



Competition Committee Report November 2022

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Summary

The competitions committee focused on developing an update to the sanctioning criteria and create a new tiered system to differentiate between high calibre competitions from more casual/grassroots events. The projected release of the new sanctioning protocols to be rolled out for the 2023 outdoor season.

Championships in Ontario have continued to evolve and have added more efficiencies as well as features that continue to need developing. The committee has agreed that the Outdoor U20 & Open Championships will continue to be the gold standard for executing all desired improvements for future championships. As the championship continues to garner larger participation, event operations, spectator entertainment, increase in the quality of competition, and sponsorship has been the pillars of the discussions throughout the year. The committee will be reviewing a sponsorship deck as well as updated procedural documents being built specifically for Ontario championships.

Formalizing the new hosting criteria has been the final priority for the competitions committee. A timeline for the rotation of the Ontario championships and process for objectively selecting interested parties are to be formalized for the 2023 season.

Issues

Meeting Issues

- Ontario championships require a substantial number of resources and minor championships need to be attached to other events to be delivered effectively. The following will need new innovative ways to deliver more sustainable and engaging championships.
 - o Ontario Masters Championships
 - o Rising Stars Festival

- 10,000m Track Championships
- 10,000m & 20,000m Racewalk Championships
- Indoor & Outdoor Combined Events Championships
- 2023 has another packed summer with multiple international competitions. A balanced schedule and coordination with AO's High-Performance Manager is needed in order to encourage member clubs to host necessary meets for athletes looking to qualify for national teams.
- One new member has been recruited for the 2023 – 2024 years but another 2 spots still need to be filled. Joining the 2023 year will be Steven Fife of Thorold Elite. Outgoing members are Frank Bucca, John Stevenson, and Jason Bunston (Board).

Near-Term Plans

Both indoor and outdoor championships will be back to full operations in 2023. Including the return of the U16 ON vs. QC Dual Meet. Final spots of the committee will be filled by the end of the year and updated sanctioning protocols will be released in the winter in time for members to start planning their 2023 outdoor sanctioned events.

Mandate

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.

Roles

The Committee Chair shall lead meetings, set the meeting schedule, arrange meeting place/call, prepare the agenda, and keep (or ensure the keeping of) minutes to record discussions and actions taken at all meetings. In addition, the Chair is responsible for reporting progress, project timelines, or providing written recommendations and reports. Committee members must participate in discussions and share the workload. Each member's expertise, whether it is a skill or knowledge, contributes to the Committee's success. When assigned a task, it becomes each member's duty to complete the task and report back to the Committee.

Meetings

The Committee will meet as required or at a minimum, will meet three (3) times per year. Meetings may be held in person or by telephone conference. Carrying out the work of the Committee effectively requires a commitment to attend all meetings. Any Committee member who is absent, without reasonable excuse as determined by the board, from three consecutive meetings, will be considered to have resigned his/her position and shall be so informed in writing.

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