

Officials Availability 2020 - Report from Kathryn Dertinger – Director of Availability

This is my second year in this role. I have asked all officials to return availability forms even if not available to aid in tracking. I have created an availability folder in Google Drive which is shared with the Director of Upgrading (Phil Martin) so that he is able to access availability of officials. In addition we share access to the master availability spreadsheet and this has helped us to coordinate official's assignments for upgrading.

Challenges

- Technical Managers - we have only a few technical managers and this continues to be a challenge for indoor meets in particular and at some meets this year we had NO tech manager assigned for part of the weekend. If any official would like to get training in this area please let Phil Martin and I know.
- Availability - a lack of officials for several meets combined with limits on officials availability made staffing meets difficult. While the total number of officials available for indoor was up from 2019 it is still lower than in previous years. The number of officials indicating no availability for indoor continues to rise.

Indoor Season 2020 - (Request for availability sent Dec 7, 2019)

The indoor season was busy with 5 championship meets plus the addition of the U8/U10/U12 group for the first time. Some of the meet fixtures again were somewhat changed this year with different dates and combinations. The ON/QC Duel meet was hosted by Quebec this year. Entries were high especially for AO ICS#2 & #3. Total number of available officials this indoor season was up a bit from a low in 2019 but still not as high as in previous years. Several officials only available for one day of a weekend. This made it difficult to adequately staff meets. The week following the last 2 meets everything was brought to a halt with the shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Meet	Date/Location	Available Officials/ Confirmed	Part Day Available
AO ICSM#1 -: AO Relay Championships and Prep	Jan. 11–12 TTFC	27 / 24 Confirm Date: Dec 26	5
AO ICSM#2 - AO Combined Events and Prep	Jan 25/26 TTFC	30 / 30 Confirm Date: Jan 1	9
AO ICSM#3 - U18 & Open Championships (Youth/Sr)	FEB 8-9 TTFC	38 / 34 Confirm Date: Jan 17	8
AO ISCM#4 U14/U16/U20 (BMJ)	FEB 29 - Mar 1 TTFC	36 / 32 Confirm Date: Feb 2	10
AO ISCM#5 U8/U10/U12	Mar 7th TTFC	19/6 Confirm Date: Feb 16	0
AO ISCM#6 - Ontario Masters	March 8th TTFC	33/27 Confirm Date: Feb 16	2
Total Responses		67 (53 in 2019; 67 in 2018)	
Unavailable for indoor		18 (17 in 2019; 13 in 2018)	
Total available		49 (36 in 2019; 54 in 2018)	

Outdoor Season 2020 (No request sent out)

- Outdoor season officially cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic
- By late summer some small meets were being held
- Emails were sent out by AOO President Peter Hocking for officials to respond to individual meet directors with interest.
- Meets were held in Baden, Bolton, Brampton, Caledon, Hamilton, King City, Niagara, Ottawa, Peterborough

PARTIAL SUMMARY OF AO OFFICIALS OUTDOOR 2020

Meet/Location	Date	Estimated # of officials
Ottawa Twilight #1	July 29	4
Phoenix 800/100/400 - Birchmount Park - Toronto	August 2	4-5
Ottawa Twilight #2	August 5	9
Bullets Back to Track #1 - Brampton	August 7	7-8
Ottawa Twilight #3	August 12	7
Ottawa Twilight #4	August 15	6
Bullets Back to Track #2 - Brampton	August 16	5-6
Ottawa Twilight #5	August 19	6
310 Running Invitational #2 - Bolton	August 22	3
Niagara Olympic Club Mini meet - St. Catharines	August 30	4
Southwest Throws - Woodstock	Sept 1	2
Bullets Back to Track #3 - Brampton	Sept 4	5
Niagara Olympic Club Mini meet #2- St. Catharines	Sept 12	5
Thorold Elite Back to Track #4 - Brampton	Sept 13	
Cruisers Classic Para Meet - Brampton	Sept 19	8
Hamilton Fall Field Fest	Sept 20	5-6
Niagara Olympic Club Mini meet #3 St. Catharines	Sept 26	5
Bullets Back to Track #5 - Brampton	Sept 27	4-5
Cruisers Para Meet - TTFC	Oct 3	6

Reminders for officials regarding availability:

- Check the [AO Website](#) for Championship fixtures, dates & locations
- The AOO President will send out an initial 'call for availability' before each season begins.
- Please reply DIRECTLY to the Director of Availability as soon as possible by completing your availability sheet to the best of your knowledge at the time.

- Notify the Director of Availability of any changes to your availability in a new and separate email.
- 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).