

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.

What the numbers don't necessarily show is that we're often scrambling in the last week or so before a meet to chase down confirmations from officials who had indicated availability months before or to scrounge up last minute additions due to lower initial numbers.

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 the Upgrading Director 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 2017

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
Relays & Prep meet 1	Jan 14/York	24/23
CE Champs & Prep 2	Jan 28/York	29/27
Youth/Senior Champs	Feb 11 – 12/York	38/38
BMJ Champs	Mar 4 – 5/York	39/38
Unavailable		13
Total responses		63 (71 in 2016)

Outdoor Season 2017

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
10,000 Champs	May 17/London	7
10km RW Champs	May 28/Toronto - canceled	7
CE Champs & Prep 1	June 10 – 11/Ottawa	16 (plus Quebec officials)
Junior-Senior Champs	June 17 – 18/Windsor	26
CSG Trials	June 24 – 25/York (new)	37/33
BMJ Champs	July 29 – 30/Brampton	41/39

20km RW Champs	Sept 24/Welland	2
XC	Nov 12/Bracebridge	7
Unavailable		3
Total responses		61 (66 in 2016)

Numbers over the past few years are consistent, with some variability due primarily to whether a T&F meet is held in Windsor or Ottawa vs the GTA.

	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Indoors					
Jan 14 Relays Champs & Prep meet 1	23	31	35	23	24
Jan 28 CE Champs & Prep meet 2	27			27	27
Feb 11 – 12 Youth/Seniors	38	34	40	38	39
Mar 4 – 5 BMJs	38	35	40	37	33
Relays				28	24
Unavailable	13	20	16	7	13
Total responses	63	71	70	58	63
Outdoors					
May 17 10,000 champs	7	4	4	3	9
May 28 10km RW	7	9	14	15	11
June 10 – 11 CE Champs & Prep 1	16				
June 17 – 18 Jr-Sr Champs	26				
June 11-12 Senior champs		36			
Senior CE Champs					20
June 25 – 26 Junior/BMY CE champs		41	35	27	36
Summer Games Trials	33				18
July 29 – 30 BMY	39	35	40	28	39
Sept 24 20km RW	2	8	6	8	
Nov 12 XC champs	7	4	10		
Unavailable	3	3	5	0	6
Total responses	61	66	60	60	61

Planning for the coming years, Toronto will be hosting the NACAC (North America, Central America and the Caribbean) championships in 2018 as well as the World Masters Championships in 2020. This latter event 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 these meets on their long-term calendars.