



Officially Speaking

December 2013

Hi all

Thanks to the officials who came out to the Annual General Meeting. We hope that it was a positive experience for all. The executive would like to thank the membership for their support and in particular for the support shown to Jacquie Downing and myself for being re-elected by acclamation. In addition we are pleased to add Sherry Purdie as our Director of Awards and Incentives, also elected by acclamation. A vote of thanks goes to Carla Freedman who served admirably in that role for the past 2 years. Since the AGM we have had some good and some bad news. The good news is that Lisa Ferdinand was elected to the Board of Athletics Ontario. The bad news is that her new duties and responsibilities have caused her to resign as our Treasurer. Fortunately we have been able to recruit the skills of René Van Andel to serve the rest of Lisa's term. A special vote of thanks goes to Lisa for her exceptional efforts in revamping the role of Treasurer and also for coordinating the Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the AGM are now posted on the AO website.

Registration:

Attached is the 2014 Registration form. Based on huge support at the AGM for the introduction of a registration fee for 2014, the AOOEC has decided to charge a nominal \$5 fee for the upcoming year with the realization that an additional fee increase will be instituted by AO in 2015. **Please include a cheque, payable to Athletics Ontario, for \$5 when you send your form to the AO office.**

Availability:

Attached again are the two lists of upcoming meets requiring officials. First of all is the list of AO championship indoor meets. Please send your availability to Ian Reid if you have not already done so. The other is a list of non-championship meets requesting officials. If you are interested in any of these events please contact the appropriate person as indicated.

Please note the corrected date for the **Provincial Legion Championship, July 11/12.**

The AO championships and most of the other meets will cover travel costs; however, please confirm with the meet contact prior to the event. In addition if accommodation is required it should be arranged prior to the event for all events.

Rule Books:

The new IAAF 2014/2015 rulebooks should be in shortly. We will send out notification upon their arrival. Details on how to purchase your new book will be announced at that time. In the meantime, the new rulebook can be accessed on the AO website under Officials and Resources.

NOC Upgrading:

Congratulations to the following officials on being upgraded at the fall NOC meeting:

Level 4: Jan Berneche - Horizontal Jumps
 Jacquie Downing – Race Walk Judge
 Gary Freedman – Horizontal Jumps
 Alicia Friday – Umpire
 Cameal Johnson – Umpire
 René Van Andel – Starter’s Assistant

Level 5 Mike Barsam – Throws
 Larry Mayhue – Starter’s Assistant
 Cathy Moncur – Umpire

Mentoring:

If you are looking to upgrade and need information or need to have a mentoring arranged, please contact Jacquie Downing, our Director of Seminars and Upgrading, jacquieandwynn@sympatico.ca

Athletics Ontario Website

The Officials’ section of the new AO website now includes information and forms for upgrading, an updated list of officials by Level and Discipline, rules and policies from AO to IAAF, and reporting forms. If you have any suggestions for additions or improvements please send them to me.

Yours in officiating
Peter Hocking
AOOEC Chair

2014 Indoor Season Availability

The indoor track and field season is fast approaching and Athletics Ontario has now selected winning hosts for the indoor season. The list of AO championships and prep meets is listed below, along with the host club. Note that at this time, no group has yet bid on the indoor prep meet 2.

Meet	Date
Indoor Prep Meet #1 Toronto (Toronto Track & Field Centre - TTFC), Project Athletics	Sunday January 26
Indoor Prep Meet #2 No host club yet	Sunday February 9 – TBC
Indoor Youth-Senior Championships Toronto (TTFC), Guelph Track & Field Club	Saturday February 15 – Sunday February 16
Indoor Bantam-Midget-Junior Championships Toronto (TTFC), York University TC	Saturday March 1 – Sunday March 2
Indoor Relays Championships and CE Champs Toronto (TTFC), Toronto Track Volunteers	Sunday March 23

Please return your availability/unavailability for these meets to the AOOEC Director of Availability Ian Reid at ireid1500@yahoo.com as soon as possible.

Include your:

- Name
- Contact info (email and phone number is fine)
- Meet availability
- Qualified disciplines (including level) in your order of preference.

I will confirm receipt and hassle you for any of the above requested information that is missing. Availability will be passed to the specific meet directors (clubs identified in the table above with one meet still TBD) and they will contact invited officials.

We'd like to hear even from those officials not available for any meets for statistical tracking purposes.

Thanks and I'll see you at the track.

Ontario Masters – Toronto Track & Field Centre

Jan 5 - OMA Mini Meet #1
Jan 19 - OMA Mini Meet #2
Feb 2 - OMA Mini Meet #3
Mar 9 - OMA Indoor Championships
Mar 15-16 - Canadian Masters Indoor Championships

Contact Doug Smith douglasj.smith@sympatico.ca

York University Track Club – Toronto Track & Field Centre

York Christmas Meet Saturday November 30, 2013 9:00am
York Open Saturday February 1, 2014 9:00am

OUA Championships

Friday February 21, 2014 1:00pm
Saturday February 22, 2014 9:00am

York University High School Invitational

Friday March 28, 2014 5:30pm
Saturday March 29, 2014 10:00am

Contact Colleen Ramharak colleenr@yorku.ca

Flying Angels Track Club – Toronto Track and Field Centre

INDOOR

Jan 12 Flying Angels Indoor Classic, York U
Mar 22 Flying Angels March Classic, York U

OUTDOOR

July 5-6 Flying Angels International Classic, TBA (GTA)
Aug 10 Flying Angels Community Games, TBA (GTA)

Each meet will have MTA divisions and an Open AO Division.

Contact - Earl Letford, Flying Angels Track Club flyingangelstrack@hotmail.com

Royal Canadian Legion – Brampton Chinguacousy Track

Royal Canadian legion district B June 21/2014
RCL Provincial Championships July 11-12/2014

Contact Frank Bucca fbucca@rogers.com

University of Toronto TC – University of Toronto Indoor Track

Fellow officials,

Since it's not long before the indoor track and field season gets going, I'd like to start collecting availability from officials for the series of university/open meets at U of T this coming winter.

The indoor track is on the top of the fieldhouse located at Spadina and Harbord on the downtown U of T campus. There is underground parking across the street under the Grad residence and the track is just south of the Spadina subway station.

If you are available, please let me know for which (or all) of the following dates and which disciplines you are interested in working:

Jan 4 (Sat) - Sharon Anderson Memorial

Jan 17 (Fri evening) - Fred Foot Pentathlon

Jan 18 (Sat) - Fred Foot Memorial

Feb 14 (Fri evening) - Hal Brown Memorial

Lunch or dinner (as applicable) will be provided as will morning snacks.

Parking and mileage (\$0.35/km) will be reimbursed.

I can be contacted at ireid1500@yahoo.com

Thanks in advance and I look forward to working with you this coming season.

Ian Reid
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