

Derbyshire Athletics.
County Technical Officials Up-date Issue 9
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Welcome to issue 9 of Up-date for Derbyshire Technical officials. Since the last issue of Up-date in July of last year much has taken place in the County regarding Athletics. Moorways Stadium and its environs are probably now almost unrecognisable with the Brand New Commentary / Photo-finish booth now completed. The Sporsthall has been demolished and the swimming pool is in the process of being demolished. At the moment the Track is unaffected except that there is now very restricted Car Parking at the Stadium, how this is going to affect the use of the Track for competitions during this season we are as yet unsure but will try to keep you Technical officials up to date on any changes necessary.

Officials Education & Training

The proposed L1 training course for Track & Field officials took place as planned in November with a Total of 15 candidates from Derbyshire. If in the course of your officiating you come across one of these new officials please make them welcome and help them out as much as you can. To the new officials please make yourselves known to your colleagues we are absolutely certain that you will be made very welcome, also to everyone please remember that a Valid Up to Date Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) disclosure is very much a requirement for you to be Licensed and more importantly Insured.

Congratulations

Congratulations go to the following Track & Field Technical Officials for their achievement of obtaining a Grade or an upgrade. Sarah Kaye L1 Field, Emma Nicol L2 Field, Mark Hazlehurst L3 Track & L2 Field, Gareth Griffiths L1 Photo-finish, Geoffrey Marshall L1 Timekeeper, Jo Barnden L1 Field, Mike Heffernan L2 Field and Simon Edwards L1 Starters assistant. We would also like to add a timely reminder to those considering upgrading from L1 to L2 you will after 1st April 2018 need a Positive report from a L3 or above Official for upgrading to be considered, we must also remind you that particularly for Field judges H&S considerations (Rules & Practice) are very much a part of the reporting process.

The 2018 Track & Field Season.

Yes it is time to start thinking ahead for the forthcoming Track & Field Season. The 2018 availability list will be out early in February but we ask that you already put two dates in your diary the 12th & 13th May for the County T&F Championships, which this year are to be held at Harvey Hadden Sports Village, Wigman Road, Bilborough, Nottingham. This is a once a year opportunity for ALL Levels (Trainee through to L5) to Officiate at County level with all Age groups and both sexes at the competition. It is indeed a wonderful opportunity for Trainees to gain invaluable experience of working with very experienced and knowledgeable Technical Officials who will be only too willing to pass on the benefits of that knowledge and experience to new and much less experienced officials (some of these officials have been to Olympics, Paralympics, World Championships, World Para-championships, National Championships etc. Indoor as well as Outdoor) and have a Fund of funny experiences and stories to pass on. (Some could bore for England). Please don't be backward at coming forward for this event. Less and less of us are doing more and more,

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Endurance (Road & Cross Country.)

In October 2017 a L1 Endurance course was held in Chesterfield and 11 candidates from Derbyshire attended (16 in total). At the County Cross Country Championships held at Shipley Park Heanor we had a Record entry from Derbyshire with 445 entries (415 in 2017) this represents a 7% increase year on year. Again unfortunately an ageing, dwindling band of people organise and run these events. If you or anyone you know is willing to step forward to help organise, officiate or help in any way with any County organised event please contact one of us. We are only too willing to take on Volunteers and teach them all we know.

If anyone has any comments or items to be included in Issue 10 of Up-date it will be going out around July 2018

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