



MANITOBA TRACK and FIELD OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all officials who were out to officiate during the Indoor Season. The Outdoor schedule won't be available until sometime in April. Athletics Manitoba is waiting for the U of M to release the schedule.

Any MTFOA official who does not have a name tag please email Jennifer Campbell je_camp@shaw.ca so we can order one for you.

MTFOA officials are reminded that it is a requirement to complete the Sport Manitoba online Respect in Sport course. There is a link on Athletics Manitoba website. It takes about three hours to do BUT you do not have to do it all at once. When done please contact Diana Stevens and let her know your code number. If you have done it for another sport please go back in and add athletics to list of sports.

Athletics Manitoba will not be ordering new IAAF rule books this year; the order will be placed in 2010. MTFOA will use the 2008 orange covered rule books for now. The full version of the 2009 rule changes can be found at http://www.iaaf.org/mm/Document/AboutIAAF/Publications/04/87/90/20081229021635_hhttpostedfile_CompitionRules2009-eng_7874.pdf

When officiating you must wear the NOC official uniform – white golf shirt, navy pants/navy skirt/navy shorts (Bermuda style- knee length). If you are not in uniform your hours can not be counted.

The executive has decided to purchase new navy vest for all active MTFOA officials. To receive a vest means you have worked eight credit hours and have paid your \$15.00 to Athletics Manitoba. The membership is important because it has legal liability coverage. If you officiate and have not paid and you are sued then you are not protected. Please contact our treasurer Wendy Verbong wabas@mts.net Thank you.

The National Officials Committee (NOC) will be holding their spring meeting here in Winnipeg April 24 to 26. All Branch Officials Chairs (BOCs) and NOC executive meet to discuss important issues; upgrading criteria, IPC rules, mentoring, awards, new rule changes, recruitment & retention strategies, BOC reports. All NOC minutes can be found at <http://www.athletics.ca/main.asp>

Congratulations to the following MTFOA officials who have completed all the requirements for their new levels:

Level 4 Throws David King
Level 4 Starter's Assistant Richard Winton

The MTFOA Annual General Meeting will be held early May. There will be more information sent out in April. At the MTFOA AGM the 40 % indoor list will be made known.

Athletics Manitoba has a new executive:

Chair	Terry Armstrong
1 st VP	Jennifer Campbell
Secretary	Kevin Booker
Treasurer	Jeff Vince

Please remember to be considered for travel you must do 40% indoors and 40 % outdoors. Look forward to seeing everyone in the spring and summer for AM's outdoor season.

National Championship Events:

Seniors	Toronto	June 25 – 28
Juniors	Charlottetown	July 17 – 19
Legions	Sherbrooke	Aug 7 – 9
Canada Games	Charlottetown	Aug 15 -29

If you have any questions / concerns please contact MTFOA branch officials' chair Kathy Pettinger 661-9506 mackayk@hotmail.com