliver other workshops or clinics required at the local, regional or provincial level.

The Clinician will be expected to:

- Prepare for delivery of the workshop/clinic in advance—incorporating adult education principles to achieve the learning objectives.
- Deliver the workshop or clinic that incorporates information sharing, discussion and other activities to reinforce and aid the retention of the key concepts.
- Complete administrative duties associated with the workshop or clinic—including attendance forms, evaluation forms and marking/communicating the results of any assignments.

How do I become a Clinician?

Clinicians must be an active official with current membership in BC Athletics. They must be level 3 or higher.

Clinicians will be selected by the Officials Committee, approved by the National Officials Committee (NOC) and trained by the Master Clinician Trainer. Clinicians who delivered workshops and clinics under the previous program will need to take the Clinician training to familiarize themselves with the enhanced program.

The Clinician clinic is estimated at 2 hours in length. Being a Clinician will count as points in the Certification Maintenance Program.