

## Athletic Officials

Lower Mainland Newsletter for February 26, 2021

Dear Official,

This is just a quick message to Lower Mainland Officials to give you information about Competitions which will take place in the Lower Mainland over the next few weeks. We welcome all our newest Officials and wish them well on their Athletics' journey as Technical Officials.

It must be said, at the outset, that implementing Covid protocols does affect the delivery of our services to Host Organizing Committees staging Meets. There are currently restrictions on the number of individuals who may attend a Competition. These restrictions also vary depending upon the municipality or city in which they are held. In many cases 50 individuals may attend a Competition, however, some cities describe the Track as one area (with a limit of 50 persons) and the Field as another area (again, with a limit of 50 individuals). Persons attending a Competition are described as Meet Organizers, Athletes and Officials. No spectators are allowed at the venues, though some cities designate the viewing stands as a separate area in which an additional 50 persons may be accommodated. The typical organization for participant numbers is: 5 Organizers, 10 Officials, 35 Athletes. These numbers do not allow for the numbers of volunteers that usually support Officials. Expect, therefore, to do a lot of multi-tasking.

All Competitions held in the near future, or until current protocols are revised, are to be in-club, that is, the Competitions are to be club members only with no Athletes from outside that club participating. These restrictions do not apply to High-Performance Athletes.

We do want to provide Officials for these upcoming Meets and we also want to provide training opportunities for our new Officials.

Schedules for these Meets are understandably a little more general than usual. You will notice that the term 'rolling start' is used. This means that a Start time is given, and then subsequent events just roll on until all competitors have been accommodated. The usual World Athletics or Junior Development rules are used but certain procedures are required by all participants:

- 3m social distancing
- Athletes in a sprint event compete in every other lane (a maximum of 4 Athletes per event)
- the use of masks by all but those athletes competing in the event
- sanitizing of all equipment used (measuring tapes, relay batons, high jump bars, rakes, shovels etc.)
- no sharing of throwing implements (each athlete must have their own piece of equipment to use)
- athletes in a Throwing Event retrieve their own implement
- no spectators are allowed at event sites
- All participants, including Officials, must check-in and complete a contact tracing form
- Please remember that Officials should be on hand 45 minutes prior to the Start time for the event (1 hour prior to Pole Vault start times)

- Please bring your own snacks, beverages and chairs. Much as organizers might want to provide food for all volunteers, current protocols prevent them from doing so.

## 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:** UBC In House #1  
**Sponsored by:** UBC  
**Date:** Friday, March 19, 2021  
**Location:** Rashpal Dhillon Track and Field Oval  
 UBC Campus (Wesbrook/16<sup>th</sup> Ave.)

### Times:

#### Track

First Event – 3:00pm

Last Event – 6:00pm

The schedule that I have been sent states that there will be

1-2 sprints

1 hurdle event

1-2 endurance events (which may include a steeplechase)

1-2 relays

#### Field

The schedule proposes

1-2 jumping events (I am assuming Horizontal as well as Vertical jumping events)

2-3 throwing events

Throwing implements will need to be measured prior to the event start (1:00pm)

**Officials who have committed to attend:** (Please note that Pay-Parking fees may be added to travel expenses)  
 Scott Saunders, Bill Koch, John Cull, Carol Cull

**Event:** SFU In House #1  
**Sponsored by:** SFU  
**Date:** Saturday, March 20, 2021  
**Location:** The venue is undecided. Brit Townsend is waiting for the OK to use the new SFU facility. If SFU is not available then the event may be held at Burnaby Central High School or...??? Stay Tuned  
**Times:**  
 TBA

We are assuming both Track and Field Events but will keep you posted as to venue and events proposed.

**Officials who have committed to attend:** (Please note that Pay-Parking fees may be added to travel expenses)  
 Gary Silvester, John Cull, Carol Cull

**Event:** UBC In House #2 and Thunderbirds In-House Meet  
**Sponsored by:** UBC  
**Date:** Saturday, March 27

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

**Times:**

*Track (UBC)*

First Event – 11:00am

Last Event – 2:00pm

*Track (Thunderbirds)*

First Event – 3:00pm

Last Event – 6:00pm

The schedule that I have been sent by UBC states that there will be

1-2 sprints

1 hurdle event

1-2 endurance events (which may include a steeplechase)

1-2 relays

I am assuming that the Thunderbirds Competition would be much the same as that for UBC

*Field*

The schedule proposes

1-2 jumping events (I am assuming Horizontal as well as Vertical jumping events)

2-3 throwing events

First events to begin at the Track Start time.

Throwing implements will need to be measured prior to the event start (1:00pm? This time would be for Throwing equipment used by both UBC and Thunderbirds)

Again, I believe that the Thunderbirds Competition Schedule would be similar to that used by UBC

**Officials who have committed to attend:** (Please note that Pay-Parking fees may be added to travel expenses)

**Scott Saunders, Bill Koch**

**Event:** **Ocean Personal Trials**

**Sponsored by:** Ocean Athletics

**Date:** Saturday, March 27, 2021

**Location:** South Surrey Athletic Park

**Times:**

*Track*

First Event – 12:15pm – 3,000m

1:30 (Rolling Schedule) 100m, 200m, 400m

*Field*

12:30 – Hammer, Discus, Shot Put (Rolling Schedule) We are hoping to train Officials on using the Laser measuring devices for both long and short throws.

11:30 – Implement weigh-in

2:00 – Long Jump

**Officials who have committed to attend:**

**Ted de St. Croix, Maureen de St. Croix, Sharon Hann, Kevin Kydd, Dawn Driver, Cathy Carr, John Cull, Carol Cull**

**Event:** **Ocean Personal Trials – Pole Vault**

**Sponsored by:** Ocean Athletics

**Date:** Sunday, March 28, 2021

**Location:** South Surrey Athletic Park

Times:

Start – 11:00am

Officials who have committed to attend:

Cathy Carr, John Cull, Carol Cull

We have also been given the following Competition dates:

Saturday, April 3, 2021	SFU	Venue?
Friday, April 9, 2021	UBC	UBC – first day of decathlon and heptathlon
Saturday, April 10, 2021	UBC	UBC – 2 <sup>nd</sup> day of multi events plus additional Events for UBC and Thunderbirds
Saturday, April 10, 2021	SFU	Venue?
Fri./Sat., April 16/17 2021	Abbotsford	Rotary Stadium, Jennifer R. Swan Memorial Mt.

Additional Meets are scheduled (please see the schedules provided on the BC Athletics web site, both on the Main Page and on the Officials' page). Those events listed here may be enough for Officials to absorb right now. More information will come to you over the coming weeks.

I apologize for the information concerning competitions being rather sketchy but as we saw in the Fall of 2020, plans can change abruptly, and we need to be as flexible as possible. This has been a very difficult time for Clubs.

Meet Organizers are so very thankful for help from Officials. Your services are invaluable.

Cheers,

Carol