



Officials Town Hall Written Summary – November 3, 2020

The full audio/video summary of the meeting is available on the AO Town Hall page of our website: <https://athleticsontario.ca/ao-town-hall/>

AGENDA ITEMS:

- Safe Sport Policy Manual Overview
 - From Athletics Ontario Board Member, Robin Campbell
- Proposed Safe Sport Levy
- Membership Update
- Athletics Ontario Officials Annual General Meeting

SAFE SPORT POLICY MANUAL OVERVIEW

Athletics Ontario Board Member, Robin Campbell, gave a brief overview of the new Safe Sport Policy Manual, outlined some of the main areas that have been updated, and identified key areas of focus for officials.

View Robin's written presentation here: <http://athleticsontario.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Speaking-Notes-re-Safe-Sport-Policy-Manual-Nov-3-Officials.pdf>

For more information, please visit the Safe Sport Information of our website: <https://athleticsontario.ca/safe-sport-information/>

If you have any questions regarding any policies included in the manual, please submit them to office@athleticsontario.ca. 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.

SAFE SPORT LEVY

- 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 has already approved a safe sport levy to be implemented for the 2021 membership year.
- The \$5 levy will be added to all competitive athlete, coach and club memberships. Recreational athletes and Officials will be excluded from this fee.
- The fee will cover the cost of appointing trained professional investigators, rather than appointed AO volunteers, to deal with future complaint investigations. The hope is to shorten the investigation process and improve the quality of resolution in a timely fashion.

- The board proposed a 2 year introduction of the levy, however on the October 14 Town Hall for coaches, club associates and officials, the group recommended that we implement the full levy amount at once (beginning in the 2021 membership year).

The group of officials decided to carry the motion to the AOO AGM where they will decide if the officials will be included in the implementation of the levy, and on what timeline they feel is best to implement the levy.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Anthony Biggar introduced the proposed new requirement for coaches and officials to maintain their certification for the 2021 membership year. Officials will be required to take the free NCCP course, Safe Sport Training, in the locker.

About the course:

By completing the Safe Sport Training e-module, you will gain the knowledge and skills to create healthy and safe environments by recognizing, addressing and preventing maltreatment in sport.

The eLearning will take approximately 1–1.5 hours to complete. You can complete the Training in multiple sessions. You can save your progress and pick up where you left off.

If you are also an NCCP-certified coach, you can earn 2 professional development points towards your maintenance cycle by completing this module

Cost: FREE

NCCP Safe Sport Module: <https://coach.ca/safe-sport-training>

ATHLETICS ONTARIO OFFICIALS (AOO) AGM

Date: Saturday November 21, 2020

Time: 9:30am – 12:00pm

Location: The 2020 AOO AGM will be held virtually via Zoom.

Agenda: To be Confirmed

Register: https://www.trackie.com/online-registration/event/ao-officials-annual-general-meeting-on-line/467741/#.X6F_DtBKjcs

The online registration will close on Thursday, November 19 at 9:00pm.

Note: 2020-21 World Athletics Rulebooks may be purchased for \$15 including shipping. (Individuals purchasing a rulebook will also receive an AO Mask and an Officials pin, if applicable).