



## **Athletics Ontario Officials Report April 2023 to March 2024**

The Athletics Officials registration is over 160 members varying from very active to inactive. We have established a new mentoring program for new officials. The mentoring process is now being monitored much more closely to ensure that new officials aren't lost by the wayside.

A number of officials were able to take part in out of province events to add to their experience during the indoor season:

McGill Challenge, Montreal 2

Knights of Columbus, Saskatoon 1

Canadian Masters, Montreal 3

Usport. Winnipeg 4

AC Indoors, Montreal 12

In 2024 we initiated a series of discussion groups on different disciplines geared towards officials who had limited knowledge of the event. These presentations were very well received and will be continued again in the indoor season.

Officials continued to be recognized through our incentive program.

Our official of the year for 2023 was Lisa Ferdinand who was the starter for the sprint events at the World Championships in Budapest

Our main emphasis is to educate and upgrade our officials.

For our more experienced officials there have been many more opportunities to attend clinics to aid in their upgrading. We had 30 officials attend clinics in western provinces by using zoom.

We had 23 officials upgrade to the next level.

The AOO executive will continue to work on the age old problem of recruitment and retention. Officials continue to be key volunteers in the development of athletics.

AOO Chair

Peter Hocking