

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, it would be appreciated if people responded to the availability just to know that Peter's mailings are being read.

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. The model is changing a bit for 2019 with AO being the host (instead of different clubs bidding for hosting rights) and then contracting with a large local club or group for meet logistical support. This likely means that it will be the director of availability acting as the meet officials coordinator.

Even though you may have provided your availability a couple months previously, please confirm with the meet director or officials coordinator 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. The AOOEC 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).

Indoor Season 2018

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
CE, Relays & Prep 1	Jan 13 - 14/York	28/27
Youth/Senior Champs	Feb 17 – 18/York	38/28
BMJ Champs	Mar 3 – 4/York	42/36
Unavailable		13
Total responses		67 (67 in 2017)

Outdoor Season 2018

Meet	Date/Location	Available officials/Confirmed
10,000 Champs	May 13/London	7
10km RW Champs	May 27/Toronto - canceled	14
Junior-Senior Champs	June 22 – 24/York (new)	53/52
OSG	Aug 3 - 4/London	43
BMY Champs	July 21 – 22/Windsor	31
20km RW Champs	Oct 13/Welland	11
XC	Nov 12/King City	9

Unavailable		6
Total responses		73 (61 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.

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Indoors						
Jan 13 – 14 CE, Relays Champs & Prep meet	28	23	31	35	23	24
Jan 28 CE Champs & Prep meet 2		27			27	27
Feb 17 – 18 Youth/Seniors	38	38	34	40	38	39
Mar 3 – 4 BMJs	42	38	35	40	37	33
Relays					28	24
Unavailable	13	13	20	16	7	13
Total responses	67	63	71	70	58	63
Outdoors						
May 13 10,000 champs	7	7	4	4	3	9
May 27 10km RW	14	7	9	14	15	11
June 10 – 11 CE Champs & Prep 1		16				
June 22 – 24 Jr-Sr Champs	53	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	43	33				18
July 21 – 22 BMY	31	39	35	40	28	39
Oct 13 20km RW	11	2	8	6	8	
Nov 11 XC champs	9	7	4	10		
Unavailable	6	3	3	5	0	6
Total responses	73	61	66	60	60	61

Planning for the coming years, Toronto will be hosting the NCCWMA (North and Central America and Caribbean Region of World Masters Athletics) championships in 2019 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&FC (old York)) will be involved over approximately 10 days of competition. I hope everyone will mark these meets on their long-term calendars as they will be all-hands-on-deck.

NCCWMA Toronto: July 18 – 21 2019

WMA Toronto: July 20 – August 1 2020

<http://wmatoronto2020.com/>

This will be my last report as I will not be standing for re-election at the 2018 AGM due to other new life commitments. However I fully expect to regularly be officiating at meets and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Thank you to everyone who has officiated at any of the meets I've been involved with over the past six years in this role.