



## **ENDURANCE OFFICIALS BULLETIN**

**(Road and Cross Country)**

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### **Welcome**

Welcome to the first edition of the Endurance Officials Bulletin. Much has been happening over the last few months but we are conscious that we have not been effective in communicating with our most valued officials. We hope that this document will bring you up to speed and give you some information on what is happening over the coming months.

### **Transitional Arrangements**

All the transitional arrangements have now been completed and your personal records are now recorded on the Officials database. Also, if your Police Records Check has been completed you will have received your new licence.

A number of officials were not happy with their new levels and have appealed. This process is now coming to an end and shortly all outstanding cases will have been determined. This will enable us to move forward to the new arrangements. These are set out in the forthcoming sections.

### **Officials Progression Pathway**

Under the new arrangements Endurance Officials are graded as; Level 2, Level 3 or Level 5. Any prospective endurance official should make contact with their Home country officers and obtain an endurance officials logsheet. Please find attached a document detailing the Endurance Officials Pathway for those wishing solely to be included on a county list right up to those wishing to officiate at regional and national levels. The section sets out the necessary experiences, the appropriate courses and examinations and an outline of the syllabus.

### **Level Two Approved Endurance Official Courses**

We trained tutors across the UK as level 2 Endurance Officials Course tutors in August 2008. Following this initial course, suggestions were made to improve the course content. The Endurance Education and Training Group have taken these comments on board and the course is currently being

finalised. The course material can then be prepared and courses will begin to be advertised in the spring of 2009. These courses will be delivered through England Athletics and the Celtic Home Countries.

### **Examinations for Endurance Officials**

The Pathway for Endurance Officials requires officials to pass two examinations - the preliminary examination to attain level 3 and the advanced examination for level 5. The examinations are closely related to the UKA rule book and practical experiences of event management and reflect the different level of experiences expected of officials as they progress to the higher level.

Arrangements will be made for the examinations to be held locally as the need arises. They will be held in a quiet room, hall or club house and have an appointed invigilator. The papers will be marked independently by an accredited examiner from a home country, other than where the candidate is based. Results will be dispatched in writing within a month of sitting the examination. Endurance officials, having acquired the appropriate experience and wishing to take the examination, should in the first instance make contact with their home country administrator.

Full details of the experiences and competences to achieve the different levels for Endurance Officials is set out in the Endurance Officials Pathway (copy enclosed with this bulletin).

### **Risk Assessment Courses**

To maintain your Level 3 or Level 5 endurance status it is expected that by December 2009 you will have attended a Risk Assessment Course. Similarly for Level 2 officials wishing to progress to Level 3 they will also need to attend a Risk Assessment Course. Tutors have been trained to deliver this course. Some pilot courses have been delivered already and more are planned for 2009. These Risk Assessment courses are delivered by each of the 4 Home Countries.

### **Endurance Officials Log Sheets**

Enclosed with this Bulletin is a log sheet. Log sheets should be maintained in accordance with the guidance in the attached Officials Pathway document. Annually they should be sent to the appropriate office/secretary again as detailed in the Officials Pathway.

### **Health and Safety Leaflet**

Please also find enclosed a copy of the Endurance Officials Health and Safety Guidance Document. This leaflet was first circulated last year and is being re-circulated in case Endurance Officials did not have the opportunity to read

them. You should sign the box on your endurance log sheet when you have read and digested the guidelines.

### **Endurance Officials' Education and Training Sub-Group**

This bulletin has been assembled by the Endurance Officials Education and Training Group – a sub group of the UK Athletics Technical Committee.

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If you have any comments on this bulletin or any other matters relating to Endurance we would be pleased to hear from you.

The next UKA Officials Conference will be held on Sunday 19 April 2009 in Solihull. The conference will have a seminar session allocated to Endurance and if you have an area, which you think should be included in the Conference, please let us know.

**Best wishes for a successful 2009 on the road or country.**