



Athletics Alberta

Officials' Bulletin

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The 2018 outdoor track and field season is already upon us as the first meet of the outdoor schedule was held in Calgary the weekend of May 12. It will be the usual fairly busy summer especially with a couple of meets, the ASAA Provincial Championships in Red Deer and the Alberta Summer Games in Grande Prairie, requiring travel for the officiating crews.

In addition, there will be a Track Takeover meet held in Calgary this year on June 28th. This will be high quality invitational meet involving primarily 100m, relay, high jump and pole vault events. It is rather unique in that the track events will be conducted on a four lane track laid down on MacLeod Trail, the pole vault event will be held in Olympic Plaza and the high jump event will be held in front of City Hall. Mark that date on your calendar!

IAAF Competition Rules

As we are all aware, the 2018-2019 Competition rules came into effect November 1st, 2017. There has been an amendment to Race Walk Events rule 230.7(c) which came into force March 5th, 2018.

The amendment document can be viewed from here:

<https://www.iaaf.org/about-iaaf/documents/rules-regulations>

For those of us (referees) obsessive enough to want their rule book fully up-to-date at all times, I have formatted the layout and print size of this revised rule (as shown below) so that it can be printed off and inserted/taped into the actual rule book. The amended portion of the rule is highlighted in bold type.

c) A Pit Lane shall be used for any race where the applicable regulations for the competition so provide and may be used for other races as determined by the relevant governing body or Organisers. In such cases, an athlete will be required to enter the Pit Lane and remain there for the applicable period once they have received three Red Cards and are so advised by the Chief Judge or someone delegated by him.

The applicable period in the Pit Lane shall be as follows:

Races up to and including	Time
5000m/5km	0.5min
10,000m/10km	1min
20,000m/20km	2min
30,000m/30km	3min
40,000m/40km	4min
50,000m/50km	5min

An athlete who fails to enter the Pit Lane when required to do so, or remain there for the applicable period, shall be disqualified by the Chief Judge. **If an athlete receives a third Red Card and it is no longer practicable to direct him to enter the Pit Lane before the end of the race, the Referee shall add the time he would have been required to spend in the Pit Lane to his finishing time and adjust the finishing order as may be necessary.** If, at any time, the athlete receives an additional Red Card from a Judge other than one of the three who had previously sent a Red Card, he shall be disqualified.

Coiled Version

Those of us with “coiled” (as opposed to “bound”) versions of the 2018 – 2019 IAAF Rule Book need to be aware that there are numerous sections in the coiled version that do not read the same as the finalized version of the IAAF Rule Book posted on the IAAF website.

There has been an “errata” document prepared highlighting all of these changes and it may be viewed on the Officials’ page of the AA Website. Some of these changes are simply grammatical in nature while others are technical and reflect reference changes to rule #'s. We recommend that each official with a coil rule book have a look at this errata document and make the appropriate changes to their copy of the rule book.

IAAF Rule Books

One of significant changes in the formatting of the 2018-2019 rule book was the inclusion of **notes (in green)** in many of the sections. These notes provide explanation and clarification of the intent of many of the rules and as a result can give us, as officials, significant insight as to how the rules should be applied during competitions. We therefore recommend that those who have not yet had a detailed look at the new rule book make a point of looking at the sections of the rules governing those events they are involved with on an ongoing basis.



Athletics Alberta Officiating Awards

The Athletics Alberta Awards Banquet will be held in Calgary on June 16th. At that banquet, awards presentations will be made to Rene DeGagne as Novice Official of the Year and to Irene Gaudet as Official of the Year. Congratulations to these two and thank you for your work over the past year which resulted in these well deserved awards!

Irene Gaudet – 2017 Official of the Year

Rene DeGagne – 2017 Novice Official of the Year

Athletics Canada Awards

Ian Gordon was recently inducted into the **Athletics Canada's Officials Wall of Honour**.

Ian has been officiating for 30 years. He is a Level 5 Track Referee and a National Mentor and Clinician. He has officiated at multiple national championships, the IAAF Championships, NACAC and World Masters Championships. He's been a member of both the Alberta Officials Committee and the AC National Officials Committee. In 2016, he was the Athletics Canada Official of the Year.

Congratulations to Ian for this well deserved recognition.

The following three Alberta officials were recently presented with **Athletics Canada Long Service pins**.

Bud McInnis – 35 years service

Mary Wittenberg – 35 years Service

Ian Gordon – 30 years service

Thank you to all three for their significant contributions to athletics officiating in Alberta and Canada!

Upgrading

At the recent Athletics Alberta Officials Sub-Committee annual meeting in Red Deer, the following Alberta officials were recently upgraded in their respective positions:

Provincial

Level 1

Kate Dupuis – Calgary
Gail Phillipchuk – Edmonton
Dale Schinkel – Edmonton
Heng Zhui – Edmonton

Level 2

Lizane Boucher	Mark Seville
Hank Fast	Sharon Sherman
Rene DeGagne	Corrine Timmer
Sonya Hassan	Ralph Troschke
Dave Keenan	Gerald Wilke
Laura Heureux	Ian Wilson
Scott Ratzlaff	Shari York
Brenda Sallis	

Level 3

Emly Anderson – Umpire
Marianne Chichak – Walks Judge
Becca Gould – Starter
Noella Lee Pong – Starter
Lisa Lem – SA

Provincial List

Irene Gaudet – Jury of Appeal
Mary Wittenberg – Jury of Appeal

National

Marianne Chichak – Umpire 4
Bing Chu – Field Referee – Jumps 4
Lisa Lem – Umpire 4
Jack Yee – Throws 4

Athletics Canada Survey

Athletics Canada is conducting a brief survey on gender equity and has asked that officials take part in this process. The survey may be accessed here:

<https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4302825/Officials-Equity-Survey>

Officials Sub-Committee

Several positions were up for re-election this spring and the composition of your Officials Committee is now as follows:

Chair – Louise Buskas

Vice-Chair – Eric Wittenberg

Calgary Coordinator – Cathy Simpson

Edmonton Coordinator – Philippa Fairbairn

Medicine Hat Coordinator – Brenda Bower

National Upgrading Coordinator – Ian Gordon

Provincial Upgrading Coordinator/Education Coordinator – Ken Phillips and Miriam Stanisavljevic will decide between themselves who will undertake the responsibilities of each of these positions

Communications & PR Coordinator – Jack Leman

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