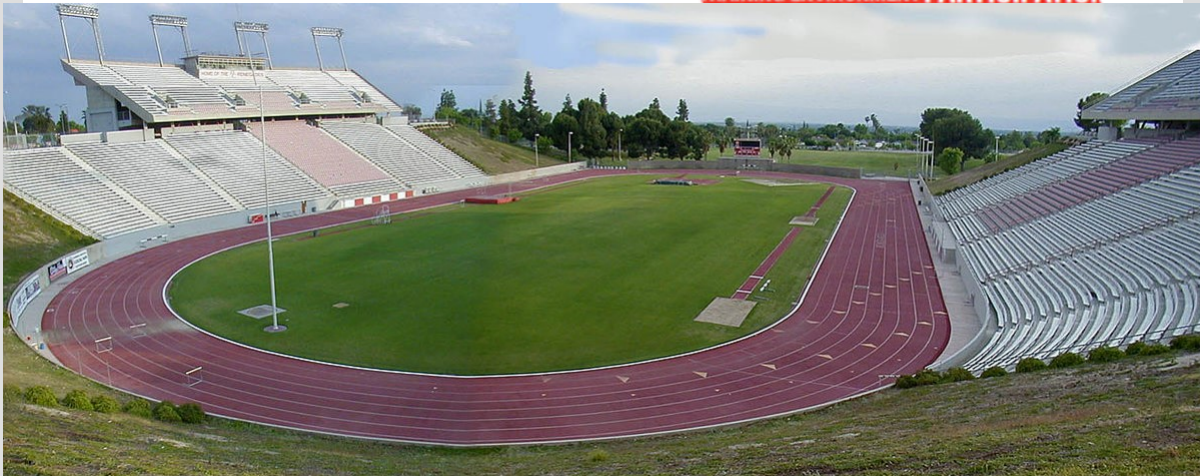




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## NOC CHAIR REPORT BY ANDREW WALKER

The National Officials Committee hopes that all of you in the officials community in Canada are staying safe and positive in these difficult times.

The spring and summer seasons of Athletics are scrubbed so there is some time to reflect about the future of our sport. The NOC recently approved a number of upgrades and those upgraded have, by now, received the notifications of their upgrades. While we have no opportunity to achieve credits we do have time to actively prepare for the future. The NOC has approved Levels 1 and 2 on-line training and various sub-committees are actively working on Levels 3 and 4. We are updating the Officials Coordinator Handbook and working and

continue to work on other projects which will enhance officiating in Canada once our sport resumes.

The National Officials Committee is pleased to announce a series of educational webinars for officials which will commence on May 26<sup>th</sup>. These are 1-2 hours and are designed for any level of Official who wishes to enhance their knowledge. Signing up is simple – it is through Trackie – and there is no cost.

Please encourage all the officials you know to participate.

In addition, the National Officials Committee has extended all time lines for acceptance of credits, clinics, mentorships and other upgrading requirements by one year due to the closure of Athletics for most of 2020. In other words, instead of a five year window, we will now accept credits, etc going back 6 years. This is a one-time allowance and the time frames will return after 2020.

## SAD NEWS



**Ken Porter Sr.** passed away peacefully in his sleep at 1:50 a.m. March 25, 2020 after a wonderful and full 98 years of life. He was an inspiration to so many of us during his countless years of officiating, mentoring and encouraging us all to be better officials.

He was on the first team ITOs in Canada with his friend and buddy Leroy Washburn. They had a chance to travel all over the globe. He was one of the track referees for the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976.

He had a wonderful sense of humour right until the end, and always enjoyed his many friends, neighbours, and acquaintances.

He will be sorely missed.



**Luigi Giordano**

It is with deep sorrow that we learn that our friend Luigi left us on February 3 at the age of 77. He leaves in mourning his wife Connie and his two children Francesco and Carla.

Native of the South of Italy, Luigi Giordano was a colorful, warm and welcoming character and above all a renowned chef.

He has received several honours as a chef, making him an undisputed master of the world of gastronomy at the provincial, national and international levels.

Owner of Palmo Restaurant Inc. of Ste-Dorothée de Laval for nearly 45 years, he met several important personalities from the artistic and political world.

His love for sport began very young and before acting as an official, Luigi was carrying the torch at the Olympic Games in Rome in 1960. Italian naval officer, he used his spare time to train himself. He has competed in European championships in the middle-distance, long-distance and marathon races.

His career as an Olympic race walk official judge and umpire began in 1970. Luigi was considered one of the most experienced judges in Canada. He acted as an official on numerous occasions in international competitions, including the Olympic Games in Montreal in 1976, the Pan American Games in Venezuela in 1983, the World Junior Championships between 1986 and 2000, etc.

Through his actions, he initiated and supported many of new officials in Quebec and other Canadian provinces.

During his 47 years of volunteering, he was highly respected. He made his mark through his many accomplishments and had a great influence on his official colleagues.

Thank you, Luigi, for making us live beautiful moments and pass on your passion!

## BC NEWS OFFICIAL OF THE YEAR



**Brad Heinzman** is a Level 1 Official who has already made a huge contribution to Athletics. Brad serves as president of the Okanagan Athletics Club. He thoroughly enjoyed and was definitely instrumental in this year's successful running of the BC High School Championships. He was Meet director for the Jack Brow and for the 55+ Games, a competition which involved on his part, much constant and thoughtful communication with the Games Society. Brad can always be counted on to help at every competition that he attends whether formally, as an Official, or as a much engaged attendee at events. Brad is personable, energetic and a wonderful asset to the Sport of Athletics. He has been described as the "Mr go-get-it for anything any other official needs at any meet."

Along with his 3 children who love to train and compete in track and field, Brad and his wife are professional photographers who somehow find time to manage a hay farm on the side.

# NOVA SCOTIA OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR



John Nolan and Troye Williams - George Branch Award (Official of the Year)

Our 2019 award winner is... what's that you say? Co-winners?? That's right, **John Nolan and Troye Williams** are our co-winners of the 2019 George Branch Award for Official of the Year! John and Troye are two faces that are seen at almost every track meet in Nova Scotia. John is Level 3 certified official and has been officiating for 29 years. Troye has been quickly moving up and is a Level 2 certified official and has been officiating for 5 years. Each had respectable highlights of the 2019 season with John appointed to the Canadian National Track and Field Championships in Montreal for his Level 4 Starter mentorship and Troye appointed as the Assistant Chief for Horizontal Jumps at the Legion Youth National Track and Field Championships in Sydney. If you see these two at meets, and any other officials, remember to thank them for their time and commitment to the sport.

Congratulations on your awards John and Troye!

## WEBINARS FOR OFFICIALS

Link for register to the webinar Officiating in a Starts team; <https://www.trackie.com/online-registration/register/officiating-in-a-starts-team/465500/>

Deadline: may 25th at 7h00pm



### Officiate in a Starts team

Date: May 26, 2020

Time: 7 p.m. (ET)

Our presenter will be: Ian Gordon (WA NACAC Starter)



The presenter will go over  
Specifics rules on the starts;  
What is the key positioning of the starts team per event?;  
At the national championship, what is the role of the start referee?  
False start apparatus, how that works and why?  
And more...

Link for register to the WA RULES: <https://www.trackie.com/online-registration/register/officiating-in-a-starts-team/465500/>

Deadline : may 28th 2020 at 7h00pm



## WA rules changes 2020-2021

Date: May 28, 2020

Time: 7 p.m. (CST)

Our presenter will be: Jane Edstrom (WA ITO)



The presenter will go over:  
The new WA rules 2020–2021.

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