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BCA Athletic Officials' Newsletter

The outside world is not looking much like it is ready for the OUTDOOR season to begin very soon but requests for Officials are definitely coming in.



Training

- Workshops for Levels 1 and 2 are being scheduled for early Spring through to Summer. The workshops are listed on the Official's section of the BC Athletics website. Check back regularly as more workshops are added as demand warrants. <http://www.bcathletics.org/Officials/>
- The next scheduled workshop will be presented by Peter Fejfar at UBC on March 9th. This is a Provincial Level **Racewalk** Workshop. This is recommended for anyone wanting to review their knowledge or wanting to prepare for certification at Walks Level 3. Participants will be assigned to the judges' team for the Walks Events that follow the Workshop. A FREE continental breakfast will be available in the classroom at 8:45am. For details please click on the [Clinic/Workshop](#) tab on the Officials' section of the BCA

- The National Officials Committee is working on an on-line Level 1 Workshop. This on-line Workshop is scheduled to be available Summer of 2019. More information will be provided closer to launch date.
- A most successful Level 1 Workshop was presented by John Cull on February 2nd in conjunction with the Harry Jerome Indoor Meet. Participants were Shari Rogers, Carol Riddell, Jack Ready, Dana Calkins, Scott Saunders, Julia Nickerson and Ben Nickerson.

Development

- Kathy Terlicher has “retired” from her duties as Provincial Upgrading Coordinator. We thank her immensely for her years of service. She is missed in this role! Cheryl Elke has taken over Kathy’s duties as Provincial Upgrading Coordinator. Please send any requests for upgrading to Cheryl at wcelke@shaw.ca. More information can be found on the Officials page of the BC Athletics website.
- **Upgrading is not successful until paperwork is complete and submitted to Cheryl Elke.** Don’t forget this important last step! Cheryl will respond with confirmation of your successful upgrading.

Recognition

- Our 2018 BC Athletics award recipients recognized at the BCA Awards Banquet on February 2:
 - Ian McNeil Award (Official of the Year) – Jason Swan
 - Ralph Coates Award (Longstanding Service) – Dale Loewen
 - Mary Temple Award (Novice Official of the Year) – Anthony Thomson
 - Dave Coupland Award (Inspiration) – Bob Adams
- Congratulations to Vince Sequeira who just recently completed his successful upgrading to Level 5 Umpire at the Panda Open meet in Edmonton. Commiserations are extended to Vince for his unexpected 3-day stay in Richmond following his delayed flight home.
- Best wishes to Jason Swan who is being evaluated for his Level 5 Photo Finish Chief Judge at the Canada West University Championships in Edmonton. Wishes also to Daniel Elke who is being evaluated for his Level 4 Photo Finish Chief Judge at the Canadian Masters Indoor Championships in Edmonton.
- Bob Cowden and Judy Armstrong for their invitation to Officiate at the 2019 World Masters Indoor Championships in Torun, Poland.
- Thank you to Bob Cowden who is evaluating two Alberta officials at the Canada West Championships in Edmonton.

Mentoring

- NOC is moving ahead with the launch of their mentoring program for officials at all levels across Canada. The program will roll out this summer. Mentors will be trained and assigned to work with officials on their development, training and experience. There will be two roles in the upgrading of officials. A mentor to assist the official through their development activities and an evaluator who will conduct the evaluation of competency. More details will be provided over the next few months.

Technical Corner

- We are pleased to include items in this Newsletter regarding Rules or Technical Issues in which READERS would like to comment or receive feedback.
- Regarding the previous Newsletter article on Protests and Appeals, there were three items on which interest or queries were expressed.
 - Who can make a Protest or an Appeal? If it is placed on behalf of the Athlete, doesn’t that person have to be a Coach?

- Answer: Officials and Referees would prefer it was done by a Coach because of their understanding of the rules. The Athlete, however, may select someone other than a Coach. This could be a Parent or Club Representative or anyone else in whom the Athlete has trust.
- Where can I find a copy of the Protest/ Appeal form? It doesn't seem to be on the Officials' Webpage.
 - Answer: Whoops! It wasn't there but NOW it is. Please look in the Forms section on the Webpage.
- Protests on a Track Event go to the Track Referee. Does the same hold true for Race Walk Events?
 - Answer: Protests on Race Walk Rules (i.e. 'Bending', 'Lifting' etc.) go to the Chief Judge of Race Walking. Protests on judgements about regular Track rules (i.e. 'Obstruction', 'Interference' etc.) go to the Track Referee.

In Touch

- Our thoughts and Best Wishes go out to Jim Rollins on his continued recovery. Great to hear that things are going so well, Jim.
- Congratulations to long-time Official, Jack Ready and his new wife, Carol Riddell, on their recent marriage. Carol is now one of our newest Officials.

Officiating Q & A Questions

*This is a NEW feature which we hope to include in each Newsletter. Suggestions for this section are **Happily** received.*

See the bottom of the Newsletter for answers.

Q 1

Is an athlete allowed to compete wearing only one shoe?

Q 2

In which events are starting blocks used?

Q 3

An Athlete in a Shot Put event enters the circle from the front. Is this a foul?

Items from the Branch Officials' Committee

- Don't forget that BC Athletics' Membership Registrations for 2019 are now due. Unattached members should deal with BC Athletics directly. Club Members should work through their Club Registrar.
- **Travel Expenses.** If you are submitting Travel Expenses this year please do the following:
 - List each Meet individually, i.e. on separate lines, with expenses noted for each.
 - If possible, please use the downloadable Excel form rather than sending a scanned version.
- All candidates for Level 2 Official are now issued a Level 2 Passport to record their training and experience. All Senior Officials (Levels 3 and up) should make themselves familiar with the Passport. They may be asked to initial items in the task list or to do an evaluation in a discipline.

note: The passport is currently under review. The new version will hopefully be available by May and will include new optional task lists for Competition Secretary, Photos and Walks. All Officials should continue, however to use the passport that you have been given. The new task lists will be given to you for insertion at a later date.

- A Message for **Club Leadership**. You KNOW that you will be needing Officials, either at the Meets you will be hosting or those that you will be attending. A recent review of [Club Webpages](#) shows that Officials are probably on another planet because they are NOT on your webpage. You have mentions of coaches, athletes and information on your programs and upcoming Meets but you have nothing on Officials in your Club. May we suggest that you also include a prominent link to an Officials' page for your Club. You could feature Officials who are members of your Club, what you do for the Officials' Training Program (perhaps a list of upcoming Workshops) and a link to the BC Athletics' Officials website. If you need pictures you can visit the Photos Gallery at the bottom of our webpage. Please show that you care. Need ideas??? Please visit the Kamloops Track and Field Club webpage.

Many Thanks to our Hardworking Officials

Event: **Harry Jerome Indoor**
 Sponsored by: Achilles Track and Field Club
 Date: Saturday, February 2, 2019
 Location: Richmond Olympic Oval
 6111 River Road, Richmond

Thanks to:

Ted de St. Croix, Peter Fejfar, Iain Fisher, Debbie Foote, Abresia Foote, Sharon Hann, Rose Hare, Reg Harris, Kathleen Henderson, Alice Kubek, Mike Bassett, Brian Thomson, Anthony Thomson, Emily Kydd, Steve Martin, Ben Nickerson, Julia Nickerson, Carol Parsakish, Betsy Rollins, Jason Swan, Kathy Terlicher, Sanda Turner, Shari Rogers, Carol Riddell, Jack Ready, Vince Sequeira, John Akehurst, Dave Hopkins, Dana Calkins, Scott Saunders, Keith Newell, Rick Rathy, John Cull, Carol Cull

Event: **Gary Reed Indoor**
 Sponsored by: Kamloops Track and Field Club
 Date: February 8 and 9
 Location: Kamloops

From Laure Harder

Last weekend we had our first meet of the year, the Gary Reed, and although there not a great number of athletes registered, all went well and a good meet was run.

As the weather was somewhat inclement, -20 with a stiff wind, we were most grateful that we were indoors at the Tournament Capital Center, a most accommodating facility. This year saw a new throws cage, which was well received and appreciated by all, particularly those who have a vested interest in hardwood floors.

We had a total of 18 teams registered, of which four were university teams, and 156 competitors. We were also blessed to have 33 hard-working officials working over the two days, and thanks go out to:

Judy Armstrong - Evelyn Barker - Brian Beck - Dawn Beck - Kathy Brand - Klaas Broersma - Sandra Dever - Ken Dhaliwal - Kaz Dufficy - Cheryl Elke - Daniel Elke - Wayne Elke - Phil Froment - Pat Gedak - Lillian Marcus - Laurie Harder - Siobhan Lane - Helen Newmarch - Greg Nicol - Ianna Polos - Warren Polos - Jack Ready - Carol Riddell - Grant Robinson - Beverly Ruberg - Gene Sanderson - Linda Schatkoske - Karen Siggers - Wally Smeaton - Patti Swoboda - Alwilda van Ryswyk - Dianne Weddell - Heather Wiebe.

Officiating Opportunities

Please come lend a hand. Send me a note to let me know that you are available.

Event: **Pan Am Race Walk Cup Qualifier**
 Sponsored by: UBC
 Date: Saturday, March 9
 Location: Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval
 UBC Campus (Wesbrook/16th Ave.)

Times:

First Event – 11:00am (5km, 10km and 15km with a common Start for all)

This Event requires Starters, Starters Assistants, Race Walk Judges as well as those who can volunteer to act as Umpires and Lap Scorers.

Officials who have committed to attend:

Peter Fejfar, Scott Saunders, John Cull, Carol Cull

Event: 2019 UBC Open

Sponsored by: UBC

Date: Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31

Location: Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval
UBC Campus (Wesbrook/16th Ave.)

Times:*Track*

Saturday

First Event – 1:00pm

Last Event – 5:55pm

Sunday (2nd day of Combined Events only)

First Event – 10:00am

Last Event – 1:45pm

Field

Saturday

Hammer – 10:00

Discus – 12:45

Shot Put – 2:35, 3:35

Javelin – 4:20, 5:50

High Jump – 11:15, 12:50, 1:30, 4:25

Pole Vault – 2:30, 4:10

Long Jump – 11:15, 1:05

Triple Jump – 4:10

Sunday (2nd day of Combined Events only)

Discus – 10:30

Javelin – 12:00, 12:30

Pole Vault – 11:30

Long Jump – 11:10

Officials who have committed to attend:

Scott Saunders, John Cull, Carol Cull

Event: Emilie Mondor

Sponsored by: SFU

Date: Saturday, April 6

Location: We have not got confirmation on a location as yet. The Meet may be held at Burnaby Central

Times:

Information not yet available.

Officials who have committed to attend:

Jason Swan, John Cull, Carol Cull

Event: The Vancouver Sun Run

Date: Sunday, April 14

Location: Meet at the Finish Line (approx. 7:45am)
Behind BC Place Stadium, Pacific Boulevard

Times:

8:00 – Start of the Mini Sun Run

8:40 – Start of the competitive Wheelchair Race

9:00 – Start for all other Competitors

Officials who have committed to attend:

Bill Koch, John Cull, Carol Cull

I sincerely hope that all of you Winter Sport Enthusiasts are having a fine time.

I, on the other hand, will not be sorry to see all of this white stuff disappear from the roads on which I travel.

Looking forward to hearing from and seeing many of you very soon,

Carol

Officiating Q & A Answers

A1

The rule is one shoe, two shoes or no shoes. (Rule #143.2). Please note that individual Competitions may have their own rules that they wish followed i.e. many Meets hosted by schools will not allow athletes to compete in bare feet.

A2

Starting blocks must be used in all races up to and including 400m (including the 1st leg of the 4X200, the Medley Relay and 4X400) (Rule #161.1). Athletes 9 to 13 may not use starting blocks. Blocks are optional for Masters races.

A3

There is no restriction on how, or from which direction, an athlete may enter the circle. (Rule #187.13, note)