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N.O.C. News

2009 Major Event Successes

Five major meets have been hosted across the country, including the usual three Canadian Championships. Toronto hosted the Seniors for the first time in many years. It was a record first for Prince Edward Island, as it hosted the Canadian Juniors and the Canada Games. Never before has the island province hosted any national level meet. The World Police and Fire Games saw 10,000 athletes arrive in Vancouver for the multisport event. The track meet took place over five days with athletes coming from all five continents. National clinics and individual mentorship sessions were held at each of these meets.

IPC Clinic:

This summer Jennifer Campbell organized an IPC official's workshop in Ontario which was attended by 18 officials. Eight of these officials were from Ontario and were self-funded. The other ten were sponsored by A.C. and came from 5 provinces. (See the October 2009 Minutes and AC website for further information.)

Officials' Development, Mentoring

It was a busy summer with 34 mentorings done.

SENIORS - 9 JUNIORS - 7

Canada Summer Games - 6

Legion and Youth Championships - 5

World Police & Fire Games & Other - 7

National Championship Events 2010

World Indoor Masters Champs, Kamloops, Mar. 1-6
Can. Marathon Championships, May 30, Ottawa
Canadian Junior T & F Champs, July 2-4, Moncton
World Junior T & F Champs, July 20-25, Moncton
Canadian T & F Championships, July 28-31, Toronto
The Legion Canadian Youth T& F Champs, Aug 6-8
Ottawa

For a complete List see the October Minutes and the A.C. calendar on the A.C. Website

N.O.C. and Branch Chairs will meet in Winnipeg, April 16-18.

N.O.C. Nominations have been called for two positions to be received by the end of February. If you are interested please contact your Branch Chair.

(An archive of meeting minutes, NOC-NOC Newsletters and other documents are available at

<http://www.athletics.ca/main.asp>.

Click on the "Officials" tab to get to Officials information.)

Award Winners 2009

Official of the Year

Jennifer Campbell (Manitoba) was chosen as the NOC Official of the Year. Jennifer is a Level 5 Starter and Starter's Assistant. She has served on the Manitoba Officials Committee for many years and is currently part of the NOC. She is also very active in officiating with the Special Olympic group. The award was officially presented to Jennifer at the A.C. Congress in November.

NOC Wall of Honour

Mike Illingworth, Ontario

Densil (Bud) McInnis, Alberta

Upgrading for 2009

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

Level 5:

Mary Wittenberg, Alberta - Vertical Jumps 5

Janice Walker-Szoraz, Saskatchewan - Starter's Assistant 5

John Metcalfe, Ontario - Starter 5

Serge Thibaudeau, Quebec - Track Referee 5

Suzanne LaFrance, Quebec - Vertical Jumps 5

Level 4:

Sherry Purdie, Ontario - Umpire 4

Helen Vasilic, Ontario - Track Referee 4

Heather Climenhaga, Alberta - Starters Assistant 4

Norma Morgan, Alberta - Horizontal Jumps 4

Marcel Poulin, New Brunswick - Starter 4

Mervin Witter, Ontario - Starter 4

Serge Turgeon, Quebec- Horizontal Jumps 4

Jean Raymond, Quebec - Starters Assistant 4

Gilles Rochette, Quebec - Starter 4

Roger Poirier, Quebec - Track Referee 4

Roger Latulippe, Quebec - Throws 4

Vernon Schmidt, Alberta - National List - Meet Secretary

New AC Liaison

NOC enjoyed having **Alanna Boudreau** in attendance at our October meeting. She is the new AC staff liaison for officials.

A Reminder to Branch Chairs

Nomination forms for your Official of the Year and Wall of Honour candidates are due March 30. These should be sent to LeRoy Washburn.

New IAAF Rules for 2010-11

The new IAAF rule book for 2010-2011 has quite a few changes. Outlined below are the changes that will affect most officials. You should go through the rule book and read the changed rules in context to understand the full intent of the changes. The IAAF Handbook for 2010-2011 can be found at <http://www.iaaf.org/competitions/technical/regulations/index.html>

125.5 Warnings by Referee: “Warnings and exclusions shall be entered on the result card. Those warnings and exclusions decided by a Referee shall be communicated to the Competition Secretary and to the other Referees.”

132 Competition Secretary “A Technical Information Centre (TIC) will be established for competitions... and is recommended for other competitions held over more than one day. The main function of the TIC is to ensure smooth communication between each team delegation, the organisers, the Technical Delegates and the

competition administration regarding technical and other matters relating to the competition.”

144 2.c. “Assistance except for shoes complying with Rule 143, the use of any technology or appliance that provides the user with an advantage which he would not have obtained using the equipment specified in the Rules.”

146. Protests: many additions referring to protests of decisions during an event. Read for content.

160. Track Measurement: “...The inside of the track shall be bordered by a kerb of suitable material, approximately 5cm in height and minimum 5cm in width and it should be coloured white. The kerb on the two straights may be omitted and a white line 5cm wide substituted. ... This shall also apply to the section of the steeplechase track where athletes divert from the main track to negotiate the water jump, to the outer half of the track in the case of starts according to Rule 162.10 [split starts] and optionally to the straights, in this latter case, at intervals not exceeding 10m.”

162 The Start 162.5 Reasons for the starter to abort the start and the Referee to warn/disqualify. Read for content.

162.7 False Start: “[From 1 January 2010] Except in Combined Events, any athlete responsible for a false start shall be disqualified. In Combined Events, any athlete responsible for a false start shall be warned. Only one false start per race shall be allowed without the disqualification of the athlete(s) responsible for the false start. Any athlete(s) responsible for further false starts in the race shall be disqualified. (See also Rule 200.9(c).)”

165.5 Hand Timing: “Timekeepers shall use manually operated electronic timers with digital readouts. All such timing devices are termed “watches” for the purpose of the Rules.”

165.19 Chief Photo Finish Judge duties are outlined. Read for content.

180. Field General: 180.5 Trials: “*Note (ii): If one or more athlete(s) is permitted by the Referee to continue in a competition under protest in accordance with Rule 146.4(b), such athletes shall compete in all subsequent rounds of trials before all other continuing in the competition and if more than one, in the same relative order according to the original draw.*”

180.16 Trials Timing Combined Events: “1 or consecutive trials 2min [HJ] 3min[PV] 2min[Other]”

180.19 Ties: “Except for the High Jump and Pole Vault, the second best performance of the athletes

having the same best performances shall determine whether there has been a tie. Then, if necessary, the third best, and so on. Except in Vertical Jumps, in the case of a tie for any place, including first place, the tie shall remain.”

181. Vertical Jumps: 181.8 Placings and 181.9 Jump Off : Process has been rewritten. Read for content.

183.11 Vaulting Poles: “The pole may have protective layers of tape at the grip and of tape and/or any other suitable material at the bottom end.”

230.3a) Race Walk Chief Judge: “An athlete who is disqualified by the Chief Judge under these circumstances shall be allowed to finish the race. He shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge’s Assistant by showing the athlete a red paddle at the earliest opportunity after the athlete has finished the race.”

In Memoriam – Keith Beard - Manitoba

Keith Beard (1927-2009) Born at Cinderford, England, he immigrated to Canada with his wife Irene and daughters in 1957. He worked in the Winnipeg School Division as a teacher in Special Ed, Vice Principal and Principal.



Keith began officiating back in his native England in 1948 and has worked at every major provincial, national and international meet since moving to Winnipeg. His resume includes three Commonwealth Games, two Pan Am Games, an Olympics, a World Championship and one World Student Games. In 2002 he was the first official to be named to the Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame solely because of his work as a track and field official.

Keith Beard’s influence on track and field has extended far beyond race day. He has served on the executive of the Manitoba Track and Field Officials Association for 34 years, including four as chairperson. He is also a former chair of the National Officials Committee for Athletics. He has also played an instrumental role in developing and

conducting clinics for officials at the local, provincial and national level.

Paralympics Rules Review

This is the first part of a three part series on International Paralympic Rules.

By way of history, Paralympic activities began around 1948 in England with a purpose of providing sports competition opportunities for soldiers with disabilities who returned from World War II. In 1952 England and the Netherlands had a competition which eventually evolved, by 1960 in the 1st Olympic style games for athletes with a disability (in Rome, Italy). 1988 (Seoul) saw the first Paralympic Games held in the same location as able bodied Olympic Games then in Albertville France in 1992 the first winter games were held. In June 2001 the IOC and IPC (via the International Organizations of Specific Disability Sports) signed a formal agreement to implement Paralympics after Olympic Games in same city.

Generally Paralympic rules follow the IAAF rules for able bodied athletes with exceptions. There is an International Paralympic Rule Book which, like IAAF rule books has a “best before date”. The IPC 2009 rule book is being modified as the IAAF book.

In Canada there are a few things the official needs to know in addition to the IAAF rule book and a few things to become familiar with. All officials should be aware of the “classification” system, however, the classifications of athletes are completed prior to competitions and using certified classification individuals (eg. doctors and therapists with a detailed knowledge of disabilities and sports). In the back of the IPC rule book, the classification system is outlined.

For more information consult the IPC Athletics Classification Manual for Physical Impairments 2008-2010 www.paralympic.org

Some of the key rule differences relating to equipment and athletes include:

For wheelchairs and measurements for wheelchairs which are done in the call room

- Measurements and inspections take place without the athlete in wheelchair
- 2 Large wheels: maximum diameter including the inflated tire shall not exceed 70 cm per wheel
- Small wheel: maximum diameter including the inflated tire shall not exceed 50 cm

- No part of chair may protrude behind the vertical plane (back tires)
- Only hand operated mechanical steering devices allowed
- Strapping: non-elastic material and attached to chair
- No mirrors or speedometers
- Athlete may be asked to demonstrate turning and braking (this is done with athlete in the chair!)

For throwing chairs which are also done in the call room

- Inspections and Measurements taken without the athlete in the chair
- Maximum height of throwing frame, including cushions used as a seat shall not exceed 75cm
- All parts of the frame must be fixed with no flexible or articulating joints
- Frame may have a “holding bar” but it must not have any articulation or joints

For athletes who are blind or visually impaired

- Opaque glasses: athletes in sport class T/F 11.
- Escorts / guide runners are permitted but must wear a distinctively coloured vest (provided by Organization)
- Heat sheets to indicate deaf/blind athletes
- Forms for assistance (eg. To help set blocks or to mark the runway for jumps, etc.) must be submitted or be available to the call room

There are other rules related to other classifications for which technical officials should be familiar.

Part 2 will focus on the Competition rules for track events while Part 3 will focus on Competition rules for field events.

Overall the Technical Delegate has the responsibility to oversee all areas of the competition:

- Inspect Call Room and Call Room operations
- Oversee that heats, finals are drawn correctly
- Check results including knowing how to separate classifications when several classes have combined in a heat
- Supervise / help with set up of throws chairs, if required
- Can inspect a frame / wheelchair at any time before or after an event

There is a Power Point presentation (as a PDF file) outlining the IPC rules which is available on the Athletics Canada Website in the Officials zone under Other Forms “IPC”. Check it out and if you have any comments or wish the “.pps version”, please send them to David Weicker (dweicker@shaw.ca)

What’s Your Ruling?

1. A Race Walker is stopped in the Call Room and asked to remove his heart monitor strap. He claims it is legal and refuses. As Call Room Referee, what do you rule?

2. You arrive at the track to find that the curbing has been removed on the main straight and the first bend for last night’s concert . Today, there is not enough time to replace it. As Track Referee, what do you rule?

3. In the third round, a field judge has missed the mark in a discus competition and the competitor protests that this throw (unlike her first two) would put her into the final eight. As Field Referee, what do you rule? If you allow the protest and let her compete, how do you arrange the next round?

4. Three competitors are tied for first place in the High Jump. The chief decides on a jump off and raises the bar 3cm (as was the agreed amount at the start of the competition) to the next height after the tying height. All jumpers miss and the chief now lowers the bar back to the tying height. A coach protests claiming that is not correct, that they should have a second jump at the current height. As Jumps Referee, what do you rule?

5. There is one false start in lane 2 in the 110m Hurdles Decathlon. The starter asks the Starter’s Assistant to show the red card to Lane 2 for disqualification. The runner protests the disqualification after one false start and the starter explains the new “one and you’re done” false start rule. As Starts Referee, what do you rule?

AC Congratulates Two Canadian Officials

Athletics Canada would like to congratulate both Jane Edstrom and Alice Kubek on recently being named to the International Technical Officials (ITO) Panel for the period of 2010 to 2013. Both are International level 5 Technical Officials and were named to the NACAC area by the International Association of Athletics Federation (IAAF).

Jane Edstrom of Winnipeg, MB has decades of experience officiating at the international level including at World Championships, World Junior Championships, World Youth Championships, and at the Commonwealth Games. Jane is a past president of the Manitoba Officials’ Committee and a current member of Athletics Canada’s National Officials’ committee.

Alice Kubek of North Saanich, BC is also a veteran of officiating with over 35 years of service. Kubek's long term commitment and contributions to track and field have led to numerous recognition awards including the Ian McNeil Award for Official of the Year, Ralph Coates Award for Longstanding Service, the BC Athletics Hall of Fame, and the National Officials Committee Wall of Honour.

The IAAF appoints International Technical Officials following very stringent workshops, exams and many years working in the sport.

Forms Library

All the forms you need can be found on the now easy to get to Officials section of the Athletics Canada website. These are in PDF format and can be found under the Forms heading. They include mentoring forms, applications for upgrading, nomination forms and many others.

Refresher for Mentors

If you have agreed to do a mentorship at a meet, please remember to...

- Contact the official to be mentored ahead of time to discuss your approach.
- Go over the mentoring form and mention item you will be expecting to observe in each category.
- At the end of each session discuss what you observed, outlining the good and bad points.
- Remember that two successful mentoring are required for upgrading and if "needs to continue" is checked off then the mentoring cannot be used as a completed session.
- Also, for Level 5, in ALL sections the criteria must be FULLY met for the mentoring to be considered complete.
- It is imperative that you return the completed form to the official being mentored by the end of the meet. As well as discussing it with him or her.
- READ THE FORM thoroughly before and after!

Need a Mentoring this Summer?

Mentoring requests need to be sent to Bud McInnis through your Branch Chair. Let your Chair know as soon as possible so that he/she can arrange a match up for you.

Your Branch Officials Chair needs to identify and prioritize those officials who want to be mentored and provide the following information to Bud:

1. discipline/level sought
2. official's contact information
3. the meet and the mentors used for the official's current level (3 or 4).

A Reminder to Officials

Please be sure you keep your meet record cards up to date and signed. Photocopies or the original cards must accompany your NOC upgrading application request. The next deadline date for upgrade application requests is March 31, 2009. Please forward your submission to your Branch Officials Chair at least two weeks before this deadline date.

Contact NOC Members

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Answers to "What's Your Ruling"

1. *Unless he has been cleared by the Medical Delegate and/or Track Referee having written proof that it is a medical necessity, the heart monitor would be considered a technical device for pacing (Rule 144.2) and the athlete would not be allowed to compete until it is removed.*

2. *As long as there is a white line marking the inside edge of the track (Rule 160.1) then the straight does not need a curb. The first bend must have a curb or have cones placed on it at no more than 4 metre intervals before any races using that part of the track can begin.*

3. *The Referee should allow the athlete to have replacement throw to substitute for the miss in the third round.
Should the Referee not do this and decide to allow her to join the final three rounds, she must be placed first in the throwing order and allow 9 finalists.(Rule 180.5 Notes)*

4. *Two wrongs don't make a right. The jumpers only get one jump at each height and the bar will now be lowered(or raised if they had made it) by 2cm. (Rule 181.9)*

5. *The Referee (having read the current rule book) would allow the runner to compete and remind the starter that the false start rule for Combined Events is "one false start per race shall be allowed without disqualification". (Rule 200.9(c))*

To All Officials:

Please pass this copy of NOC-NOC along to any officials that you know and may not have received it.