

October 7,
2019

BCA Athletics Officials' Newsletter

Lunch at the Annual Meeting. It won't be barbecue in Austin but it WILL be good.



Official's Development

- **Name Tags** Those Officials who requested name tags will be pleased to know that Jim Rollins has compiled the list and has sent the information to the folks who will manufacture the tags. Your tag should be available soon.
- Evaluations and Mentoring will begin again with the Indoor Season. 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. 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 (gregorynicol136@gmail.com), Alwilda van Ryswyk (alvan50@shaw.ca), Marnie Benz (m.benz@shaw.ca)
Coordinators on the Island – Vince Sequeira (vince.sequeira@shaw.ca), Brian Thomson (bthomson@alantem.ca)
Coordinators in the Lower Mainland – Carol Cull (carolcull@telus.net), John Cull (johncull@telus.net)
Coordinator for Zones 7 and 8 TBA soon

Annual Officials' Meeting

BCA Annual Officials Meeting Agenda

Date:
October 19, 2019
Location:
BC Athletics Offices,
Fortius Building,
3713 Kensington Ave, Burnaby

- ▶ Sign-in and coffee (9:30am)
- ▶ Meeting (10:00am – 2:00pm)
 - Annual Report and Recognition
 - The Year in Pictures (Dale Loewen)
 - Election of Committee Members
 - Lunch
 - Special Presentations
 - officiating on an international stage (from an athlete's perspective)
 - responding to interpersonal conflict as an athletics official (more like Mother Theresa, less like the Unabomber)
 - proposed changes to the officiating pathways (mentoring, etc.).

A complimentary Lunch is being provided to all attending Officials. If you will be joining us you **must** send your RSVP to Sue Kydd (kskydd@shaw.ca) by October 8th. While we are delighted to host this event for our ever hard-working and well-deserving Officials, this is a large budget item for us. If you are coming we need to know. If you have told Sue that you will be attending, you need to honor that commitment so that food and our funds are not wasted.

The following folks have told Sue that they will be attending the Annual Meeting:

John Akehurst, Evelyn Barker, Jeff Byington, Shirley Byington, Deborah Carter, Carol Cull, John Cull, Dawn Driver, Zach Durand, Chris Eliopoulos, Cheryl Elke, Wayne Elke, Debbie Foote, Rose Hare, Maureen Horlick, Bill Koch, Emily Kydd, Sue Kydd, Dale Loewen, Janice Loewen, Jake Madderom, Steve Martin, Louise Meville, Carol Parsakish, Betsy Rollins, Jim Rollins, Vince Sequeira, Kathy Terlicher, Anthony Thomson, Brian Thomson, Sanda Turner, Ina Wallace, Celina Wong, Alwilda van Ryswyk.

If you don't see your name on the list and want to attend, you must contact Sue Kydd immediately as final numbers must be given to the caterers prior to 5:00pm, Tuesday, October 8th. If your name is on the list and you are now unable to attend, let Sue know that as well. Please remember that ALL of our BC Officials are welcome!

Give-aways and prizes are much looked forward to at the Annual Meeting. Help us to make this a fun event by contributing an item as a donation from your Club or Organization. Please send a note to Sue if you will be bringing an item to be given away.

Getting there

We would like to see as many of our great BC Officials at our Annual Officials' Meeting as possible. We are encouraging folks from areas outside of the Lower Mainland to carpool to the Meeting. Two carpooling vehicles will be funded to come from each region (Interior, North, Island). Reimbursement of funds will be done in the usual way. Complete an expense claim on the [Download fillable form](#) and submit to John Cull. If you don't have access to Excel (or Numbers) you can use the printable (PDF) form.

Meeting Materials will be available on the Officials' website, under Newsletters and Meetings, after October 1. Presentation will be posted by Oct 18. NOTE: if you prefer a hard copy of the presentation, please print and bring it with you to the meeting. There will be no copies handed out at the meeting—to reduce our environmental footprint.

Questions for the Committee? Please send any questions or considerations for 2020 to the Officials' Committee Chair, (Brian.thomson@shaw.ca). We have already received some good thoughts. We may not have time to cover all at the October meeting but will address and communicate via the website and the newsletter.

The National Mentoring Program

The roll-out of the National mentoring program is scheduled for later this Fall. We are soliciting interested officials who are level 3 to 5 who would like to be included in a pool of mentors who will work with mentees in their officiating career. We will start mentoring with Level 1 and 2 officials before moving on to higher level officials. More information on the mentoring program will be provided at the Annual Officials Meeting on October 19. A teaser video clip is available at: <https://youtu.be/hTE63t0Qam0>. We ask all interested officials to complete a self-assessment checklist which will be available on the Officials website under Newsletters and Meetings after October 1. Please download, complete and send to brian.thomson@shaw.ca by November 1, 2019. Workshops for mentors will be delivered in the Interior, Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island later this Fall or early 2020.

Note: not all interested mentors will be assigned to mentor level 1 and 2 officials starting in 2020. We will want to save some mentors for mentoring officials at levels 3 through 5. All current National Mentors will continue with their current role as evaluators of officials wishing to upgrade. A new NOC program for Evaluators will be rolled out in the next 1-2 years at which point Evaluators will be selected and trained in the new program.

Recognition



A Google Doodle
BC's own – **Harry Jerome**

Technical Corner

NOC--Retirement of Disciplines

NOC wishes to remind you that the following disciplines that are listed in the national directory are no longer recognized (as of 2013) : **Finish Line Judge, Timekeeper and Field Referee General**. Please note that no more additions will be accepted in these disciplines. It will no longer be possible to obtain a new qualification in these disciplines or to utilize these disciplines for a new upgrade. ie. track referee”

Athletics Canada Survey on Strategic Plan ([Complete by October 11](#))

Athletics Canada is embarking on a process to update our strategic plan to guide the organization over the next two quadrennials. To guide the planning process, we have created a Strategic Planning Committee of leaders with diverse cross-

section of knowledge and experience. We have also engaged Nora Sheffe, a Certified Professional Facilitator to support the process.

Now is where you come in! We have prepared a survey which will help inform the process, it's your chance to have your say on the direction of the organization through the next two Olympic / Paralympic cycles. This information will be used to guide our Strategic Planning Committee, as well as our discussions with our provincial members at our Semi-Annual Meeting November 21-23.

The survey should take approximately ten minutes to complete. Please complete the survey before Friday October 11.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ACStratPlan?lang=en>

In Touch

Congratulations to Anthony Thomson on his engagement to Aimee.



Officiating Q & A

Questions

Here are the new Questions. Answers can be found at the end of the Newsletter.

Q 1

How soon must a Protest, concerning the result or conduct of an event, be made?

- a) immediately b) on the day that the event is held c) within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result of that event.

Q 2

What is the interior length of the Pole Vault box?

- a) 1m b) 90cm c) 1.2m

Q 3

A first false start is made by an athlete in the 1500m race in a Combined Event. Which card is shown by the Starter's Assistant to this athlete?

- a) a red and black (diagonally halved) card b) no card is shown c) a yellow and black (diagonally halved) card

Items from the Branch Officials' Committee

Nominations for BC Athletics Officials Awards (2019)

Nominations for the four BC Athletics Officials Awards are being accepted until October 19th, the date of our BC Officials' Annual Meeting. Please take a moment to consider the officials you worked with and make your nominations. Note that you don't have to be an Official to nominate someone for an Official's Award. Any BC Athletics member may make a nomination. We have a great pool of officials—let's recognize those who have made an extra special effort in 2019 or over many years. The awards and details can be found under the "Officials Honour Roll" link under the Benefits, Recognition tab of the website: <https://www.bcathletics.org/Officials/>. You can bring your nominations with you to the Meeting and pass on to either Jim Rollins or Sue Kydd.

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 Club's website the night before the Meet as Schedules can Change ***

Event: Canadian National Cross-Country Championships

Date: Saturday, November 30, 2019

Location: Clearbrook Park,
3680 Clearbrook Road, Abbotsford

Time:

First Event: 9:15am

Last Event: 3:30pm

Officials who have committed to attend:

Betsy Rollins, Jim Rollins, Deborah Carter, Jim Hinze, Mary Hinze, Marina Khrisanova, Urith Hayley, Harnek Toor, Steve Martin, Iain Fisher, Ron Heron, Jason Swan, Ted de St. Croix, Rose Hare, John Cull, Carol Cull

We have had a tremendous response from Officials to our request for help. Information concerning this Meet was only sent to Lower Mainland Officials as there is no funding for travel or accommodation for Officials from areas outside the Lower Mainland.

Upcoming

Exciting Meet for 2020—World Masters, Toronto (July 20 to August 1, 2020)

Planting a seed for an exciting meet in 2020—the World Master's Athletics Championships in Toronto, Ontario from July 20 to August 1. A huge meet—over 6,000 athletes expected, three and a half stadiums plus non-stadia events. If you are level 3 or higher...Ontario is interested! Almost all disciplines are needed but particularly throws, CE referees, technical managers and race walk officials. Please give this opportunity a consideration. More information, and sign-up requests, will come shortly once financing and travel costs are determined. Brian and Anthony Thomson participated in Toronto's warm-up event this past July—giving four major "thumbs-up" for this excellent experience. Good facilities, nice paced schedule and competitive but friendly athletes. This will be great for those officials looking for N level experience and evaluations (NOC is working on this...get your upgrading requests in soon!). Stay tuned for more information. In the interim...visit wmatoronto2020.com...and let your Regional Development Coordinator know if interested. Questions to brian.thomson@shaw.ca.

AND Into the More Distant Future:

Francophone Games (Events to be held in Oak Bay): July 14 to 18, 2020

The Invictus Games

There are two cities left in the running to host the 2022 Games, Dusseldorf, Germany and Victoria, BC. The final decision is to be made in November. See the article on the Games <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/victoria-in-running-for-evictus-games-1.5260679>

Canadian Track and Field Championships (Events to be held in Langley): July 19 to 22, 2021, June 23 to 26, 2022 (tentative dates)

Looking forward to seeing you October 19th,

Carol

Officiating Q & A Answers

A1

c) Within 30 minutes of the official announcement of the result of that event (this is often the posting of the result).
Rule #146.2

A2

a) 1m (Rule #183.8)

A3

c) a warning is given with a yellow and black (diagonally halved) card. Rule #162.9