

March 18,
2020

BCA Athletics Officials' Newsletter

The flowers are coming!



Official's Development

Your Branch Officials' Committee for 2020 Brian Thomson - Committee Chairperson

Bill Koch
 Marnie Benz
 Carol Cull
 John Cull
 Cheryl Elke
 Wayne Elke
 Sue Kydd
 Jim Rollins
 Anthony Thomson
 Jasmine Gill – BC Athletics representative to the Committee

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

- Evaluations and Mentoring will continue throughout the 2020 Competition 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), Todd Blumel (toddler@shaw.ca) (*who will be taking on Vince's duties while he rests and recuperates – Huge thanks to Todd*).
Coordinators in the Lower Mainland – Carol Cull (carolcull@telus.net), John Cull (johncull@telus.net)
Coordinator for Zones 7 and 8 – Rob Millar (millarob@hotmail.com)

Technical Corner

World Athletics Rule Books have been received by BC Athletics offices. We are awaiting the opportunity to distribute these. When possible, the Rule Books will be made available to the Zone Coordinators who will make arrangements to distribute to those Officials who have their 2020 BC Athletics membership and live in their respective zones. This may be some time in coming so for those of you with a burning desire to take a look at the new rules please refer to the World Athletics website.

Please note that the BC Athletics Offices at Fortius are closed. Staff members are working from home as they continue the business of the Association.

BC Athletics

Please note that the [BC Athletics Update – Coronavirus \(Covid-19\) - #3](#) dated March 17, 2020 is available on the BC Athletics website.

Word from BC Secondary School Sport

Their most recent memo, dated March 17, 2020 states:

The BCSS Board of Directors has effective immediately, suspended the Spring Season of Play indefinitely, and in the interest of student-athlete safety, has suspended all school sport-related activities including training, practices, jamborees, scrimmages, matches and similar inter and intra school sport activities.

Upcoming Workshops

Health Canada is recommending that all non-essential gatherings be avoided. In light of this recommendation all scheduled Workshops in the Lower Mainland will be postponed.

The postponed Workshops include:

- Level 1 Workshop scheduled for 9:30am to 11:00am, April 18, 2020 in Abbotsford
- EDM Workshop scheduled for 11:00am, April 18, 2020 in Abbotsford

These Workshops will be rescheduled as soon as the current situation allows.

If feasible, a Level 2 Workshop is planned for Sunday, June 7th. We will be guided by the recommendations of the BCCDC and Health Canada in our planning. Please be aware that this Workshop may need to be postponed. If such is the case, all registered participants will be notified in good time.

Workshops scheduled to be held in other areas of the Province are under review.

Officials' Committee Recruitment and Development Plans

The recruitment team and development teams are working away at their plans for 2020. The recruitment team focused on the implementation of the AC/NOC certification program for levels 1 and 2. The development team focused on disciplines with the highest critical shortage of officials and activities to address the gap in 2020.

In Touch

Shortly after the March 6th Newsletter was sent out we learned that Kathy Terlicher, one of our long serving Officials from the Lower Mainland, slipped on a set of stairs, tumbled and disastrously broke her right ankle in 3 places. After surgery and a number of days in hospital, Kathy came home. She is resting fairly comfortably and exploring the limitations of managing with a walker. Our thoughts are with Kathy as she recovers and we commiserate with her over her inability to even use her sewing machine.

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership with BC Athletics for 2020. Unattached members can sign up online through the BC Athletics website and members of BC Athletics clubs should sign up through their club registrar.

Officiating Q & A

Questions

New Questions – still using the 2018/2019 Rule Book

Q 1

The standard distances for Hurdle Races for Women, U20 Women and U18 Women will be
 a) 110m, 300m b) 100m, 400m c) 80m, 300m

Q 2

Which Throwing Events are held in the Men's Pentathlon?

a) Javelin, Discus b) Shot Put, Javelin c) Shot Put, Javelin

Q 3

A relay team consisting of only 3 runners runs a relay with the first runner also running the 4th leg of the race. Is this Allowed?

a) yes b) no

Items from the Branch Officials' Committee

Our next BC Athletics' Officials Committee Meeting will be scheduled when we have more information concerning our Sport in the larger context of the Health and Safety of all participants.

Officiating Opportunities

We have been made aware that the following competitions have been **Cancelled** or **Postponed**. If you are aware of competitions in your own area which have been cancelled or postponed and wish them to be posted here, please let me know.

Event: 2020 UBC Open **Cancelled**
Sponsored by: UBC
Date: Saturday, March 28 and Sunday March 29
Location: Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval
 UBC Campus
 Corner of Wesbrook and 16th Avenue, Vancouver

Event: 2020 Emilie Mondor Invitational **Cancelled**
Sponsored by: SFU
Date: Sunday March 29
Location: South Surrey Athletic Park
 20th Avenue and 146th Street
 South Surrey

Event: Fraser Valley High School Invitational **Cancelled**
Sponsored by: Universal Track and Field Club / South Fraser Track and Field Club
Date: Saturday, April 11
Location: Bear Creek Park
 Surrey

Event: The 2020 Jennifer Rogers Swan Memorial Track and Field Meet **Cancelled**
Sponsored by: Valley Royals Track and Field Club
Date: Friday, April 17 and Saturday, April 18
Location: Abbotsford, BC

Event: The Vancouver Sun Run **Cancelled**
Sponsored by: The Vancouver Sun
Date: Sunday, April 19
Location: Vancouver, BC

Event: The BMO International Marathon **Cancelled**
Date: Sunday, May 3
Location: Vancouver, BC

Event: Junior Olympics **Cancelled**
Sponsored by: Universal Track and Field Club / South Fraser Track and Field Club

Date: Saturday, May 16
Location: Bear Creek Park
 Surrey

Event: **The 2020 Harry Jerome International Cancelled**
Sponsored by: Achilles Track and Field Club
Date: Saturday, May 30
Location: Swangard Stadium, Burnaby

The directive from the BC Government as of March 16th:

We are issuing a new order prohibiting all public gatherings of more than 50 people. This includes indoor and outdoor sporting events, conferences, meetings, religious gatherings and other similar events.

Officials should be aware that this may mean that all Competitions at least for the foreseeable future are likely to be cancelled or postponed. Cancellations or postponements will, however, not be listed unless we hear directly from the Organizers.

We have yet to hear whether the following competition will be held. It is still listed here as being a possibility.

Event: **The Francophone Games**
Date: Wednesday July 15, Thursday July 16 and Friday July 17 (tentative)
Location: Victoria University

Officials whose names have been submitted to the Organizers:

David Weicker, Dave Hopkins, Maureen Horlick, Keith Newell, Brian Thomson (tentative), Dawn Driver, Nancy Baxendale, Zach Durand, Ina Wallace, Kathleen Henderson, Aileen Lingwood, Susie Nute, Lorna Lundeen, Betsy Rollins, Jim Rollins, Keith Hooey, Rafe Melendez Duke, Todd Blumel, Leslie McGee, Rose Hare, Virginia Hoover

Please note that while all communication with Athletes must be in French, interpreters will be provided to aid in communication with Officials who do not speak French.

The Organizers of this event should be getting in touch soon with those Officials whose help is needed. Please note that the venue is the Track and Field facility at Victoria University.

Upcoming

List of N/NC events in BC in 2020

For those of you who are collecting high level credits for upgrading:

March 27-29	Van Ryswyk Indoor	Kamloops	N
May 31	Canadian 10,000 Championships	Burnaby	NC
	Pacific Distance Carnival	Burnaby	P
July 10-12	BCA Jamboree	Kamloops	N
July 14-18	Canadian Francophone Games	Victoria	N
November 28	Canadian Cross-Country Champ.	Abbotsford	NC

AND Into the More Distant Future:

Canadian Track and Field Championships (Events to be held in Langley): July 8 to 11, 2021, June 23 to 26, 2022 (tentative dates). The Host Organizing Committee has gotten an early start and has begun meeting. We have recently been told by AC that the Combined Events will be included in the competitions to be held in Langley.

Stay well!

Carol

Officiating Q & A Answers

A1

b) 100m, 400m (Rule #168.1)

A2

a) Javelin, Discus (Rule #200.1)

A3

b) no (Rule #24.10)