2012 Officials Conference - To be held on Sunday 15th April 2012 at the St John’s Hotel, Solihull. The title for this year’s conference is ‘The three R’s – Recruit, Retain, Reward’. There are 181 registered delegates so far. The guest speaker has been confirmed as Howard Webb, FA Premier League Referee and Referee of the 2010 World Cup Final in South Africa. There will be Officials awards at this year’s conference in the following categories;

- 2012 Young Official of the Year
- 2012 Innovative Official
- 2012 Officials’ Official
- 2012 Endurance Official

The awards are nominated by officials and the nomination process will launch on 12th March 2012.

Rules and Records – The 2012-14 Rules for Competition will be published in March. Officials Associations have ordered copies for their members and individuals can purchase them from the UKA bookshop.

Endurance Sub Group Update – John Temperton will take over from Manjinder Singh as the UKA lead for Endurance Officials. The Endurance level 3 course is developing well and will be available soon.

Track and Field Education Sub Group update - An education review will take place in October 2012. The is review will include incorporating the health and safety course into the level 2 course and updating the level 1, 3 and 3 course materials.

Youth Advisory Group/Recruitment and Retention Working Group - The Officials Recruitment trade stand has been at all televised indoor events in 2012 and the EA Age Group Championships. The stand has been very well received and the following numbers of requests for information have been received;

Aviva International – 6
Aviva Trials – 15
Aviva Indoor GP – 30
EA Age Group Champs – 6

These requests for information will be followed up by the County officials Secretaries or Home country Secretaries as they have the most local knowledge of what is happening in the local area.

Date of Next Meeting – 27th June 2012