



Competition Committee Report November 2020

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Committee Meetings

- December 12, 2019
- February 16, 2020

Summary

Our committee continues to look at procedure changes/updates to championships to improve its delivery and efficiency. The committee also had numerous informal correspondence to review proposals on competition structure and sanctioning updates. The committee approved an updated co-hosting structure, where multiple clubs are involved at each championship. The new structure simplifies responsibilities for the club and allows smaller clubs to easily be involved that would normally not be able to co-host due to the lack of volunteers.

Issues

Meeting Issues

- Review 2020 indoor season co-hosting structure and formally create application for clubs to utilize on future Athletics Ontario championships.
 - o Opportunities to leverage multiple club participation as volunteers at championships.
- Championship fixtures for 2021
- Sanctioning requirements.
 - o Minimum requirements to be approved by official's council.
 - o Layout and formalize tiered sanctioning.
- Length of competitions and availability of officials
 - o Long term official development.

- Leverage small clubs that have infrastructure to host competitions. Simplify and promote official development.
- Formalize and schedule U8, U10, U12 events for outdoor and cross-country championships
- COVID-19 restrictions required altered competition protocols.

Specific Duties

The Competitions Committee shall:

- Establish the annual fixtures list for championships in consultation with the Technical Committee.
- Be responsible for the non-technical aspects of the Bid Application for the hosting of AO Championships.
- Ensure that consistent operating procedures are adhered to with respect to the meet management as outlined in the Policies and Procedures Document.
- Recommend to the Finance Committee, amendments to the Hosting Agreements, as appropriate.
- Ensure that the Hosting Agreements are delivered to the HOC and retained at the AO office.
- Establish and implement regular evaluation of AO Championships, through both committee evaluation tools and membership surveys.
- Evaluate and monitor the effectiveness of sanctioned competitions in meeting the Athletics Ontario Development and High-Performance objectives.
- Review reports and surveys for Championship meets and determine the implications for future planning and coordination of these meets.
- Provide post summary report to HOC's outlining successes and areas for improvement.
- Evaluate, identify, or monitor those activities and areas, which currently (or have the potential to) pose significant risks to the association.
- Recommend measures for the board, as required, on associated policies or procedures that will assist in avoiding or controlling association risks.

Near-Term Plans

- Championship Bid updates. Rollout new structure to all three championship seasons (indoor, outdoor, cross-country). Refine roles/descriptions and formalize application for championship co-hosting.
- Plan for potential indoor/outdoor competitions, using current COVID restrictions.
- Structure of Policies and Procedures for the Staging of Provincial Championship to be finalized.

Report submitted November 17, 2020.

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