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WALL OF HONOUR AND OFFICIALS OF THE YEAR

we wish to Congratulation **Jack Leman** as he is named to the Wall of Honour for 2018 and also to **Jason Swann** and **Rick Watkins** as the 2018 Co-Officials of the Year.



NOC MASTER TRAINER WORKSHOP



At its annual meeting in November 2018, the NOC made a presentation to the provincial coordinators, in the new direction and the various steps that will be taken to make changes in the pathway of the officials.

In the beginning, last March, we offered a master-trainer seminar in Winnipeg, the provinces delegated one to two people. Following this training, these people are empowered to deliver the new programs. The various programs will begin in the following weeks.

During this training, they received several presentations on different topics such as different types of training, difference between a mentor and evaluator and, of course, a presentation on the new approach in the development of officials.

The next steps will be to introduce a real mentoring program, mentors will help officials in their journey. The provinces will have to submit to the National Officials Committee, the list of mentors who will be eligible to follow the training of mentor, according to the criteria established by the National Officials Committee. Mentors will be instrumental in the development of our sport.

As a first step, the mentoring program will start gradually, year 1, new officials and level 2. The following year, it will be the turn of level 3 officials to be associated with a mentor. To end year 3, by level 4 and 5 officials.

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the content of Level 1 and Level 2 training. These courses will only be on the web.

There is still a lot of work on our drawing board, such as level 3 training (these will be identical from one province to another). Training of evaluators and also trainers, we will take the opportunity to refresh the content of level 4 training.

Wishing that you are as excited as we are in new concepts.

We would like to highlight the work of the following people:

Facilitators at the Master-trainer Seminar: Jennifer Campbell—Jane Edstrom—Serge Thibaudeau and David Weicker.

Subcommittee for Level 1 to 3 Training:

Colin Inglis (responsible) Louise Burkas—Brian Thompson—Helen Vasilic and Serge Thibaudeau

Here the participants at the Master-Trainer seminar:

Participants:

Brian Thomson, BC
 Pat March, AB
 Christine Rapp, AB
 Brenda O'Connor, SK
 Sharon Arndt, SK
 Wendy Verbong, MB
 Richard Winton, MB
 Helen Vasilic, ON
 Merv Witter, ON
 Eric Leung, QC
 Carl Cummings, NB
 Claude Renaud, NS
 Marc Gilman, PEI

Facilitators:

Serge Thibaudeau
 David Weicker
 Jane Edstrom
 Jennifer Campbell

Congratulations to **Paul Macdonald** from Nova Scotia

Well deserved!



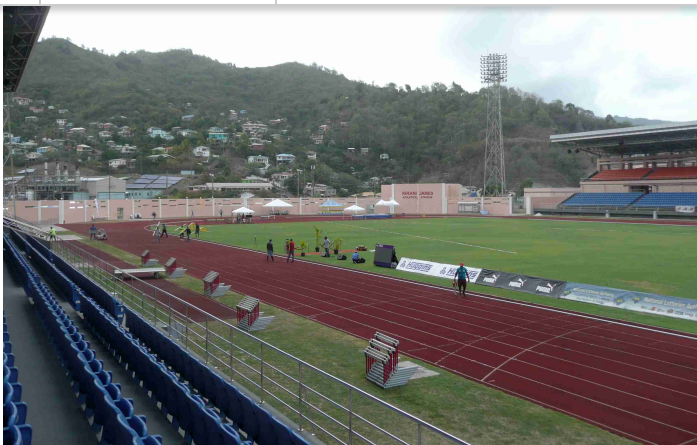
WHITSUNTIDE GAMES IN ST. GEORGE'S BY IAN GORDON

I was invited to go to Grenada as an International Starter for the Whitsuntide Games held on June 8-9, 2019 at the Kirani James Athletics Stadium, St. George's, Grenada. Grenada consists of the Grenada island and six other small islands situated northeast of Venezuela and northwest of Trinidad and Tobago, and has a population of approximately 112,000 as of July 2018. Hurricane Ivan in 2004 heavily damaged the Athletics Stadium along with the adjacent Grenada National Cricket Stadium. The building of these stadiums was funded by the People's Republic of China, who have also funded the building of other stadiums in the Caribbean area.

At this meet, there were international events plus U20, U17, U15, and U13 events. I was assigned the international sprint events, and also had an experienced starter from Cayman plus 2-3 local starters on the starts team. The purpose for requesting an international starter was to ensure fair starts for the sprints and to mentor local starters to help upgrade their skills. The starts were fairly evenly split between the starter from Cayman, the local starters, and myself so that the local starters had the opportunity to start the age class categories.

I met Esther Maynard who was the Technical Director at this competition. She has been a long time Director of the Athletic Association of Barbados, and has been an IAAF Technical Delegate and an IAAF ITO. From her I learned a great deal about the history of some of the rule changes. One such example is rule 125.7 which addresses that any event or any part of an event may be contested again if warranted, but what can be meant by a part of an event? She mentioned the incident where an athlete was unjustly disqualified for a false start, and then allowed to contest the event again on her own and this was part of an event.

I enjoyed this competition and took the opportunity to both learn from other officials and to mentor others.



WPA RULES

Races combining para and able-bodied athletes

Starters and Starters Assistants should be aware of the differences in starting needs when both groups of athletes are combined in one race. For example, in a recent race where a visually impaired athlete and her guide were in the same 100 metre race as able-bodied athletes, the visually impaired runner and her guide were not established in their “on mark” position before the starter moved to the next command. Starters and SA's should be aware of when this situation occurs and take steps to accommodate both types of athletes.

You may want to add that there are some classes of Athletes who don't use starting blocks. The only ones who MUST are T11, T12, T13 and T20. For others it is optional.

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Tether Rules (WPA Rule 6 and 7)

A “tether” is defined within WPA Rules for Visually Impaired runners who decide to use a Guide runner according to Rule 6 of the WPA Rules.

The description of the tether in Rule 6.19 includes:

“The tether shall be made from non-elastic material and shall not store energy and/or offer a performance gain to an athlete. It shall consist of two closed holding loops and a middle section with two fixed spherical stoppers at each end.”

Essentially all T11 athletes must have a guide runner and where a T12 athlete chooses to use a guide runner, they must be “tethered” from the start of the race through to after the athlete has finished the race. (WPA Rule 7.9).

In addition, neither the athlete nor the guide runner may shorten the 10cm middle section in any way.

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I received my beautiful clock from Jane at the Championships in Montreal. I wish to thank you for all of your work to make this special event possible. When I think about it, it really is something to be proud of as 50 years is a big part of anyone's life. I have been so blessed and it has been a fun time doing this. I hope I have a few more years left. Thanks so much to you, Athletics Canada and NOC.

MESSAGES FROM NOC AND AC BOARD

The bulk of our 2019 season in Athletics is behind us and most are looking forward now to the cross country and indoor track season. We enjoyed a very successful National Championship where the Montreal Organizing Committee outdid themselves along with a great meet in Sydney for the Legions Youth Championship where the Nova Scotia team did a great job.

The NOC was very active over the last few months. We organized a Master Trainer session which was held in Winnipeg in May. There were a large number of mentorships during the national meets. We re-established the recognition program for those who have been officiating in our sport for fifty years. We added two people to our list of internationally recognized officials – Serge Thibaudeau (Photo-timing) and Ian Gordon (Starts) both attended a NACAC Clinic and are on their respective teams for the NACAC region.

The Branches have been active as well and some of their activities are contained in this "On Track" publication. We are now getting ready for the next season and we wish all officials every success in their future officiating endeavors.

Andy Walker
Chair, National Officials Committee

Just a Reminder.....

1. The next deadline for Upgrading by NOC is **September 30 2019**. Please make sure to submit all necessary

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it.

3. Fall is approaching and many provinces will be having their AGMs and elections. If there is a change in the Branch Chair for your Province, please notify NOC of this change.
4. If there is something special happening in your province and you wish to share it with the rest of our organization, please make sure to submit it for the next issue of "On Track".
5. The next issue of "On Track" will hopefully go out after the NOC and BOC meetings in November.

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