

Important information from the 2017 Canada Summer Games Organizing Committee for Athletics regarding volunteering at the games. In short, if you want to volunteer with Athletics (Track & Field) at the games, you need to contact the individuals below. The general call for volunteers will not allow you to select a specific sport:

Replies should be directed to our Canada Games Volunteer Coordinators: Evelyn and Kim

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With the 2017 Canada Games coming up next year, July 28 to August 13, Athletics Manitoba and the 2017 Canada Games Organizing Committee for Athletics would like to recruit as many track people as possible to volunteer for the Games. The Canada Summer Games Host Society is doing a general call for volunteers; however, if you would like to volunteer for Athletics specifically, please contact the individuals noted above. We will soon be taking non-track people if we don't have enough track volunteers from the clubs to participate.

Here are some positions where you can volunteer: (If you speak French we will need translators at most sights at the track, so you would be a great person to get on board)

- Track side as assistant officials i.e. measuring, putting up the bar etc.
- Award presentations i.e. helping with organizing how the medals are handed out
- Announcing, on the mic, French is good to have, or spotting for the officials on the mic
- Technical support in various areas i.e. filming races for the officials, support roles in computer areas
- Hosting, food area to feed officials and volunteers, (at the track, not in the athlete village)
- Helping coordinate/schedule the volunteers, like yourself!
- Coordinate the basket carriers, be a basket carrier, usually our younger athletes
- Monitoring an entry gate, collecting tickets,
- Security, being a security guard
- Helping with results, computer input skills
- Hurdle Crew, Set up crew, etc.
- Athletes Control Center, i.e. Marshaling athletes

There are three distinct roles that you could volunteer for:

1. To become an accredited official. This process will take some time for training and some practical work to be accredited to work on the field of play. A person could start this process during the indoor season volunteering at the meets to gain credits to be an official. This is an area where we need a large number because Manitoba is very short of accredited officials.
2. To be a technical assistant. This is a position that could lead to being a full official, if so desired. We need upwards of 80 volunteers to be: umpires, photo time assistants, pit rakers, high jump bar replacers, tape holders, indicator board makers, implement retrievers and wind gauge operators.
3. To be a track side volunteer. This is a support position around the track. We need upwards of 100 volunteers that would: set up equipment for the event about to take place, carry the baskets for the athletes' sweats from start line to finish area, assist in the post event area, mix zone area, assist in the awards area, work as ticket takers and ticker sellers at the gate, assist in security areas, assist in spectator services, hosting services.