

Officials Availability 2022 - Report from Kathryn Dertinger – Director of Availability

The Director of Availability is responsible for sending out requests for availability for AO CHAMPIONSHIP meets only and assigning officials to roles with input from the AOOEC. While the AOOEC may forward requests and assist in finding officials for other meets (eg. NxtChamp etc.), officials are to communicate directly with the meet director for other meets. In addition, meets such as Legion, OSG & CSG are not under the control of AO and officials are reminded to follow instructions provided by outside organizations for those meets.

Responding to the Request for Availability

Officials are asked to reply with their availability as they know it at the time of the initial request for availability for the indoor and outdoor seasons so that planning for the season can begin. Changes to that availability can be made as necessary by updating the Google form and emailing the Director of Availability that a change has been made.

Indoor Season 2022 - (initial request sent out Dec 22; Update Feb 7 with Google Form & revised dates; Update Feb 20 revised dates)

Despite some optimism that we would have a regular start to the year - COVID struck again and the dates for the indoor championships were revised at least twice which made keeping track of everyone's availability particularly challenging. A Google form was created so that officials could update it themselves without submitting a whole new document.

Meet	Date/ Location	Available #Officials/ #Confirmed	Total # Level 1 / Provisional	Only Partial Day Availability
AO ICSM#1 -: U18/Open/OMA Championships (FIELD ONLY)	FEB 26 - 27 TTFC	35 / 33 Confirm Date: Feb 20	5	19
AO ICSM#2 - U18 & Open Championships (TRACK ONLY)	Mar 5 - 6 TTFC	29 / 23 Confirm Date: Feb 26	6	6
AO ICSM#3 - U16/20 (Field Only)	MAR 12/13 TTFC	24 / 19 Confirm Date: Mar 5	3	11
AO ISCM#4 U16/20 (Track only)	APR 9 - 10 TTFC	28 / 22 Confirm Date: Mar 25	7	11
AO ISCM#5 U8/U10/U12/U14 (Rising Stars) & CE	APR 23 - 24 TTFC	32/ 29 Confirm Date: Apr 9	8	9
Total Responses to call for indoor availability		81 (67 in 2020*; 53 in 2019)		
Unavailable for indoor		28 (18 in 2020*; 17 in 2019)		
Total available		53 (49 in 2020*; 36 in 2019)		

*no data for 2021 indoor due to Covid

Outdoor Season 2022 (Initial request sent out May 16 Reminder May 20)

By the spring a list of tentative dates/locations for outdoor meets were set and the outdoor season began to take shape. The outdoor season was once again very busy with 4 championship meets dates plus the CSG Trials, OSG, and CSG. Availability was completed using a Google Form.

AO Summer Championship Meets

- **Request for availability for the AO Championship meets** was sent out on May 16th to all registered officials (2022 & 2021) This was a little later than usual due to the fact I had Covid in April. Reminder sent on May 20.
- **Available officials** - There are 137 registered officials (2022). A total of 83 officials responded in some form to requests for availability. 14 of those were not available at all for 2022. Only 69 (50%) of the registered officials were available for outdoor championships.

AO OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS SUMMARY 2022

Meet	Date/Location	Available # Officials/ # Confirmed	Total # Level 1 Provisional	Only partial day Availability
AO OCSM#1: AO U20/Open/ & Para Championships	JUN. 10-12 TTFC	47 / 44 Confirm Date: May 25	7	26
Canada Summer Games Trials	JUL 2 - 3 TTFC	46 / 33 Confirm Date: June 5	8	5
Ontario Summer Games	JUL 22 - 23 Mississauga	42 / 34 Confirm Date: July 2	6	7
AO OCSM#2: U14/16/20 Champs + U18/20/Open CE	JUL 29 - 31 London	39 / 32 Confirm Date: July 2	6	7
AO OCSM#3 - AO OMA Championships + SO	AUG 6 - 7 TTFC	35/ 28 Confirm Date: July 25	5	2
AO OSCM#4 Rising Stars Champs + U12/14/16 CE + OMA Throws Pentathlon	AUG 13 - 14 TTFC	27/22 Confirm Date: July 25	6	6
Total Responses to call for outdoor availability		83 (67 in 2020&21; 96 in 2019)		
Unavailable for outdoor		14 (15 in 2021; 20 in 2019)		
Total available		*69 (52 in 2021; 52 in 2019)		

*The # of available officials has risen somewhat mostly due to new provisional & Level 1

AO 20km RACEWALK CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

- Held in Kanata, ON in cooperation with the Bytown Walkers Fall Classic Race Walks.
- 6 racewalk officials were assigned to this championship meet.

AO CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS 2022

- The XC meet was held in Kingston on November 13th and hosted by the Physi-Kult team
- A starter and a referee were assigned to the meet and worked with experienced club volunteers to run the start and finish lines.

CHALLENGES IN 2022

- **Availability** - There were a large number of officials who changed their availability both early in the season (beginning of July) as well as many last minute changes within days of each meet. Many of our officials were also working CSG so that led to limited availability later in the summer.
- **Other meets** - June had 2 big meets (OFSAA & NxtChamp) on either side of AOOCSM#1; OMA was the same weekend as Legion Nationals (which had several senior officials out of town). Many other smaller meets as well meant a challenge staffing meets.
- **AO policy** of a registration deadline less than a week before the meet makes assigning sufficient qualified officials difficult. Assignments are difficult to finalize before final registration numbers are in. I have advocated for moving the registration deadline to no avail.
- **Meet Schedules** - the addition of CE events, Special Olympics & Throws Pentathlon onto championships has our ability to supply appropriate numbers of officials stretched to the limit. I have advocated that next year we need to see a return to a separate CE meet.
- **Qualifications** - there are several areas where we have limited officials with qualifications - Tech Manager; CE Ref, Track Ref. These positions do require a great deal of knowledge and while we do have officials working to learn these areas in the meantime it falls to a small number of individuals.

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 by editing the Google form and letting me know in an email to look for changes.
- The AOOEC are then able to make the officiating assignments based on qualifications, meet needs and new experiences, and evaluations.
- When responding to availability emails please make sure that you are replying in the correct email thread. (e.g. do not put questions regarding the U20 meet in the confirmation reply to the Masters meet)
- Please do not REPLY ALL to availability emails.