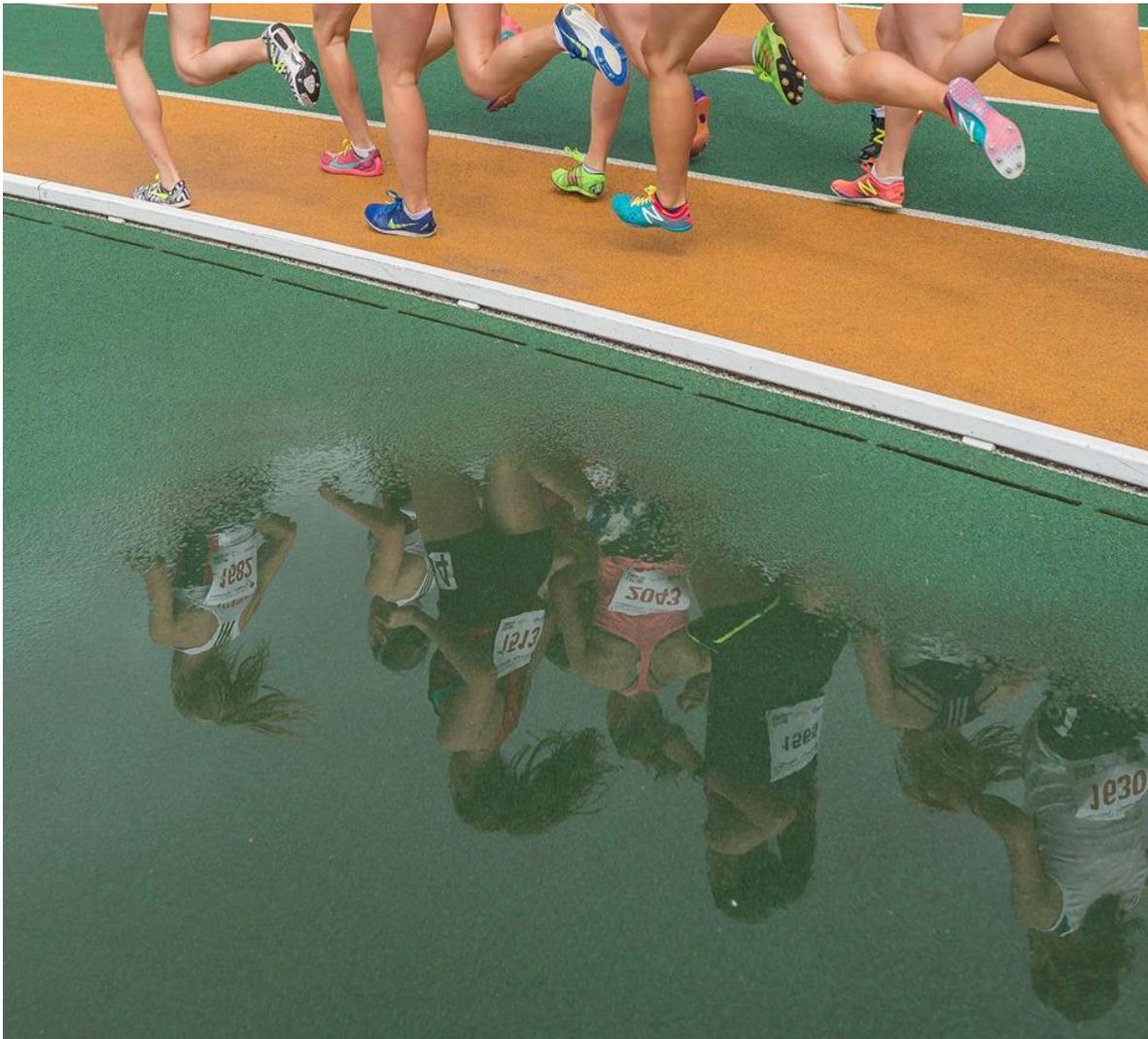




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By Jack Leman

Upon reflection, and despite the at times damp weather conditions,



(Sorry for the play on words but just had to use this image)

the 2016 Canadian Track and Field Championships/Rio Olympic/Paralympic Trials was an exceptional experience which I expect will remain in the memory banks of many of us for some period of time.

There are a large number of photographs from this competition posted here:

<http://athletics.ca/photos-from-the-actrials/#sthash.T1QWpLlh.dpbs>

I have downloaded a few to highlight the activities of some of our crews at this meet.

Umpire team getting into position.....and looking good doing it!



A rather high profile jumps athlete (and ultimately a Rio gold medal winner) poses with a group of our field officials.



Our horizontal jumps crew.



The starts team.



Those of us involved in track officiating know how stressful lap scoring can be. This capable crew looks very relaxed and appears to be coping easily with the pressures of the task.



Or perhaps the race hasn't started yet?

And speaking of stressful situations.....



I'll stick with track event officiating...thank you very much.

And finally, a note of thanks was received from Scott MacDonald of Athletics Canada:

"On another note, I just wanted to thank and congratulate you and your team on a successful Olympic Trials! The surveys were very positive and most references to officiating were very good (including call room!) so please pass this on....."

2015 Athletics Canada Official of the Year

Congratulations to Philippa Fairbairn, Athletics Canada 2015 Official of the Year. This well deserved recognition was presented at the awards banquet held in conjunction with the 2016 Canadian Track and Field Championships.



Philippa with Jane Edstrom

Webinars

There were a number of officiating webinars done earlier this year and they are now posted on the Athletics Canada website.

They can be accessed here:

<http://athletics.ca/programs/coaching/webinars/#sthash.kf7Eh69W.dpbs>

Password for the IPC Rules Webinar is **IPC2016** and for IAAF Rules is **IAAF2016**

Technical Delegate

There has been some discussion on the matter of having a formal Technical Delegate designated/appointed as an official at our meets. Athletics Alberta has agreed to give this a try at some of our Edmonton meets during the current indoor season. The responsibility of the position would be to ensure our meets are conducted in compliance with IAAF/AC/AA competition regulations and any other specific requirements of the meet technical package.

Dress Code - Uniforms

As most of us are aware, the Athletics Canada/NOC standard officials' uniform is a white golf shirt and navy slacks/skirt/shorts (no jeans).

Those of us who have been involved in officiating for any length of time likely have more than a couple of (dozen) white golf shirts hanging in our closets however sometimes it is not quite so easy to acquire navy blue slacks or appropriate cooler weather outer gear (white jackets).

To facilitate this process, Athletics Alberta has found a clothing distributor who is able to source out and find clothing that suits our needs. The first group order will start with a simple white jacket, a navy cargo pant and if the distributor's relationship is successful they will branch out into other items like zip off cargo pants, rain jackets, etc.

There will be clothing sizing kits available at the Athletics Alberta office and they will also be available at the upcoming Golden Bear Open meet in Edmonton and the Jack Simpson meet in Calgary.

So have a look at what is available at the next opportunity.

Jogging

- Edmonton officials will have noted at the Last Chance meet that we now have a complete new set of umpire binders. Our thanks go out to Pat March for undertaking this task and the Edmonton Officials' Fund for covering the cost of the materials involved.
- A reminder of the importance of renewing your Athletics Alberta membership prior to the end of the year. There is no cost/fee involved. Failure to renew means no insurance coverage is provided for the unregistered official should an accident occur at any of our meets. Renewal also keeps you on the mailing list for our Provincial bulletins and National Officials' updates.

Upgrading

Athletics Alberta officials who were upgraded at the fall Alberta Officials' Committee meeting are as follows:

PROVINCIAL

Level 1 – General

Peter Bassett

Janet Dixon

Kellie Gray

Harry Liu

Jennifer Ling

Douglas Wilson

Level 2 - General

Trevor Elliott

Keith Lorimer

Alix Steward

Trudy Tienkamp

Level 3

Sharon Duke – **Horizontal Jumps**

Milan Kostelnik – **Horizontal Jumps**

Terry Protz - **Starter**

Cathy Simpson – **Track Referee**

The recent National Officials Committee meeting in Ottawa resulted in upgrading for the following Alberta officials:

NATIONAL

Bing Chu – **Horizontal Jumps 4**

Mark Rowe - **Throws 4**

Michael Samson – **Throws 5**

Pat March – **Umpire 5**

Ken Phillips – **Vertical Jumps 4**

Christine Rapp – **Throws 5**

Simon MacKintosh – **Umpire 5**

Congratulations to all of the above officials for the many volunteer hours required to achieve these designations!

Athletics Alberta Officials' Committee

Chair – Louise Buskas

Vice Chair – Ian Gordon

Edmonton Zone Coordinator – Philippa Fairbairn

Calgary Zone Coordinator – Cathy Simpson

Medicine Hat Coordinator – Liz Haubrich

Provincial Upgrading Coordinator – Eric Wittenberg

Communication/PR Coordinator – Jack Leman

Members at Large – Ken Philips, Chris Baker



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