

NOTICE TO OFFICIALS – MARCH 19, 2021

You are receiving this email because you are a BC Athletics Official.

Please note the following changes regarding Officiating at “In-Club”/ Varsity Performance Trials.

1. Until March 15, 2021 – BC Athletics was following the Exemption Status for both High Performance and Varsity Sport.
2. For HP sport this meant athletes could train and compete and that Officials could be there to Officiate.
3. Our understanding was that Varsity Sport could hold In-house Competitions and Officials could be there to Officiate.
4. In further discussion on March 15, 2021 with viaSport staff on the PHO order and the application of those orders by viaSport meant that Officials, **who were not members of a Club or Varsity/University Program, could not officiate at either an In-club or In-Varsity Performance Trial.**

Effective **Monday March 22, 2021**, officials must only officiate “In-Club” Performance Trials within club(s) where they are a member.

1. If an official has a 1st Claim Club and a 2nd Claim Club, they are permitted to officiate Performance Trials with both clubs.
 - Officials must only Officiate at one club on the same weekend.
 - Officials who have a 1st claim and 2nd claim club and who are officiating at both clubs, must allow for a minimum of 1 week between Officiating duties. (i.e. an official who is 1st claim to Club A and 2nd claim to Club B and who Officiates on weekend 1 at Club A, can only Officiate at Club B on the next weekend. This would provide a 5, 6 or 7 day break between Officiating duties.
 - The decision to Officiate is that of the individual Official.
 - Officials need to be comfortable with attending a Performance Trial.
 - That the Performance Trial Organizer must insure all COVID-19 Health and Safety Protocols are being followed for both the Event and the Facility where the event is taking place as set out (see this link):
 - [PROVINCIAL HEALTH ORDER UPDATE MARCH 16, 2021](#)
 - Officials are reminded to follow all health and safety protocols, in accordance with the member club’s and BC Athletics/Athletics Canada health and safety plan. <https://athletics.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Back-on-Track-June-1-2020.pdf>
2. Current unattached officials must become members of the club(s) they wish to perform officiating duties at.
3. Officials must be current BC Athletics Members and have completed the COVID-19 Waiver and Attestation.
4. CSI-P / High Performance athlete exemptions apply to BC Athletics sanctioned high performance competitions (excluding varsity and club), **where club affiliation is not required for officials** and officials may travel to perform officiating duties.

BC Athletics is working with the Officials Committee to ensure that member clubs are supported with officials to host “in club” performance trials until there is a change to the Provincial Health Order. <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/health/about-bc-s-health-care-system/office-of-the-provincial-health-officer/covid-19/covid-19-pho-order-gatherings-events.pdf>

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