



# Officiating Para Athletic Events Webinar Series (2022)

The BC Athletics Officials Committee Development Working Group invites officials to the Para Athletics Events Officiating Series (2022).

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**Target Audience:** This training series is targeted at officials at levels 2 through 5 who have a requirement and/or interest in officiating para athletic events. It will be of particular interest to officials scheduled to officiate at the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Langley, June 22-26, 2022.

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of the webinar series is to raise awareness and provide knowledge of the major rules for officiating para events.

See below for a description of each webinar.

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**Webinar Schedule (as of February 1, 2022):**

Topic	Date / Time	Presenter
<b>Introduction to Para Athletics, Part 1 of 2</b>	February 16, 2022 7-8 pm	Fannie Smith, Athletics Canada
<b>Introduction to Para Athletics, Part 2 of 2</b>	February 23, 2022 7-8 pm	Registration for both is above.
<b>Introduction to Para Athletics – Track</b>	March 8, 2022 7-8 pm	David Weicker, National Officials Committee Jerry Clayton, USATF
<b>Introduction to Para Jumps</b>	March 23, 2022 7-8 pm	Louise Buskas, National Officials Committee Jerry Clayton, USATF



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<b>Introduction to Para Throws</b>	April 12, 2022 7-8 pm	Louise Buskas, National Officials Committee Jerry Clayton, USATF
<b>Introduction to Call Room for Para Athletes</b>	To be announced	Jennifer Campbell, National Official
<b>Tie Down Clinic for Seated Throws</b>	To be announced	Jerry Clayton, USATF

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## Webinar Descriptions:

The following virtual workshops will present fundamental concepts and outline a set of “soft skills” which are essential for working effectively with para athletes. Register for these workshops now.

### Introduction to Para Athletics Session 1, February 16, 7:00 pm

Para Athletics at a glance

- The classification system & its purpose
- Impairment types and sport classes

Presenter: Fannie Smith, Manager, Para Development, Athletics Canada

### Introduction to Para Athletics Session 2, February 23, 7:00 pm

Para Sport and the Para Athletes

- Understanding disability
- Supportive and inclusive language and Interactions

Presenter: Fannie Smith, Manager, Para Development, Athletics Canada

### Introduction to Para Athletics on the Track, March 8, 7:00 pm

This virtual workshop will cover the fundamentals of working with wheelchair athletes on the track, and races for para ambulatory track athletes.

Presenter: David Weicker, Member of the National Officials Committee, World Athletics Technical Official (ITO) for Para.



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## Introduction to Para Jumps, March 23, 7:00 pm

This virtual workshop will present the fundamentals of working with para ambulatory athletes in High Jump, Long Jump and Triple Jump, including key rules and techniques.

Presenter: Louise Buskas, Member of the National Officials Committee, World Athletics Technical Official (ITO) for Para.

## Introduction to Para Throws, April 12, 7:00 pm

This virtual workshop will present the fundamentals of working with para ambulatory athletes and seated throws.

Presenter: Louise Buskas

## Introduction to Call Room for Para Athletes, date TBA

This virtual workshop will present fundamental technical information and rules for Call Room judges and volunteers.

Presenter: Jennifer Campbell, Athletics Canada National Official

## Tie Down Clinic for Seated Throws, date TBA

This Virtual Workshop will present technical information on preparation of throwing chairs and the related rules for competition.

Presenter: Jerry Clayton, USA Track and Field Master Official

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### **Additional Information:**

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