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BCA Athletics Officials' Newsletter

The old year (as pictured) has come and gone and now onto the NEW.



Official's Development

Your Branch Officials' Committee for 2020

- **Brian Thomson** - Committee Chairperson
Marnie Benz
Carol Cull
John Cull
Cheryl Elke
Wayne Elke
Sue Kydd
Jim Rollins
Anthony Thomson
Jasmine Gill – BC Athletics representative to the Committee
- Evaluations and Mentoring will begin again with the Indoor Season. Don't forget to complete the Upgrading Tracking form (<https://www.cognitofrms.com/BCAthletics1/OfficialsUpgradingTrackingForm>), if you require evaluations or credits for upgrading in the coming season.
- If you have already completed the requirements for Upgrading contact Cheryl at wcelke@shaw.ca. More information can be found on the Officials' page of the BC Athletics website.
- You can also speak with your local regional development coordinator if you have any questions.
- **Coordinators in the Interior** – Greg Nicol (gregorylnicol136@gmail.com), Alwilda van Ryswyk (alvan50@shaw.ca), Marnie Benz (m.benz@shaw.ca)
Coordinators on the Island – Vince Sequeira (vince.sequeira@shaw.ca), Brian Thomson (bthomson@alantem.ca)
Coordinators in the Lower Mainland – Carol Cull (carolcull@telus.net), John Cull (johncull@telus.net)
Coordinator for Zones 7 and 8 TBA soon

IAAF becomes World Athletics.

If you follow international athletics news and gossip you have probably noticed a change “at the top”. The IAAF is no more. The international body for “Athletics” has a new look and a new name..... World Athletics.

Visit the redesigned web page at:

<https://www.worldathletics.org/>

The updated [Competition Rules](#) (2020-2021) are freely available as a download, and have been extensively re-organized. The bad news is that they are still hard to find on their web site, buried on the third layer of Worldathletics.org under [Competitions/Our Sport/Rules and Regulations].

The re-organization.

Competition Rules and Technical Rules have been folded into a larger publication, the Book of Rules, where they form 2 chapters of Book C. The rules we normally use have been distributed into these 2 separate sections, and given new numbers. Each Rule shows both the old number and the new number. It may be that the old numbers will pass out of use in the next edition.

Chapter 1 (of Book C) Competition Rules (C1.1 to C31)

This includes old rules 2 (Authorization to stage competitions) to 137 (Advertising Commissioner) and Rules 260-265 (World Records)

Chapter 2 (of Book C) Technical Rules (C2.1 to C2.57)

This includes old rules 100 (General Technical Rules) and 140 (The Athletics Facility) to 251 (Mountain and Trail Races).

Taken together the 2 new chapters add up to 180 pages, considerably slimmer than the [Competition Rules 2018-2019](#). Field of Play officials may be able to do without the other content of Chapter 3:

- Health Medical and Welfare
- Athletes' Representatives
- Event Bidding
- Marketing and Advertising

Officials will have to read the new book(s) with close attention:

- New text is no longer indicated with double vertical lines to bring it to your attention... you have to find it for yourself
- Green notes (explications) from the previous edition are, in some cases, brought forward intact and without revision, but some may have been dropped.
- Other green notes are revised or new.... you have to find these for yourself.

More commentary on the individual rules will follow in succeeding Newsletters

John Cull

The National Mentoring Program

If, like me, you haven't done this yet, do it today

The Officials Committee is working on the integration of the recruitment and mentoring processes with a view to having mentors trained and in place for the start of the 2020 outdoor season. Those interested in mentoring, should complete the checklist available on the Officials website under Newsletters and Meetings and submit to brian.thomson@shaw.ca by February 15. Note: Mentoring will initially be provided to level 1 and 2 officials before adding in levels 3 to 5. After mentors successfully complete a workshop (estimated at 2 hrs), they will be matched with mentees to start the mentorship.

Enhancements to Officials Development Pathway

The National Officials Committee (NOC) is enhancing the pathway for development of officials with the goal of every official in Canada receiving the same training and going through the same development activities. The enhancements also streamline the entrance to levels 1 and 2, provide training at every level and reduces the administrative effect in upgrading officials.

The enhancements to level 1 and level 2 are ready to go. Changes include workshops delivered on-line, a mentoring model to provide official specific development and slight reduction but more structure in the experience requirements. Level 1 is targeted at those with no previous exposure to athletics.

Further changes to the development pathway are underway:

- level 3 pathway is currently being developed and should be ready late 2020 or early 2021. Changes include the addition of a workshop to provide training on rules, etc. and the requirement for one evaluation from a trained Provincial Evaluator.
- levels 4 and 5 pathways are at concept stage and will be flushed out later in 2020 or 2021.

The BC Athletics Officials Committee is revising the provincial processes for recruiting and developing officials to accommodate these exciting enhancements. The mentoring program is also being woven into the revised processes. The new pathway for levels 1 and 2, including the mentoring program should be in place well before the start of the 2020 outdoor season.

Proposed Officials Development Pathway (December, 2019)

Level 1 Official—Optional. Target those with no prior exposure in athletics:

- Clinic: Online
- Evaluation: N/A
- Experience – 4 events: vertical jumps, horizontal jumps, throws, track.

Level 2 Official—assist officiate at meets within region

- Timeframe: one year to completion (including any time at Level 1)
- Clinic: Online with 70% score on online assessment
- Evaluation – done by mentor (1 evaluation)
- Experience –2 sessions (e.g., morning, afternoon) in each of: track, throws, vertical jumps, horizontal jumps

Level 3 Official (DRAFT)—able to chief provincial championships and officiate at national championships

- Timeframe: minimum one year from level 2 to completion

- Clinic: face to face workshop in specific discipline (under development). Envisioned to be similar to rules component of current level 4 workshops.
- Exam—70% score.
- Evaluation—by trained Provincial Evaluator (1 evaluation)
- Experience—to be defined.

Level 4 Official (DRAFT)—able to chief national championships

- Timeframe: minimum two years from level 3 to completion
- Clinic: face to face workshop in specific discipline (development in late 2020 or 2021)
- Exam—to be determined
- Evaluation—by trained National evaluators (2 evaluations)
- Experience—to be defined.

Level 5 Official (DRAFT)—able to chief any meet

- Timeframe: minimum three years from level 4 to completion
- Online module (development in 2021)
- Exam—to be determined.
- Evaluation—by trained National evaluator (2 evaluations)
- Experience—to be defined.

Recognition

Several former but now retired BC teachers (members of the BC Officials group) noticed the article in the Winter edition of 'Post Script' (the magazine for retired educators) that featured a group photo of the members of 'Time for Uke'. There, beaming at us from the posted picture was our own Vince Sequeira, a member of this group since 2011.



Though not an Official, Jessie Dosanjh, coach of the Universal Track and Field Club, is a great supporter of the work that we do.



A glowing article about Jessie was posted in 'Desi Today Magazine' <https://https://www.desitoday.ca//>

Technical Corner

Race Walk Judging

A video interview with Daniel Michaud on the IAAF twitter feed. Daniel reviews the qualifications required to be a Race Walk Judge at an International Event, the procedures used during the event and a brief rules description. (You will require a Twitter account to view this video): <https://twitter.com/iaaforg/status/1180229616142868480?s=11>

Upcoming Workshops

A Level 1 Officials' Workshop will be presented by John Cull at the upcoming Harry Jerome Indoor Meet. Further information about this workshop will soon be posted on the Officials' page of the BC Athletics website.

In Touch

Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your membership with BC Athletics for 2020. Unattached members can sign up online through the BC Athletics website and members of BC Athletics clubs should sign up through their club membership.

The 2020 BC Athletics Annual Awards Banquet

The Banquet will celebrate the 2019 Athletics season.

Date: Saturday, February 1st, 2020

Time: Social Hour - 6pm | Dinner - 7pm | Awards - 8pm

Location: [Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, Richmond](#) (7311 Westminster Hwy)

For more information about this event and to order your tickets please go to <https://www.bcatletics.org/News/bc-athletics-annual-awards-banquet-feb-1-2020/2948/>

Officiating Q & A

Questions

New Questions – still using the 2018/2019 Rule Book

Q 1

In a High Jump event, the bar is blown off by the wind as the athlete is jumping. What is the course of action of the Chief?

- a) if the bar is displaced before the athlete has cleared it, the jump is considered successful
- b) if the bar is displaced after the athlete has cleared it, the jump is considered successful
- c) if the bar is displaced before the athlete has cleared it, a new trial shall be awarded

Q 2

How many flights of Hurdles must there be in each lane in a Men's 110m Hurdle Race?

- a) 8
- b) 10
- c) 12

Q 3

In a Javelin Throw, where is the measure taken?

- a) from the tail of the Javelin to the outside edge of the arc
- b) from the first touch of the head of the javelin to the outside edge of the arc
- c) from the first touch of the head of the javelin to the inside edge of the arc

Items from the Branch Officials' Committee

Our next Officials' Committee Meeting will take place on February 2nd 2020.

With Much Appreciation for Your Help

Event: **BCA Cross Country Championships**

Sponsored by: BC Athletics

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2019

Location: Saanich, BC

After enduring a stormy Friday night of travel, we were relieved to have sunshine and brisk conditions at the BC X-Country Championships this past weekend.

There were shuttle buses arranged to take athletes and coaches from the ferry to the venue due to the cancelled sailings and the two and three ferry waits that greeted everyone on Saturday morning.

Things went quite smoothly otherwise.

Vince Sequeira

Thanks to:

Keith Newell, Rafe Duke, Alice Kubek, David Hopkins, Vince Sequeira, Brian Hawksworth, Tyler Coell, John Akehurst, Susie Nute, Nancy Baxendale, Mike Bassett

Event: **BC High School Cross Country Championships**

Sponsored by: BC High Schools

Date: Saturday, November 2, 2019

Location: Abbotsford, BC

Thanks to:

Deborah Carter, Debbie Foote, Iain Fisher, Reg Harris, Dave Short, Harnek Toor, Sanda Turner, Judy Needham, Stuart Carscience, Shirley Byington, Jeff Byington, Dawn Driver, Susan Creighton Maria Khrisanova, Nancy Champagne, Maureen de St. Croix, John Cull, Carol Cull

Event: **Canadian National Cross-Country Championships**

Date: Saturday, November 30, 2019

Location: Abbotsford, BC

Thanks to:

Betsy Rollins, Jim Rollins, Deborah Carter, Jim Hinze, Mary Hinze, Marina Khrisanova, Urith Hayley, Harnek Toor, Steve Martin, Iain Fisher, Rose Hare, Sanda Turner, Dawn Driver, Nancy Champagne, Maureen de St. Croix, Ted de St. Croix, Jason Swan, John Cull, Carol Cull

To John & Carol Cull and BC Athletics Officials Committee,

On behalf of the Organizing Committee for the 2019 Canadian Cross-Country Championships, I am writing to yourselves and the BC Officials Committee to extend thanks for the hours of work the officials expended on Saturday to assure that all went well with the finishing order of the athletes: a most important aspect of the meet.

Last Saturday was a dry but very cool day and we appreciate very much the usual excellent job of the officials. The efforts of your volunteers helped greatly in making sure that this meet was a great success and an event that we can all be very pleased with.

Once again, thank you and we look forward to working with you at the 2020 Championships.

Gerry Swan for the Organizing Committee

Officiating Opportunities

***Please come lend a hand. Send me a note to let me know if you are available in the Lower Mainland.
We need help for the Meets listed below!***

*** It is Important that Officials coming to Meets check the Club's website the night before the Meet as Schedules can Change ***

Event: **The Harry Jerome Indoor**
Sponsored by: Achilles International Track & Field Society
 The Richmond Kajaks Track and Field Club
Date: Saturday, February 1, 2020
Location: Richmond Olympic Oval

Times: (tentative)

Oval Track

First Event 10:00am

Last Event 4:30pm

Straightaway Track

First Event 9:45am

Last Event 3:30pm

Field

Shot Put 10:00, 11:30

High Jump 1:20, 3:15

Officials who have committed to attend:

Jason Swan, Ted de St. Croix, John Cull, Carol Cull

Upcoming

List of N/NC events in BC in 2020

For those of you who are collecting high level credits for upgrading:

February 29	Pan American X-C Cup	Victoria	N
March 27-29	Van Ryswyk Indoor	Kamloops	N
April 19	Vancouver Sun Run	Vancouver	N
May 3	Vancouver International Marathon	Vancouver	N
May 30	Harry Jerome	Burnaby	N
May 31	Canadian 10,000 Championships	Burnaby	NC
	Pacific Distance Carnival	Burnaby	P
July 10-12	BCA Jamboree	Kamloops	N
July 14-18	Canadian Francophone Games	Victoria	N
November 28	Canadian Cross Country Ch.	Abbotsford	NC

A Note from Sue

Happy New Year from Universal Athletics to BCA Officials. In appreciation for your support of our efforts over the past years, we wanted to give you some advance information as there will be some changes in Surrey meets for 2020.

1. Universal's Annual Canada Day weekend will NOT be held this year, due to conflicts with the National Championships.
2. UAC has partnered with South Fraser and will be hosting the traditional South Fraser Meets; The Fraser Valley High School Meet on April 11 and the Junior Olympics on May 16. Both meets will be held, as always, at Bear Creek Park. Jessie and I, along with Dave Moore, will be the Meet Director and Manager.

One major change will be the Junior Olympics will be a ONE DAY MEET, on Saturday on the May long weekend. The target participants will be elementary athletes, with a Track Rascal Event mid-day. As well, we plan to offer some selected events for post-secondary athletes, as we know the month of May is a difficult time for these athlete to find local competitions. There will be no high school events offered, as those athletes will be in the midst of their qualification for the BC High School Championships. Jason will be doing the timing for both meets, and Emily will be the Secretary. The volunteer base will be coming from Universal Athletics.

The meet organization will be very similar to the Annual Universal Meet, and as always...there will be samosas! We hope you will continue to support athletics in Surrey, and please contact me with any questions.

Sue Kydd
President of Universal Athletics Club
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AND Into the More Distant Future:

Francophone Games (Events to be held in Oak Bay): July 14 to 18, 2020. More information about this Event should be coming your way soon.

The Invictus Games

There are two cities left in the running to host the 2022 Games, Dusseldorf, Germany and Victoria, BC. While the website for this Meet states that the announcement of the 2022 venue was to be made in November, no information has yet come our way. See the article on the Games <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/victoria-in-running-for-evictus-games-1.5260679> We will keep you informed just as soon as the information becomes available.

Canadian Track and Field Championships (Events to be held in Langley): July 8 to 13, 2021, June 23 to 26, 2022 (tentative dates). The Host Organizing Committee has gotten an early start and has begun meeting. At present we are waiting to hear whether the Combined Events will be included in the competitions to be held in Langley. If you are in the neighbourhood, go have a peek at the new Track and Field facility being constructed at McLeod Park in Langley. Such a lovely, blue track.

Looking forward to seeing you in 2020

Carol

Officiating Q & A Answers

A1

b) and c) (Rule #181 10 a and b) If the Athlete has not been seen to have cleared the bar then a new trial will have to be awarded unless the athlete was clearly seen to have touched the bar before it was blown off.

A2

b) 10 (Rule #168.1)

A3

c) (Rule #187.20 b)