

## AOOEC Newsletter and Availability Spring 2014

Hi all

Well the indoor season is almost over and spring is just around the corner (dream on).

### Expenses:

A reminder to all officials that if you have any expenses to claim for 2013 or the 2014 indoor season you should submit them to our treasurer Rene Van Andel, [rene.vanandel@gmail.com](mailto:rene.vanandel@gmail.com), immediately as the books close for the fiscal year on April 1st.

### Availability:

Attached is our availability list for the outdoor season. Please email your availability to Ian Reid as soon as possible. Remember that if you indicate your availability now and life gets in the way please contact Ian as soon as you know about your change in plans. We will try to send out invitations and information at least 3 weeks in advance of the meet. We will also contact you if your services are not needed. If in doubt please contact Ian or myself, don't assume that you are not needed.

Response to the request for officials for the Pan Am CE Cup and AO Jr/Sr Championships in Ottawa was very pleasing and somewhat overwhelming. We will be contacting officials regarding their selection for those meets in the near future. With the selection process so far in advance we ask that any officials not selected be patient as you will be considered as alternates should the need arise. With so many officials travelling to Ottawa from various parts of the province, we will be requesting that, if at all possible, officials travel together to decrease costs. Our plan at this time is to offset the extra cost of officials' accommodation by the savings from carpooling. We would like to invite as many officials as possible to at least one of the AO Championships.

### Other Meets:

In addition to Ian's attached list please note that the following meets have requested officials. Please contact the meet organizer directly.

June 21 Asian Community Games - York U - Anthony Biggar [anthonybiggar@athleticsontario.ca](mailto:anthonybiggar@athleticsontario.ca)  
June 21 RCL District B - Brampton - Frank Bucca [fjbucca@rogers.com](mailto:fjbucca@rogers.com)  
July 11-12 RCL Ontario Championship - Frank Bucca [fjbucca@rogers.com](mailto:fjbucca@rogers.com)  
July 12-13 Canadian Masters Championships - U of T - Doug Smith [douglasj.smith@sympatico.ca](mailto:douglasj.smith@sympatico.ca)

### Cancelling from a Meet

We understand that circumstances sometimes require an official to cancel from a meet to which he/she has previously committed. If this is ever your situation, please remember to advise both the meet organizer, and Ian Reid, the AOO Director of Availability. This allows adjustments to the roster of officials and, in the case of out-of-town officials, the cancellation of any hotel reservations. Your cooperation in this matter is much appreciated.

### Travel expenses:

The policy for paying expenses is covered in the document, "Organization and Operation of the AOOEC and AOO" which can be found on the AO web site at <http://athleticsontario.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/AO-Officials-document-SEP-21-2013.pdf>

In brief, expenses are paid only for registered officials, according to the following guidelines:

- Funding for officials' travel to AO championships at the AO-approved rate is restricted to registered officials who are Level 2 or higher.

- Registered Level 1 officials are eligible for funding to a maximum of 50 km each way. (NOTE, if the meet is within 'commuting distance', funding is available for each day of the meet [e.g. Oshawa to Toronto for 2-day meet = funding for 200 km; Toronto to Ottawa for 2-day meet = funding for 100 km])
- Registered Provisional officials receive no funding for travel unless approved in advance by the AOOEC.

**Officials' Uniform:**

The standard uniform for track and field officials is a white collared shirt, golf shirt, or blouse, and navy slacks, skirt or long shorts, with a white or navy jacket, sweater or vest as required. Neither jeans nor sandals are considered appropriate. An Athletics Ontario official receives a name tag upon becoming level 1 and an AO golf shirt after achieving level 2.

Yours in Officiating  
Peter Hocking  
Athletics Ontario Officials Executive Committee Chair

**Summer 2014 Availability**

The indoor season is wrapping up and it's time to start looking ahead to outdoors.

Under two different hats, I'm looking for officials' availability for a lengthy list of meets.

Please respond to me at [ireid1500@yahoo.com](mailto:ireid1500@yahoo.com) (with the exception of the Ottawa hosted AO Jr/Sr championships – contact Peter Hocking directly if you haven't already).

As the AOOEC Director of Availability, I'm looking for officials for the AO Championship meets. Officials selected for these meets will be contacted by the meet director or officials' coordinator. In order to be able to plan assignments, please respond as soon as possible to these individual invitations and note that the meet director is not the one responsible for assignments. Please direct any requests/preferences to me when returning your availability and contact Jacquie Downing ([jacqueandwynn@sympatico.ca](mailto:jacqueandwynn@sympatico.ca)) for any mentoring requests.

Please send to me ([ireid1500@yahoo.com](mailto:ireid1500@yahoo.com)) the following information:

- List of meets you are available for
- Which disciplines you are qualified in (and level of qualification) as well as assignment preference(s)
- Contact information (email, phone and hometown)
- Any special dietary needs.

For all availability, I will send an acknowledgement that it's been received but please note that this does not represent confirmation. Working with the various meet hosts, we will ensure that all those not selected are notified in a timely manner so their calendar can be freed up.

Even if you are not available to make any of the meets listed below, it would still be appreciated if you drop me a note so we can keep track of who is reading the newsletters.

## AO Championship meets

| Meet   | Location                | Date  |
|--|-------------------------|---|
| AO 10,000m Track Champs (JM/SM/SW)             | London                  | <b>May 18</b>   |
| AO 10 km Road Walk Championships               | Centre Island - Toronto | <b>June 1</b>   |
| AO Outdoor Spring Prep Meet & CE Championships | YorkU - Toronto         | <b>June 14 - 15</b>   |
| AO Outdoor Jr/Sr Track & Field Champs          | Ottawa                  | <b>July 19 – 20</b> (for this meet, if you haven't already, please contact Peter Hocking directly: <a href="mailto:hockingp@live.ca">hockingp@live.ca</a> ) |
| AO Outdoor Bantam/Midget/Youth Champs          | Windsor                 | <b>August 2 – 3</b>   |
| AO 20km Road Walk Champs (SM/SW)               | Welland                 | <b>September 28</b>   |

## Meets hosted by or at U of T

As the officials' coordinator for a collection of meets hosted by or just at the University of Toronto, I'm looking for officials for a number of meets ranging from twilights to the National Track League meet. I will confirm your inclusion on the meet roster as soon as possible.

| Meet  | Date  | Description  |
|---|---|--|
| Varsity Relays                              | <b>Friday May 2</b>   | This is a high school meet held during the day on Friday   |
| Nike High School Grand Prix                 | <b>Friday evening May 9</b>   | Nike promotional meet featuring school teams of varying competitive levels from across Canada<br><a href="http://www.highschoolgrandprix.ca/">http://www.highschoolgrandprix.ca/</a> |
| Toronto International Track and Field Games | <b>Wednesday evening June 11</b>  | Part of the National Track League series<br><a href="http://www.totrack.ca/">http://www.totrack.ca/</a>  |
| U of T Tuesday (mostly) evening twilights   | <b>May 6, 2014</b><br><b>May 20, 2014</b><br><b>May 27, 2014</b><br><b>June 17, 2014</b><br><b>July 3, 2014</b><br><b>July 15, 2014</b><br><b>July 22, 2014</b> | Generally Tuesday evenings (except for July 3) with field events starting about 5pm and the track about 6pm.   |

Thanks and I look forward to working with you this upcoming season.

Ian Reid

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