



AO Town Hall Written Summary – October 7th

On today's town hall meeting for coaches, officials and clubs we discussed pertinent updates regarding the outdoor track and field season, the cross country season, National Coaches Week, coaching course opportunities, AO Virtual After School Athletics, upcoming competitions and more.

Pertinent updates include:

- The Canada Summer Games have announced their decision to expand the age categories for the next games to U25.
- AO has been approved to host a cross country event at Sunnybrook Park in Toronto and working on approval to host an additional event in Centennial Park.
- With the rising case numbers in several areas of the Province, all scheduled events are subject to change or cancellation with short notice. We are monitoring the status of all events on a day-to-day basis and will do our best to remain hosting meets safely.
- We will be having an AO board member on next week's call to discuss the newly released Safe Sport Policy Manual, which became effective October 7th, 2020.

THE NEW SAFE SPORT POLICY MANUAL IS HERE!

During the last two years, the AO Board of Directors and staff have been focused on strengthening the safe sport environment for Athletics in Ontario. At the core of this safety net is a robust new safe sport policy framework. We want all Athletics Ontario athletes, coaches, parents, officials and volunteers to feel safe and trust the sport system. It is crucial that safety in sport is understood and applied across all sports, with no exceptions.

The new Safe Sport Policy Manual gathers together **nine policies** that form an important part of the initiatives we have been taking to foster and maintain a safe sport environment. AO has had many of the components of these various policies for some time, but we have updated the policies and procedures and consolidated all of them into a single and easier to follow manual.

To read all about the new Safe Sport Policy Manual, please visit:

<https://athleticsontario.ca/the-new-safe-sport-policy-manual-is-here/>

or visit the [Safe Sport Information](#) page of our website.

Hall of Fame Committee Call Out

We are now accepting nominations for the AO Hall of Fame Committee! Learn more about this committee by reading the [Hall of Fame Committee Terms of Reference](#).

If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact HoF committee Chairman, **Ian Anderson**, at office@athleticsontario.ca - no later than **October 10th, 2020**.