



Athletics Alberta Officials' Bulletin

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In Memoriam



We are saddened to report that Carol Kyle, a fixture on the track and field scene, died on January 24, 2021. A community is measured by the strength of its volunteer contributors and Carol was truly one of our dedicated and inspirational leaders.

Countless volunteers, officials, athletes, coaches, and parents alike have been touched by Carol's legacy, and for that, we are all left much the better. An article reflecting respect for her contribution to the sport of athletics over the past 55 years can be viewed here on the Athletics Alberta website. <https://athleticsalberta.com/in-memoriam-carol-kyle-caltaf-founder/>

UPGRADING CRITERIA

The Athletics Canada National Officials' Committee (NOC) has revised the upgrading criteria applicable to the Track Referee position. The revised requirements are as follows:

A1 To be promoted to Level 3 Track Referee:

An official must:

1. Be at least a Level 4 Umpire.
2. **Have at least 3 credits in each of 3 track disciplines * other than Umpire.**
3. Must receive two Evaluation Reports from two different Evaluators on the approved Evaluator Lists.
4. Follow the standard upgrading criteria for Level 3, as described in section I C, except for I C 2 and I C 3.

***Choice between (Starter, Starter's Assistant, Photo-Finish, Call Room Judge, Race Walk)**

A2 To be promoted to Level 4 Track Referee:

An official must:

1. **Be at least a Level 3 Starter or Starter's Assistant and 4 credits in each of the 2 disciplines *other than Umpire.**
2. Follow the standard upgrading criteria for Level 4, as described in section II.

*** Choice between (Starter, Starter's Assistant, Photo-Finish, Call Room Judge, Race Walk)**

A3 To be promoted to Level 5 Track Referee:

An official must:

1. Be at least a **Level 5** in any track discipline.
2. Must receive two Evaluation Reports, one of which must reflect that the candidate has acted as a Referee in charge of Starts.
3. Follow the standard upgrading criteria for Level 5, as described in section II.

The complete **CURRENT NOC UPGRADING CRITERIA** document (dated January 2021) is now posted in the Officials' section of the AA website and can be accessed here - [Officials – Athletics Alberta](#)

NOC also received a proposal for consideration to split Starter's Assistant/Call Room into two separate disciplines. The Committee agreed to this proposal and the upgrading criteria is still to be determined for these disciplines.

With the above upgrading criteria changes....along with the previous changes to the Levels 1 to Level 3 requirements (as itemized below) the AA Meet Record Card has been redone and the revised card should be available shortly. The current card can be used until the revised printing becomes available.

To be promoted **to Level 1:**

An official must:

1. Have **1** event credit in each event group (track running events – throws – vertical jumps – horizontal jumps)
2. Have attended an on-line clinic

To be promoted from **Level 1 to Level 2:**

An official must:

1. Have done 2 sessions in each event group (track running events – throws – vertical jumps – horizontal jumps)
2. Have completed 1 year of service as an official;
3. Have attended an on-line clinic
4. Have received an Evaluation from his/her Mentor.

To be promoted from **Level 2 to Level 3:**

An official must:

1. Have 16 events credits in the discipline, for which the upgrading is requested since upgrading to Level 2,
 - a) 4 of which must be provincial or above, and
 - b) 8 of which must be as Chief, Assistant Chief or Section Head
2. Have written an approved NOC National open book exam and obtained a mark of at least 80%;
3. Have completed at least one year of service as a Level 2 official;
4. Attended a Level 3 clinic on the specific discipline;
5. Have received one Evaluation Report, done by:
 - a) Evaluators Level 3 on the Provincial List;
6. Have sent a Request for Upgrading to the Branch Officials' Chair for review and approval.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

A reminder of the importance of renewing your membership as an official each year. Included in the membership benefits is medical and liability insurance coverage while working at AA sanctioned meets.

Membership renewal can be accessed here: <https://www.trackie.com/members/UN-AB.php>

UPDATES FROM THE CHAIR – IRENE GAUDET

The Officials' Committee has met via Zoom through this late fall and winter on numerous occasions.

We are finalizing the setup of an official mentoring program for all Alberta officials. Each official who is seeking to upgrade will be assigned a mentor and this person will assist you as you seek to upgrade your level as an official. Those seeking to complete Level 1 and 2 will be assigned the same mentor and this person will do a report at the end of your Level 2 upgrading. For

Level 3 and above, you will be assigned a discipline specific official as your mentor. You can turn to these people if you have questions about the upgrading process, about volunteering as an official and later about the specific discipline you may be working in. More information will be upcoming about how the mentor program will work once it is finalized. If you have any questions about this you can contact me Irene Gaudet (igaudet@mcsnet.ca) or the official coordinators, Janet Dixon (janet.dixon@shaw.ca) and Eric Wittenberg (eric.wittenberg@shaw.ca).

UPGRADING

At Athletics Alberta Officials' Sub-Committee meetings, the following Alberta officials were identified as being upgraded in their respective positions and levels:

Spring 2020 Upgrading

Level 1

Juste Kagisye – Edmonton

Cindy Rude – Calgary

Level 2

Steven Bosch

Juste Kagisye

Robert McKinnon

Karl Meisner

Dale Cocks

Karen Harris

Pam Medland

Borysa Struck

Level 3

Jeff Davis – Throws

Lisa Lem – Track Referee

Dale Schinkel – Throws

Eric Wittenberg – CE Referee

Glen Hornland – starter

Pat March – Starter's Assistant

Gerald Wilke – Vertical Jumps

Level 5

Deirdre Choate - vertical jumps

National Secretary

Rob Fisher

Fall 2020 Upgrading

Level 2

Rachel Andres

Level 3

Sonya Hassan – Horizontal Jumps

Officiating Awards

Athletics Alberta 2019 Officials of the Year were Pat March and Christine Rapp and the 2019 Novice Officials of the Year were Gord Hobbins and Cathy Scott.

Athletics Canada named Irene Gaudet as Official of the Year for 2019.

Congratulations to all of the above for their well-deserved recognition!

Officials' Committee 2020 - 2021

Chair – Irene Gaudet

Past Chair – Louise Buskas

Calgary Coordinator – Mihaela Cozma

Edmonton Coordinator – Philippa Fairbairn

Medicine Hat Coordinator – Brenda Bower

National Upgrading Coordinator – Ian Gordon

Level 3 Upgrading Coordinator – Eric Wittenberg

Level 1 and 2 Upgrading Coordinator – Janet Dixon

Communications and PR Coordinator – Jack Leman

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