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NATIONAL OFFICIALS' COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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FALL WINTER EDITION 2014 Seasons Greetings to All

N.O.C. News

The NOC Committee remains intact for 2014 and 2015 until the April meeting (2015) in Winnipeg. At this time it is anticipated that Athletics Canada will have its review of all committees completed. It is thought that your NOC committee will be reduced to 6 members.

Three will be selected by Athletics Canada and three will be selected by the branch presidents.

Chairperson: Keith Newell

Awards and Incentives: Jane Edstrom with Helen Vasilic

Directory: Ian Gordon and Keith Newell

Upgrading and Clinics: Jennifer Campbell and Ian Gordon

Meet Assignments: Serge Thibaudeau with Jane Edstrom

Member Services: Rick Stocker and Helen Vasilic

Mentoring: Ian Gordon with Serge Thibaudeau and Jennifer Campbell

Marketing and Sponsorship: David Weicker (AC) with Keith Newell and Mat Gentes (AC)

(An archive of meeting minutes, NOC-NOC Newsletters and other documents are available at <http://www.athletics.ca> Click on the "Officials" tab to get to Officials information.)

Sports Officials Canada

Male Official of the Year

Dennis Beerling - Saskatchewan

Dennis Beerling has been officiating Athletics for 50 years. He officiated at the '76 Olympics, '78 and '94 Commonwealth Games, '83 World Student Games and the 2001 World Championships. As an IAAF Area Technical Official for NACAC (North America, Central America and Caribbean Area) he has supervised officials at meets in the NACAC region.

He will also be officiating at the 2014 World Youth Games in Columbia.

Domestically, Dennis has also officiated at numerous Canada Games, 7 Western Canada Games, the Saskatchewan Summer Games and the 2004 Junior Nationals. In addition to Athletics, Dennis was a registered softball umpire for over 15 years and served on numerous boards and leagues in fostering softball locally and internationally.

Dennis has mentored many officials over the years and has been instrumental in the development of the Officials Mentoring Program and served as an instructor. As a level 5 Starter, Dennis has mentored and guided many new starters. He has served on the Athletics Canada Officials Committee for 8 years.

He is the recipient of many awards including the 2013 Saskatoon Citizen of the Year, 2001 Saskatchewan Athletics Official of the Year, 2000 Athletics Canada Official of the Year, 1987 Athletics Canada Officials Wall of Honour and, the 1982 Saskatoon Kinsmen Sportsman of the year.

International Race Walk Official

Daniel Michaud from Quebec has been appointed to the panel of judges for the interim 2015-2018. Congratulations, Daniel!

Provincial Official's of the Year

British Columbia: Brian Beck

Alberta:

Saskatchewan: Brenda O'Connor

Manitoba

Ontario: Dan Philip

Quebec: Serge Turgeon

New Brunswick: Verne Cunningham

Nova Scotia: Bryden Tate

Prince Edward Island:

Newfoundland:

Upgrading of Technical Officials October 2014

Congratulations to the following officials who have completed all the requirements for their upgrading.

ONTARIO (6):

Janet Slocombe	FRJ 4
Tim Slocombe	FRJ 5
Helen Vasilic	TR 5
Darryl Snyder	FRT 5
Jim Preece	T 4
Sherry Purdie	U 5

BRITISH COLUMBIA (5)

David Hopkins	TR 5
Sandra Dever	HJ 4
Evelyn Parent	VJ 4
Wayne Elke	T 5
Michelle Peacock	HJ 5

QUEBEC (3)

Pritamsing Gooljar	VJ 4
Michel Lagace	HJ 4
Suzanne Lefrance	HJ4

ALBERTA (3)

Garret Haubrich	HJ 4
Peter Faid	HJ 5
Ed Moore	PFCJ 4

CONGRATULATIONS to all. Well Done!
THE NOC EXECUTIVE.

New Branch Officials Chairperson

Quebec

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Mentorships

Last summer there were 22 level 5 and 25 level 4 mentorships.

Thanks to all the mentors and those working to upgrade their qualifications in our sport. Your time and efforts are invaluable.

ATHLETICS CANADA

THE NEW LOGO



Today Athletics Canada, the national governing body for track and field, cross country, road running and road racing, is extremely excited to launch its new logo as well as announce plans around the organization's new identity.

Athletics Canada's new bilingual logo comprises a full maple leaf surrounded by an oval track / running loop.

"In recent years the organization has grown and has set a new strategic direction of increasing participation and improving international performances in a positive sport atmosphere. Athletics Canada is an organization that offers opportunities for all people of all abilities; we are Athletics in Canada," said Rob Guy, Chief Executive Officer. "We felt it was time for a new brand and a new logo to go with this new identity."

The process to develop a new identity started almost a year ago and included submissions from the general athletics community.

Today's launch is the first step in the organization's identity makeover. In the coming weeks Athletics Canada will release iconic sport representations which, along with the main logo, will make up the overall Athletics Canada brand. January 2015 will see the final piece of the puzzle in the overhaul with the inauguration of a new website.

The full maple leaf and track/running loop logo identifies Athletics Canada in its simplest form. The complete identity is found in the visuals that form the overall brand. Together they articulate a visual system that best represents Athletics

Canada, enhancing its value and continually building its profile.

The new brand includes a complete colour palette as well as usage and typography guidelines. The brand, along with the soon to be released website will serve as the cornerstone in Athletics Canada's communication and marketing strategy for years to come.

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2015 National Event Calendar

Hershey Indoor Youth /Junior/Open Championships
February 20-22
Montreal, QC

Canadian 10km Championships - May 23
Ottawa, ON

Canadian Half Marathon Championships - May 31
Calgary, AB

Canadian Junior/Senior Championships - July 2-5
Edmonton, AB

Pan Am Games - July 21-25
Toronto Ontario

Hershey Youth Championships/Royal Canadian
Legion Championships – August 7-9
Sainte-Thérèse, QC

Para Pan Am Games - August 7 – 15
Toronto Ontario

Canadian 5km Championships – September 13
Toronto, ON

Canadian Marathon Championships – October 18
Toronto, ON

Canadian Cross Country Championships – Nov. 28
Kingston, ON

NOC Volunteers

NOC would like to thank all Athletics Officials for their dedication and quality officiating at hundreds of meets across Canada this past year.

In Memoriam ALWAYS IN OUR HEARTS

Athletics Canada mourns passing of David Dice
Thursday, August 28, 2014

Athletics Canada and the Canadian athletics community are in mourning today with the sudden passing of member and long-time official David Dice.

David was talented in many things and gave of himself freely. He was a technical official for more than 25 years and was a valued member of the National Officials Committee (NOC) where he served as Vice Chair responsible for the Directory and technology development.

David Weicker, Athletics Canada Coordinator, Technical Operations and Officials, "David was a key member and contributor to the National Officials Committee. His technological skills were a valuable asset to the planned changes to the website and use of technology for officials. In addition, it was easy to see that in everything he did at a track meet...it was all about the athletes."

David retired from a lengthy career as a teacher and track and field coach at Carlton Comprehensive High School in Prince Albert, Sask., where he focused a great deal of attention to technological advancements in the school district as well as sports for students.

He was a driving force behind athletics in Prince Albert, Sask., notably at the high school level. David played a key role in bringing the provincial summer Games to Prince Albert and was also involved in bringing an all weather surface to the city. He was recipient of the prestigious Sask Sport Volunteer Award. In 2003 he was inducted to the Prince Albert Sports Hall of Fame.

David will be sadly missed by the entire athletics community, but particularly within officiating circles. Athletics Canada offers its deepest sympathies to his family, friends and the many lives he touched.

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Saint John Track Club First Sports Club In Canada to be Certified by the Club Excellence Program

Athletics Canada is extremely excited to announce that the Saint John Track & Field Club from Saint John, New Brunswick is the first sport club in Canada to be certified by the Club Excellence Program.

Bill MacMackin, Saint John Track and Field Club (SJTC) President, "The SJTC pursued certification to strengthen the structure and governance of the club, help ensure sustainability, and to ensure we had good policies and practices. But mostly we wanted to have a stronger club to serve our athletes better in the future and continue to grow."

MacMackin goes on to say, "The SJTC saw Club Excellence certification as a way to ensure the club is on a firm foundation for the future. The club dates back to the 1970's and has grown to be one of the premier clubs in the Atlantic region with consistently over 200 members. Club Excellence certification helps us make sure our athlete programs, coaching and operations are running well to serve the club's diverse athletes which range from age eight to masters, track athletes and road runners."

Rob Guy, Athletics Canada Chief Executive Officer, "By working through the certification process the Saint John Track & Field Club has met a standard recognized across sports in broad areas of sport management and delivery. The standard provides assurance to the community that the club provides a safe and welcoming environment, and that a certain level of service can be expected."

Athletics Canada is a founding member of the Club Excellence cooperative along with Canoe/Kayak Canada, Gymnastics Canada, Swimming Canada and the True Sport Foundation.

About Club Excellence

Club Excellence is the only national multi-sport certification program for club level sport. It strives to build a network of healthy, strong and sustainable sport clubs and sport organizations across Canada. The Club Excellence Cooperative (CEC) was created in 2007 with common goals to identify a stable and supportive environment for coaches, improve implementation of Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) at the community level, and ensure quality club programming built on the True Sport values of fairness, excellence, inclusion and

fun. Based on 30 standards, the program recognizes clubs and associations that invest in building capacity to meet and exceed a basic set of operating principles.

For more information on the Club Excellence program, please visit www.clubexcellence.com or contact Kyle Johnston, at kjohnston@cces.ca or (613) 521-3340 x3226.

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2014 British Columbia Officials Awards

Ian McNeil Award - Official of the Year

A registered Official who made an outstanding contribution to track and field and was conspicuous in their excellence in the calendar. The recipient is automatically nominated for the "NOC Official of the Year"

Brian Beck: Brian was an integral part of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2014 NACAC meet. He was the registrar, the media reporter and the photo finisher for this high profile event. As well, Brian held the same role for all the other Kamloops competitions, including the BC Jamboree, The Van Rsywyk Indoors, the Battle of the Borders and the Kamloops Centennial. Brian is a long time significant member of the Kamloops officials team—putting in long hours throughout the track and field season. Brian's skills, experience and enthusiasm make him the deserved recipient of the Ian McNeil Official of 2014 award

Ralph Coates Award - Longstanding Service: A registered Official who has contributed dependable, long term and versatile service to Track and Field.

Shirley Young: Shirley has supported Athletics in British Columbia, as first a parent and club organizer and then a dedicated official since 1985. A regular face behind the computer, Shirley is the secretariat for multiple meets throughout the Province. She willingly gives of her time to register and record results from Junior Development through international events. Athletic competition in British Columbia would not be the same without the long term commitment of Shirley Young. Always calm and unflappable, Shirley is truly an example and an inspiration.

Mary Temple Award - Novice Official: A registered Official who, in his/her first 5 years, has focused substantial effort on learning to be an official as well as contributed willingly and unselfishly as a beginner Official.



Judy Needham: Judy began in Athletics as a dedicated Coquitlam Cheetah parent, and has now also become an enthusiastic novice official. Willing to work in the field, on the track, and at cross country events, Judy attends many meets throughout the province. She repeatedly demonstrates a willingness to learn and develop her skills.

We are fortunate to have the quality that Judy brings to our sport as a novice official.

Dave Coupland Inspirational Award: The Dave Coupland Award is presented to a BC Athletics member who has been an inspiration.

Neil Chin Aleong: Always cheerful, always positive, that's Neil! A committed starter, Neil attends a range of events around the province. As a Master's athlete himself, Neil well understands the concept that sport is a competition, but also should be fun, and he brings that knowledge to every venue. An individual well versed in the rules, and with a great sense of humour, Neil is a role model for the values of the Dave Coupland Award.

University of Windsor Track and Field Awards



Congratulations to Helen Vasilic, a U of Windsor graduate, who was inducted onto the Alumni Sports Hall of Fame in October as a builder. She is a long time official for Lancer track and field with 32 years of volunteer experience. She has served on the national and Ontario officials' committee and was president of the Windsor Legion Track and Field Club for 12 years. She has been honoured for her dedication by the OFSSAA and the Ontario Secondary Schools Teachers Federation, and in 2009, was named volunteer of the year by the Windsor Essex Sports Persons of the Year Awards committee.



Congratulations to Dave Prpich, a U of Windsor graduate, who was inducted into the Windsor-Essex Sports Hall of Fame. "behind the microphone Dave made his mark on the local sports community." Dave served more than 38 years as a public address announcer at countless track and field meets. Dave was the voice during the Canadian Olympic Track and Field Trials.

Congratulations, to Sandy Repko, who was inducted into the Windsor-Essex Sports Hall of Fame. For over 40 years, she has been a constant and endlessly dedicated fixture of the local High School and Collegiate sports scene. She took her considerable sports administration and organizing skills to track and field events across Canada and the rest of the world.

Her list of accomplishments as an official are numerous and include an OFSAA Track and Field Award commemorating her 40 plus years of service, and the Ontario Volunteer Service Award for 25 years as an Ontario Track and Field Official. She also received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Sandy also took those same skills to track and field events across Canada and the rest of the world, officiating in major international meets in the US, South Africa, Australia, and Europe.

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