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BCA Athletics Officials' Newsletter

Getting together. Come join us on October 19th. More information below.



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 (glnicol@telus.net), 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

When: October 19, 2019

Time: 9:30am to 10:00am

Registration and Coffee

10:00am to 2:00pm

Meeting, Dale's annual show, guest speaker

Where: Fortius Centre

3713 Kensington Avenue, Burnaby

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.

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.

The Agenda for the Meeting will be available on the Officials' website under Newsletters and Meetings. The agenda may change several times as we prepare for the meeting. The final agenda will be posted by October 18.

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.

Special Presentations. Several interesting and informative presentations are under consideration including 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); and proposed changes to the officiating pathways (mentoring, etc.).

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

We are very pleased to announce that our own Jason Swan has been awarded the Canadian Athletics, NOC Official of the Year award for 2018. Huge congratulations to Jason on earning this well-deserved national recognition.



Technical Corner

Bear Creek Park Athletic Centre
Open House – October 1 – 5:30 – 8:30pm

The City of Surrey is planning to upgrade Bear Creek Park sport and athletic facilities and want to know which features and considerations are most important to their citizens, sports user groups, environmental partners and stakeholders. Join them for their open house at the [Surrey Arts Centre](#) and help inform their plans. Can't attend the open house? Visit their [webpage](#) after October 1st to see the display boards and take their survey.

In Touch

We received this note about the Retirement of a well-respected and much-admired Coach whom many of the BC Vertical Jumps Judges and Referees have worked with over the past, many years.

Since 1966, Gerard Dumas has been central to the development of pole vault athletes in the Greater Victoria area. Gerard Dumas is the original and longest-serving coach as he has been with the Club since 1966 (in its first form as the Victoria Track and Field Club). Gerard was born and educated in France before coming to Canada in the early 1960s, where he served as a sprint and hurdle coach with Victoria High School and the YMCA. He was the Head Coach for the University of Victoria (UVIC) until 1979, when UVIC cancelled its full track and field program.

Gerard has been a full-time pole vault coach since 1975, coaching a number of Canadian champions and age-class Canadian record holders. His athletes have competed internationally in the Pan Am Games, Commonwealth Games and the Francophone Games. Raul (Paul) Estrada, one of Gerard's elite vaulters, qualified for the Moscow Olympic Games in 1980, but did not attend as the Games were boycotted by Canada and many other countries. Owen Clements was the 1994 Canadian Champion in the pole vault, and represented Canada at the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Of special note, Gerard has steered numerous young male and female high school athletes to the pinnacle of success in the BC High School Championships, where about 30% of the medallists over the years have been a product of his Victoria PV program. As an athlete himself, Gerard originally competed for France at international meets and was French National Champion in 1952 before his move to Canada in the early 1960s. For the next decade, Gerard the athlete was in the top 10 pole vaulters in Canada. He still competes as a masters athlete having over 1200 pole vault competitions in his 72 years of competitive pole vaulting.

Recently, in 2016, he was recognized with the Lifetime Achievement Award as Coach of the Year, at the National Pole Vault Summit, which is the premier developmental conference established to promote the advancement of Pole Vaulting at all levels through constant education of the world's best athletes and coaches. From grassroots to the very elite of the world, the Pole Vault Summit's recognition is a testament to Gerard's selfless years of dedicated coaching.

We look forward to Gerard's continued involvement as an athlete...which in itself must be a world record for number of years vaulting. As a side note – Gerard was indeed competing in Pole Vault at the BC 55+ Games in the 80+ age category.

The Athletics Victoria board of directors want to thank him for his many, many years of service to the athletes of Victoria and to the broader pole vault community.

Officiating Q & A

Questions

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

Q 1

In a relay race, when is the passing of the baton considered to be completed?

- a) when the receiving runner reaches the end of the passing zone b) when the receiving runner has first touched the baton c) when the baton is only in the hand of the receiving runner

Q 2

What is the minimum height of the netting at the back of a Discus cage?

- a) 3m b) 4m c) 6m

Q 3

In a long jump event, an athlete stumbles and, when exiting, steps closer to the take-off board than the mark he left in the sand, however, this step is completely outside the sand pit. What is the judge's ruling?

- a) fair b) foul

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.

Many Thanks

Many Thanks to those who helped!

Event: **Vancouver Distance Track Series**
 Sponsored by: Vancouver Falcons Athletics Club
 Date: Saturday August 31
 Location: Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval
 UBC Campus (Wesbrook/16th Ave.)

Thanks to:
 Scott Saunders, Kathleen Henderson, Sanda Turner, Kathy Terlicher, Iain Fisher,

Event: **The 55+ Games**
 Sponsored by: The Senior's Games Society
 Date: Wednesday, September 11th to Saturday, September 14th
 Location: Apple Bowl Stadium, Kelowna

Thanks to:
 Brad Heinzman, Brian Beck, Dawn Beck, Karen Hatch, Diane Weddell, Tom McWilliam, Norma Love-Pankonin, Iain Fisher, Grant Spelsberg, Keith Newell, Holly Borden, Alice Kubek, Mike Bassett, Jake Madderom, Kathy Terlicher, Sanda Turner, Jerry Reitman, Cheryl Elke, Wayne Elke, Betsy Rollins, Marnie Benz, Rose Hare, Karen Truesdale, Roberta Tetlock, Jack Ready, Carol Riddell, Heather Wiebe, John Cull, Carol Cull

It was great to see Jan Franzen in Kelowna. He is no longer active in his former role as a Photo Judge, but he still takes a keen interest in the sport, and provides support to the Okanagan Athletic Club.

Event: **South Fraser 2019 Cross Country Meet**
 Sponsored by: South Fraser Track and Field Club
 Date: Saturday, September 21, 2019
 Location: Bear Creek Park, Surrey

Thanks to:
 Jason Swan, Harnek Toor, Deborah Carter

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 ***

We expect to receive a request for help with the upcoming Canadian National Cross-Country Championships which is to take place in Abbotsford on November 30, 2019. Information will be sent to you just as soon as it is received.

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) when the baton is only in the hand of the receiving runner (Rule #170.7)

A2

b) 4m (Rule #190.3)

A3

b) foul. When leaving the landing area, an athlete’s first contact by foot with its border or the ground outside shall be further from the take-off line than the nearest break in the sand. (Rule #185.2)