



AO Town Hall Written Summary – October 28th

On today's town hall meeting for coaches, officials and clubs we had a presentation from Athletics Ontario Board of Directors member, Robin Campbell, on the newly release safe sport policy manual. This week, Robin discussed the updated **Code of Conduct** and new **Children & Vulnerable Adults Policy**. Robin's full presentation is available for review on the [town hall](#) page of our website!

Pertinent updates include:

- Athletics Ontario is happy to provide your club with a letter of support if you are having issues gaining access to training facilities or acquiring city permitting. Please email Anthony Biggar at anthonybiggar@athleticsontario.ca.
- The Athletics Ontario Officials (AOO) AGM will take place on Saturday November 21, 2020 via zoom. [More details.](#)
- Athletics Ontario AGM will take place on Sunday November 22, 2020 via zoom. [More details.](#)
- The group held a discussion regarding the details of a new safe sport levy, to be implemented for the 2021 membership year.
- The AO board of directors proposed a 2 year introduction of the fee, however the group of coaches, clubs and officials on the town hall recommended that we implement the full levy amount at once,
- **Therefore, a \$5 levy will be implemented to all Athletics Ontario membership fees for 2021 membership year** (excluding U8, U10, and U12 members)
- During the safe sport discussion, it was reminded that the new CAC safe sport course is a great opportunity to educate all members on the topic. The course is completely free and available at <https://thelocker.coach.ca/onlinelearning#SS>.

Cross Country

- We are still working on finalizing the details regarding the November 14-15 Cross Country Championship.
- AO is considering a multi-region format with a west, central, and east location in effort to limit non-essential travel.
- We hope to have details confirmed by next Wednesday.

Safe Sport Policy Manual Schedule

Below is the schedule for the remaining four week's presentations. We encourage members to review the scheduled policies before each week's call. The goal is to address 2-3 policies per week and discuss them in detail, rather than trying to grasp the understanding of all nine policies at once.

November 4 (NEXT WEEK)

- Complaints, Dispute Resolution and Discipline Policy
- Whistleblower Policy

November 11

- Appeal Policy
- Alternative Dispute Resolution Policy
- Event Discipline Policy

November 18

- Screening Policy
- Membership Policy

November 25

- Concussion Management

If you have any questions regarding any policies included in the manual, please submit them in advance to office@athleticsontario.ca or on your trackie registration form each week. In addition, we welcome any feedback you may have upon review of the new manual. Please also send any feedback to the same email address.

PPE Kit Distribution

We are in the final process of distributing complimentary PPE kits to all Athletics Ontario member clubs. We will be offering **TWO** final opportunities for clubs to pick up their kits from our office at 3701 Danforth Avenue, Scarborough (Variety Village).

The last two dates are **Wednesday, November 11th** from **3:00-7:00PM** and **Wednesday, December 9th** from **3:00-7:00PM**.

If you are located outside of the GTA or unable to pick up during the final two dates and times, we will be offering shipping. **Clubs will be required to cover shipping costs.** Shipping cost will range from \$15.00 to \$25.00 depending on your club's location in the province and the number of kits your club will be receiving

If you require shipping, you must confirm with [Saheed Khan](#), no later than **December 1st**.

Please contact Saheed Khan at coaching@athleticsontario.ca to arrange your pick up or shipping arrangements. If you are picking up, please indicate which day you intend to do so.