

Report from Ian Reid – Director of Availability

Another couple of productive seasons have been completed with the AO titled meets on the whole being well attended/officiated. Detailed numbers are in the tables below. Even if one isn't available for any meets, I'd still like to hear back just to know that people are reading the newsletters.

For the benefit of new officials who may not be familiar with the coordination process for AO meets (which is still always being fine-tuned) I'll give a quick summary so as to hopefully avoid some confusion in the coming season. As different clubs host different meets and they are the ones currently directly responsible for communicating to officials, I pass them the list of available officials for their specific meet and they will then contact you to officially invite you.

Even though you may have provided your availability to me a couple months previously, please confirm with the meet director when they do contact you. As people's schedules can change over the months, without that confirmation closer to the meet date, we can't know for sure if that day is still free on your calendar. We (AOO exec) are then able to make the officiating assignments based on qualifications, meet needs and desires for mentoring or new experiences (so please make sure Jacquie is up to speed on any mentoring requests).

As always, I'm open to suggestions to modify the process to make things more efficient for everyone.

Indoor Season 2016

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
CE Champs & Prep meet 1	Feb 7/York	31/28
Youth-Senior Champs	Feb 13-14/York	34/29
BMJ Champs	Mar 5-6/York	35/32
Unavailable		20
Total responses		71

Outdoor Season 2016

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
10,000 Champs	May 14/London	4
10km RW Champs	May 29/Toronto	9
Senior Champs	June 11-12/York (new)	36/33
Junior Champs/BMY CE	June 25-26/York (old)	41/38
BMY Champs	July 22-24/Windsor	35/?
20km RW Champs	Oct 2/Welland	8
XC	Nov 13/St Catharines	4
Unavailable		3
Total responses		66

Numbers over the past few years are consistent, with some variability due primarily to whether a T&F meet is held in Windsor vs the GTA. (Note that for non-2016 years, outdoor Juniors and Seniors were a single combined meet.)

Lastly, for those who haven't heard, Toronto recently won the right to host the World Masters Championships in 2020. This will be a huge meet, expecting over 6000 athletes from around the world competing in all T&F disciplines in addition to RW, XC and a half-marathon. Three stadiums (U of T, York Lions (new York) and Toronto T&F (old York)) will be involved over approximately 10 days of competition. I hope everyone will mark this meet on their long-term calendars.