



Athletics Alberta Officials' Bulletin

June 2022

2022 Officials' AGM

The 2022 Athletics Alberta Officials' AGM was a Zoom meeting held on May 4th.

Full meeting minutes are posted in the Officials' Section of the AA website.

The following items were dealt with at this meeting.

Officials' Upgrading

Levels 1 & 2

John Findlay – Edmonton - L2
Maggie Hibbert – Edmonton - L2
Shamille Pless – Edmonton - L2

Level 3

Gord Hobbins – U3
Cathy Scott – U3
Karen Harris – SA3
Vinod Rana – T3, HJ3
Corrine Timmer – HJ3

Thank you to the above officials (and their mentors) for their contribution to athletics officiating and congratulations on your progression through the upgrading process!

Officials' Award Winners

AA Officials of the Year	Gord Murray and Denise Roche
AA Novice Official of the Year	Pamela Fischer
AA Volunteer of the Year	Ian Gordon

Congratulations.....and well deserved!!

Officials' Committee Elections

Calgary Coordinator – Mihaela Cozma

Mihaela agreed to let her name stand. Elected by acclamation

National Upgrading Coordinator – Ian Gordon

Ian agreed to let his name stand. Elected by acclamation

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Level 1 & 2 Upgrading Coordinator – Janet Dixon

Due to work commitments Janet is stepping down. She nominated Michael Samson. Elected by acclamation.

Thank you to Janet for all her efforts in getting this process up and running!

National Officials' Committee (NOC) Update

There are changes coming to the process utilized in the recording of meet experience credits for each official.

The change to this process is as follows:

Officials' Management System

The new electronic officials' management system will be implemented in the next few months. You will be getting more information via email when it has been set up but here is a brief overview.

Your Official's Profile will be created from existing information – what level(s) you are at, what training you have taken, your qualifications, etc. You will sign in using your UNIQUE email. If you are sharing an email with another athletics official, you will need to create your own email as tracking is done via your email. Your credentials to sign in will be sent to this email and you will be asked to create a new password.

Once your account is created, you will be able to sign up as available for meets as soon as they are put into the system. After the meet, the meet organizer will enter your credits online. For a while, continue to keep your meet record card until we ensure that it is being tracked and recorded properly. You can print a copy of your information and what meets you have made yourself available for. Should your availability change, you can adjust your signup for a particular meet. Details of what discipline(s) you would be assigned at a meet will be sent by email.

There will be an app available for this as well as a website.

A few things on how this will be administered:

1. You MUST be a registered official to be on the system.
2. You MUST have a unique email.
3. When fully implemented, it will keep track of credits earned at meets, but you will still need to submit copies of evaluations for upgrading.
4. You can edit your personal information, but only an administrator can adjust your credits, training, etc.

Further information will be sent once it is available.

Information about Mentoring and Upgrading

There have been a number of questions lately about the mentoring and upgrading process and this should address many of them.

As new officials sign up, we pair them with a mentor who is someone you can turn to with your questions about athletics and the things you need to do and

expect. We have a small backlog of people who have not yet been assigned mentors and we are working to get this completed.

The Officials' Committee goes over upgrading requests in March/April and then again in August/September. It is up to you as an official to get ALL of your documentation into the chairperson or upgrading coordinator by the March 31 and August 31 deadlines.

Chairperson Irene Gaudet officialschair@athleticsalberta.com

Level 1 and 2 coordinator Michael Samson samson_michaelg@hotmail.com

Level 3 coordinator Eric Wittenberg eric.wittenberg@gmail.com

For Level 1: 6 credits

For Level 2: 12 Credits, a report completed by your mentor (or a designate assigned by the mentor) and completion of the Level 101 and 201 online courses <https://athletics.ca/get-involved/officials/become-an-official/>

You can send in your card for Level 1 AND Level 2 – but you MUST have 18 credits minimum AND have completed the online courses AND have the mentor's report.

For Level 3: this is where you pick a discipline. You will be assigned a mentor who is in that discipline, and you can turn to them for questions about the discipline. 16 credits – in that discipline (i.e. Umpire, or Throws, or Horizontal Jumps, or Vertical Jumps, etc.). 8 of the credits must be as the chief or assistant chief. You must complete a discipline specific clinic and complete the handout quiz. You must complete a general Level 3 exam which is based on the current rulebook. Your mentor will determine your progress and when they feel you have enough knowledge of the discipline, you will be assigned an evaluator who will assess whether you meet the requirements of a Level 3 official in that discipline. Finally, it should be at least one year since upgrading to Level 2.

For Level 4: This is also discipline specific. We will assign discipline specific mentors and they may be different than your previous Level 3 mentor. 24 credits in the discipline, ALL must be as chief of the event. 8 of the credits must be at a National meet. You need to complete a Level 4 clinic and complete the

assignment for the clinic. You need 2 evaluations by DIFFERENT officials, one of whom is an out of province official. The assignment of evaluators and the meets at which the evaluation will be completed is done by the National Officials' Committee. There will be an online course on World Para rules (has not yet been completed). Finally, it should be at least two years since upgrading to Level 3.

For Level 5: This is also discipline specific. We will assign discipline specific mentors and they may be the same person as your Level 4 mentor. 36 credits in the discipline, ALL must be as chief of the event. 8 of the credits must be at a National meet and 4 of the credits have to be at a National Championship. You need 2 evaluations by DIFFERENT officials, one of whom is an out of province official. Again, the assignment of evaluators and the meets at which the evaluation will be completed is done by the National Officials' Committee (NOC). Finally, it should be at least three years since upgrading to Level 4.

(Note that article does not reflect the change in recording credits to the online process as explained in the "Officials' Management System" shown on Page 3)

NOC Upgrading Process

Officials Maintenance Program

This program is being implemented by the National Officials' Committee (NOC). Any official who is not actively working toward upgrading must comply with the following requirements starting the end of 2022.

Must obtain 30 points after certification over a 4 year cycle (for recertification)

Participate in training (webinar or in person) to update the rules (15 pts)

Participate in a national training in your discipline after certification (10 pts)

Points per year (min 8 credits) (2 pts)

Participate in training (online or in person) (2 pts)

Attend the Officials' AGM each year (1 pt)

During the 4 year period if the official doesn't reach 30 points, the official will have to comply with the following requirements in order to recertify at the same level:

Pass a theoretical exam in the discipline (80%)

Pass a practical evaluation

Officials' Clothing

Athletics Alberta has a limited supply of officials' clothing for sale as set forth below:

Pants - \$35.00 – 1 each of the following sizes - W10, W14, W16, W22, M34, M40, M44



Jacket - \$30.00 – 1 each of the following sizes – W-XS, W-M, W-XL, M-S, M-M, M-3XL



We are also selling white polo shirts with the old AC and old AA logos for \$20 each. Unisex XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL

You may contact Irene Gaudet if you wish to purchase any of this clothing.

Officials' Committee 2022 – 2023

Chair – Irene Gaudet

Past Chair – Louise Buskas

Calgary Coordinator – Mihaela Cozma

Edmonton Coordinators – Philippa Fairbairn & Norma Morgan

Medicine Hat Coordinator – Brenda Bower

National Upgrading Coordinator – Ian Gordon

Level 3 Upgrading Coordinator – Eric Wittenberg

Level 1 and 2 Upgrading Coordinator – Michael Samson

Communications/PR Coordinator - Jack Leman