



## Technical Committee Report November 2023

### Committee Members:

Harry Stansos

New Member: Cathy Barry

New Member: Zach Jones

New Member: Garfield Reid

Barclay Frost (Official)

Enrico Toscano (Official)

Randolph Fajardo (Staff)

### Summary

The technical committee had one meeting this year and numerous non-formal discussions via email and phone calls through the 2022 – 2023 season. The priorities were to ratify pending records, discussing recommendations to adjust event offerings, specifically for the U8, U10 & U12 Rising Stars divisions. Merge Masters rules into the AO Championship Procedures and Rules. Additional consultation for assimilation of Masters rules into AO Technical rules to be provided by Brian Keaveney, the Athletics Ontario Officials Council Chair, and Doug Smith, the Masters Council Chair.

The committee is also looking at enhancing sanctioning requirements by adding a mandatory official's report to be submitted after each sanctioned event to confirm the proper delivery of the event to members.

New members added to the Technical Committee are Garfield Ried, Zach Jones, Cathy Barry.

### 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.
- Create an amendments document that include rule rationale for current and future rules that members can review if there are questions about specific technical rules.
- Additional members needed: athlete or club representative from Western or Northern Ontario.
- Adjust Rising Stars age group technical rules and event offerings for future Festivals.

- A combined event format that is more informal and encompasses as many LTAD events.
- Is the traditional championship format schedule sustainable or needed for the age group.
- Completion of the post-event survey for gold and silver tier sanctioned competitions needs to be adjusted and easier for officials to provide feedback.

### **Near-Term Plans**

The committee will look to produce an alternate format offering for the Rising Star Festivals in partnership with either the Programs and Services Committee and/or the Athlete Advisor Committee. Further adjustments to provincial sanctioning criteria to streamline and simplify applications. The Masters division to be formally added to indoor and outdoor club scoring procedures. Masters centric technical rules to be integrated into the AO Championship Procedures and Technical Rules.

### **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.

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