**Derbyshire Athletics.**

**County Technical Officials Up-date Issue 13**

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Welcome to Up-date 13 for Derbyshire Athletics Technical Officials.

It is our pleasure to re-introduce this newsletter which due to the COVID-19 Pandemic was suspended mainly because we had nothing to report as there was no competition. Sadly, since the last issue of Up-date we in Derbyshire Athletics have lost one of our most loyal and faithful servants to Athletics in the area namely (Mr Athletics) Alan Domleo. I know that his presence is greatly missed, RIP Alan.

At the beginning of this month the first Face-to-Face level one Track & Field Officials course along with Nottinghamshire AAA was successfully held at Harvey Hadden Stadium, Nottingham with 9 candidates from Derbyshire Clubs being registered to attend. We are yet to have the final number of attendees from Derbyshire confirmed but we extend a very warm welcome to you all both Barry and Mike will offer any advice or help we can give to both new and old officials alike.

**Future Competitions.**

The competitions currently being planned and organised are Mini-league Sportshall these take place at Queens Park Sports Centre, Boythorpe Road, Chesterfield on the following dates which are 16th October, 20th November, 4th December 2022, 8th January, 5th February, and 12th March 2023 all commencing at 1pm.

**The 2nd match on 20th November is particularly short of qualified officials in all disciplines due to it clashing with the Northern Athletics Indoor Open at the EIS in Sheffield. If you are available for Sportshall let Mike know ASAP please**

Mini-league Cross Country dates are 29th October, at Buxton Rugby Club, 26th November at Rutland Sports Park Ilkeston and 17th December at Moorways Stadium Derby. All starting at 10:30am. If available and willing to help out please contact Barry Parker.

Derbyshire Athletics County Cross Country Championships in association with Nottinghamshire AAA County Cross Country Championships on 7th January 2023 will be at Markeaton Park, Derby, starting time 11.00am.

A date for the Track & Field Diary is 13th & 14th May 2023 for the County T&F Championships being held at Harvey Hadden Stadium, Nottingham. Further details to come so watch this space and your in-box early next year.

**Congratulations.**

Congratulations go to quite a few, Charli Sampson L1 Field, Jude Sampson, L1 Field. Mark Hazlehurst L2 P/F. Karl Ponty L1 Track, Jono Baker L1 Track, Mark Burke L1 Field, Maisie Hollingworth L2 Starters Assistant, James Franco L3 Starters Assistant & Starter, Sarah Watson L1 Track, all have achieved their grades or upgrades since January of this year.

**Thoughts for the Future.**

In Derbyshire Athletics we do not have an official’s association as such. Do You think we should have one?

If so, what form should it take? What would be its purpose? Do you, as a Technical Official, feel that you have a voice with the powers that be.

This is not a Rant it is a genuine question so that we can have the opportunity to explain to you our role as County Officials Secretaries (CofSecs)

If we were to hold a get together (meet the CofSec) of ‘Technical officials’ in Derbyshire, to have an informal chat, have things explained, have questions answered, where should it be held? At what time of the year should it be held? At what time should it be held (evening or weekend)? And more importantly would you want to attend?

We are just testing the water here, as it seems to us, that to some of you, we are just the names of people who pester you to support Athletes & Athletics in Derbyshire. Sometimes we feel that we are ‘A voice crying in the wilderness’ as we get little or no response to our emails, forms, or appeals for help. A Nil return (not available) is better than No return, at least we know then that our emails are getting through to you and not sent straight to your ‘Junk or Spam’ box. Please don’t be rude at the very least reply if requested.

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