

**Derbyshire Athletics.**  
**County Technical Officials Up-date Issue 10**  
**July 2018**

Welcome to issue 10 of Up-date for Derbyshire Technical officials. Much has happened since the last issue of Up-date in January of this year and we are now well into the Track & Field Season having witnessed many outstanding performances from both our Endurance and Track & Field Athletes, ably supported by you our hardworking Technical officials. It has been very heartening this season to see so many new Trainee officials who are working very hard to achieve at least their Level 1 accreditation with others having already achieved L1 working towards Level 2. A timely reminder for those L1's working towards L2. As of 1<sup>st</sup> April this year a positive report from an official who is at least L3 in that discipline must be obtained and accompany the L2 accreditation application along with the RoE and the 2 Q&A papers Generic & Discipline specific. These must show also that the candidate has used the current UKA rules of competition.

**Health & Safety.**

Following a recent incident involving a Hammer event an advisory notice has been put out by the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) at UKA. If you have not received an email about this it is available to view at

[UKA Throws Safety Guidance – June 2018](#)

**It is important that all Field Officials are aware of the content of this document and also those involved in Time tabling events and Meeting Management!**

**Officials Education & Training**

This year a Level 1 course will not be held in Derbyshire, the reason being that we are now sharing courses with Nottinghamshire the thinking behind this is that it is more sensible with Harvey Hadden Stadium being only 15 miles from Moorways (the venues where the courses are held) to have only one course in a year and to alternate venues. This year the L1 Course at Nottingham will be held on 2 dates - Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018 7pm to 9pm at Harvey Hadden (this is a compulsory module for all Technical officials) and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 for Field judging, Track Judging & Timekeeping. If you know of anyone interested in attending the course and becoming a Technical official they do need to register; the cost is £30.

See [www.Englandathletics.org/courses](http://www.Englandathletics.org/courses)

**Congratulations**

Congratulations go to the following Track & Field Technical Officials for their achievement of obtaining a Grade or an upgrade. John Turner, L2 Timekeeper. Mel Naylor, L2 Track Judge. Kwado Afirifa-Mensa, L1 Field Judge. Rob Marples, L1 Photo-finish judge. Julie Feeney, L1 Starters assistant & L1 Starter. James Franco, L1 Starters assistant & L1 Starter. Rebecca Wardle, L1 Field Judge. Bemigho Etuwewe, L1 Field. Denise Reid, L1 Field.

Chris Turner, L1 Endurance. Anastasija Turner, L1 Endurance.

At the County Track & Field Championships in May, Alan Domleo was presented with the Roy Kissack Memorial Shield for the Derbyshire Athletics Technical Official of the Year. A very well deserved and earned accolade. This award is open to both Endurance and Track & Field officials. This is when the receipt of your Annual Record of Experience is very useful when making that final decision re the recipient of this award. Please send your 2017 – 2018 T&F RoE to me (Mike Heffernan) as soon after 30 September as you possibly can, so that I can collate information.

**The 2018 Track & Field Season.**

The Track & Field Season is well and truly progressing with the Track & Field Championships well behind us now and many League competitions coming to their climax. Thank you to all the Technical Officials who have volunteered to work at all the competitions, without you these competitions couldn't take place but we still need more dedicated officials from the younger ages.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

With Technology becoming more of a necessity (Po10 and all that,) rather than a Luxury we do need more younger Tech savvy people to come forward to learn how to set up and operate Photo-finish equipment and hopefully in the not too distant future Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM). The PF system is being upgraded very soon to include a 'Head-on Camera' and a 'Wireless' Track-side clock. At the moment all the Technical work in setting up is left to 1 person we really do need at least 2 other people willing to take on

this aspect of Photo-finish. Full training will be given as it is very expensive equipment, and if we do get an EDM device we will need some people capable and willing to look after, Set up, Calibrate and Operate it

### **The Derbyshire Athletics Committee.**

Derbyshire Athletics is the Provider of competitions from County Championships to Mini-leagues. Both Track & Field & Cross Country and other Endurance races as well as 'Sportshall' The Derbyshire Athletics Committee is now down to about 6 ageing members. New Blood is needed to keep Derbyshire Athletics alive. Many people see Derbyshire Athletics as 'Elitist' or 'Exclusive' rather than 'Inclusive'. It is not! We need vibrant younger members on the committee to keep things 'Vigorous' and exciting, with new ideas and enthusiasm. We are unable to provide the competitions the Athletes want and need without more members to take on small tasks. Ask not what the Sport does for you but rather what you can do for the sport. If you know of anyone looking for something to do in Athletics other than Coach or Officiate or you yourself are willing to take on a small role on the Committee then talk to either Barry Parker, Mike Heffernan, Alan Domleo, Julie Feeney, Frank Gorman, Jono Baker or Geoff Worsley. All Club Secretaries receive a copy of the Agenda and Minutes from all Committee Meetings and the Annual General Meeting.

### **Disability Athletics.**

With reference to the above item about the committee. The committee is in need of someone with a specific interest in Disability Athletics to join them with the time and energy to Organise & Drive Disability Athletics Competition in Derbyshire. If you yourself are willing or know someone else who is willing to take on this role please contact any member of the committee. It only needs the time and commitment of one person. You make the role to suit yourself in time and effort.

**THE SPORT NEEDS WILLING VOLUNTEERS!**

### **Endurance (Road & Cross Country)**

There are 24 Endurance Officials listed on Trinity (the UKA database) but I estimate that about 17 are active (our numbers are dwindling). Several Licences appear to have expired and if you do not have a Licence you can only work under someone who does have a current Licence. Remember too that to be a Referee you MUST have attended a Risk Awareness module. I am hoping to arrange a Level 1 Endurance Officials course – probably somewhere in Chesterfield area and mid-week in an attempt to avoid race days.

Annual Records of Experience for Endurance should be sent to me (Barry Parker) as soon after 31<sup>st</sup> August as possible please.

If anyone has any comments or items to be included in Issue 11 of Up-date it will be going out in January 2019. Any 'Feed Back' is always welcome so that we know it is being read by those it is intended for.

*Mike Heffernan (T&F Secretary)*

**Barry Parker (Endurance Secretary)**