



## Competition Committee Report November 2023

### **Committee Members:**

Steven Fife  
Garfield Reid  
New Member: Balaramana Palasubramaniam  
New Member: Monique Simon-Tucker  
New Member: Kathryn Dertinger (Official)  
Brian McClelland (Board)  
Randolph Fajardo (Staff)

### **Summary**

Focus on developing a more streamlined major championship schedule that allows athletes to be able to easily compete in multiple event disciplines and mitigate having to rush in between track and field events. Reviewing of the tiered sanctioning criteria and simplifying the post event survey to ensure event issues can be addressed with meet directors. An update to the championship bid application to be rolled out for upcoming 2024 championships and beyond. Recommended 4 to 6-year fixture plan for better planning of championship locations and variety of competition site.

Although the outdoor championship season was able to be delivered effectively with an increased number in participation rates, the organization will run into another packed schedule for the 2024 outdoor season. New strategies will need to be developed to increase or incentivise more individuals throughout the province to help deliver provincial championships in Ontario. Especially in years where Ontario Summer Games are delivered.

New members added to the Competitions Committee are Kathryn Dertinger, Monique Simon-Tucker, Balaramana Palasubramaniam.

### **Issues**

#### Meeting Issues

- Create a comprehensive championship evaluation form that includes sections for officials, volunteers, participants, spectators, coaches, and host organizers.
  - o Provide an outlet for technical rule recommendations/adjustments.
- Rising Stars sanctioned competitions and how to add more opportunities that are focused for these age groups.

- Sanctioned competitions throughout summer are not readily available or offered. In many cases, members must compete with older age groups as open sanctioned competitions.
- There is a desire for Rising Stars focused meets.
- Adjust the championship bidding requirements. Will need to roll out bids for the Outdoor U14, U16, U18 Athletics Championships, and Cross-Country Championships.
- Progression for athletes in the intermediate hurdles to be adjusted. 300mH may be added as a bridge between the 200mH and 300mH.

### **Near-Term Plans**

Adjustment of the Athletics Ontario Championship Procedures and Technical Rules to line up with World Athletics rule book format for easier rule references. Formalizing Masters rules within AOC&TR. Produce new ideas for Rising Stars Festival 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.

Report submitted November 15, 2023.

Randolph Fajardo  
Competitions Committee, Staff