



## Technical Committee Report September 2024

### Committee Members:

Chair - Randolph Fajardo (Staff)

Harry Stansos

Cathy Barry

Zach Jones

Garfield Reid

Michael Chapman (Official)

Barclay Frost (Official)

New Member: Sharon Powel (Official)

New Member: Lynn McFerran (Official)

### Summary

Priorities during the 22-23 fiscal year:

- Championship technical rule modifications
  - o Clarify age groups that can move up in divisions for championship events.
  - o Clothing regulations at championships.
  - o Correction to the how many age divisions are counted towards overall indoor and outdoor championship club banners.
  - o Addition of the 300mH to the U18 championship offering to bridge the gap between U16 and U18 age divisions.
  - o Clarifying how and when starting heights in vertical jumps will be decided and when they will be made public.
  - o Adding high jump to the *Special Warmup Provision* at provincial championships.
  - o Simplify the definition of which events will be included in team championship scoring and removing step-up table requirements for club championship scoring.
  - o Adjusting terminology in the Athletics Ontario Competition Procedures & Technical Rules where they were not completely updated.
  - o Clearly defining the method that Masters scores will be calculated for club championship scoring.
  - o Clearly defining the method that para scores will be calculated for club championship scoring.
  - o Adjusting eligibility definitions that are required to be within technical packages.

- Amendments document created to track yearly adjustments to the AOC&TR document along with rationale for changes to any procedures or rules.
- Adjusting the Records document and process to expedite records recognition.

## Issues

- Not completed but to be discussed in the 24-25 fiscal year.
  - o U18 indoor combined events and if they should be changed from pentathlon to heptathlon.
  - o Additional discussion on Rising Stars and the future of the offerings at events as well as what to do with the Rising Stars Finale.
    - Recruited Lynn McFerran to assist with the restricting of the AOC&TR.
  - o Assimilation of Masters rules into the AOC&TR.
    - Assistance to be provided in a sub committee comprising of Brian Keaveney, the Athletics Ontario Officials Council Chair, and Doug Smith, the, Masters Council Chair.
  - o Restructuring of the AOC&TR to match the WA rule book. Scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2024.
  - o Create a comprehensive championship evaluation form that includes sections for officials, volunteers, participants, spectators, coaches, and host organizers.
    - Provide an outlet for technical rule recommendations/adjustments.
- Adjust Rising Stars age group technical rules and event offerings for future Festivals.
  - o A combined event format that is more informal and encompasses as many LTAD events.
  - o Is the traditional championship format schedule sustainable or needed for the age group.
- Additional members needed: athlete or club representative from Western or Northern Ontario.
- Completion of the post-event survey for gold and silver tier sanctioned competitions needs to be adjusted and easier for officials to provide feedback.

New members added to the Technical Committee are Sharon Powel and Lynn McFerran.

## Near-Term Plans

Priorities include streamlining and simplifying AOC&TR to make decisions quicker or easier for officials. This also includes regulating the required information on technical documents and making the AOC&TR the place to find generic rules rather than overfilling the technical package for championships. Restructuring and simplification of the AOC&TR should achieve this goal and make it a go to document during championships. Lastly, additional technical rules still need to be adjusted or discussed through the next fiscal year.

## 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.

Report submitted September 12, 2024.

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