

Report of the Director of Awards and Incentives

Athletics Ontario Officials General Meeting November, 2017

This has been my fourth year as Director of Awards and Incentives. It was a very busy year.

I would like to thank everyone for answering my emails regarding years of service and confirming their respective years of service. These dates are now in an excel report and will be considered your actual start date as a registered official with Athletics Ontario with respect to provincial volunteer pins that are provided by the Ministry of Immigration and Citizenship. If you did not confirm your years of service to me, please do so as soon as possible. If you are not sure, please email me and I will check for you. Volunteer pins will be issued based on those dates and issued at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 years and up. You must be a registered official in order for me to submit your name to the ministry for this prestigious recognition. If you are not registered and actively officiating in the year that you are supposed to receive your pin, your name cannot be submitted.

There are some concerns in issuing these pins when we have more than 6 officials in a certain district of Ontario. The government will only issue 6, so if I have 7 or 8 officials, I have to do some adjustments in order to ensure that people are not missed during the year they should be receiving pins. 2016 was such a year where a couple of officials did not get their pins no matter how much I pleaded with the Ministry to issue them. So those pins will be issued at a later date.

I have said this before: the volunteer pin is a very important message to each and every official that your time is for a great cause, that it is appreciated and that we do it because we love track and field. The elements that we work under aren't always the best; and sometimes things don't go according to plan. But we adjust and ensure that the athletes get their fair play on the field.

Not many jackets were ordered this year due to the few level threes that were granted but I am sure next year will be a busier, bigger year for jacket orders as officials upgrade.

As Peter has advised you, we have ordered more Athletic Ontario shirts that can be purchased by contacting the board. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me.

The recipients of the 2016 Ontario Volunteer pins will also receive the corresponding year of service pin from Athletics Canada at the AGM meeting November 26, 2017.

In closing, my position is up for re-election. If I am nominated, I will gladly accept the position of Director of Awards and Incentives. There are still a few ideas I would like to work on if re-elected such as different incentives for officials and additional incentives for recruiting junior officials.

I have enjoyed my entire term with Athletics Ontario and thank you for letting me serve.

Sincerely,

Sherry Purdie

