

# National Officials Committee (NOC): Event Leader Mentoring Program

## Introduction

Athletics Canada and the National Officials Committee (NOC) have developed a Canada-wide program focused on mentoring officials within specific event groups. Event groups include running disciplines (e.g., starter, track referee, umpire) as well as field events (e.g., jumps, throws) and other areas as they emerge in the future.

The Program is essentially a group-based mentoring program focused on developing and disseminating information and knowledge amongst officials within specific event groups. It compliments the NOC Mentor Program that focuses on supporting individual officials become the best official they can be.

The event groups will initially include all Level 3-5 and beyond officials within one of the event groups (to be invited to join the group by the Event Group Leader). At a later date Level two officials who have expressed an interest in one, or more of the groups, may be invited to join the group.

## Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to encourage the development and growth of officials in specific event groupings—essentially building community of practices around each event and professional development of officials within those event groups. The Program will also keep officials engaged during the impact of COVID-19 on the Athletics season.

Groups will meet through vehicles they choose to use (e.g., Skype, WhatsApp, Signal, Zoom, telephone, e-mail). Topics and activities will be determined by the groups—which may include the following:

- Circulating information and new materials from the International Federations, as well as Athletics Canada.
- Keeping event group officials informed of initiatives and officiating best practices through regular and ongoing communications.
- Training officials through formal webinars or informal educational development utilizing WhatsApp, Signal, Zoom or other appropriate applications.
- Conducting group discussions, as appropriate and requested by the members. This could include rule changes, application of rules, best practices, etc.
- All of this will lead to keeping officials across Canada engaged as officials and “in the know” about what officials are doing.

## More information

For more information and contacts for Event Leaders see the Athletics Canada Website (under officials).

Event	DRAFT Initial (start-up) Leaders
<b>CALL ROOM</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referees, Chief Judges, Judges</li> </ul>	Jennifer Campbell and Keith Newell
<b>TRACK</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referees</li> </ul>	Peter Hocking and/or Gilles Rochette
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starters</li> </ul>	Lisa Ferdinand and Ian Gordon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Starters Assistants</li> </ul>	Brian Thomson and Iain Fisher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Photo Finish Chief Judges and Operators</li> </ul>	Serge Thibaudeau and Colin Ingles
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Umpires and Lap Recorders</li> </ul>	Helen Vasilic and Louise Buskas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Race Walk Chief Judges and Judges</li> </ul>	Daniel Michaud and Lilly Whalen
<b>FIELD</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jumps (Referees and judges; Horizontal, Vertical)</li> </ul>	Bob Cowden Eric Wittenberg
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Throws (Referees and judges; Shot, Discus, Javelin, Hammer)</li> </ul>	Jane Edstrom and Daryl Snyder
<b>COMBINED EVENTS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Referees and Assistant Referees</li> </ul>	Brenda O'Connor
<b>OTHERS</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Para Athletics (NTOs)</li> </ul>	David Weicker and Louise Buskas
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jury of Appeal (National)</li> </ul>	Barkley Frost and Jane Edstrom
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical Managers</li> </ul>	Larry Mayhew and Keith Newell

Future event groups may emerge around off track (referees, umpires), specialty areas (e.g., Masters Athletics), Jury of Appeal (Provincial), Clinicians and Mentors (Provincial) and other areas of interest.