

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP – 1st OCTOBER 2014

SUMMARY NOTES

- TAG expressed its thanks to Steve Marshall for preparing IPC Reference Cards. It was felt that further work to improve the quality of some of the images was needed before making them generally available.
- Nominations for SOUK Awards have now been submitted (*Pam Brown was shortlisted in Officials Developer Category*).
- Members requested a review of Terms of Reference in the light of changes to TAG membership. It is felt that clear TORs are needed for all members.
- AJC/RMS presented recommendations for new Peer Group members as follows:
 - Photo-Finish David Vidler
 - Field Darryl Quinn
 - Track Terry Bailey
 - Starting Clive Young
 - Timekeeping Kevin Johns

TAG welcomed these recommendations. AJC will contact those concerned.

- All Level 3 officials to be asked again if they wish to be considered for IMO Group.
- Arrangements for Peer Group meetings to discuss and finalise IMO list for 2015 confirmed.
- Letter to all Level 3 officials regarding 2015 IMO will go out under Chair's signature.
- Timekeepers numbers at Level 5 meetings must be reviewed and reduced in the light of modern technology. AJC to raise the issue at Peer Group meeting.
- Update from last Endurance Sub-Group received:
 - Changes to Level 2 logbook and resources have been completed.
 - "Risk assessment" has been changed to "Risk Awareness".
 - Risk Awareness now being delivered as part of the Level 2 course, there is a need to ensure that all Level 2 course attendees are duly accredited.
- Update received from Four-Year Strategy Group. All strands now expressed as SMART targets, though further refinement is needed.
- TAG received proposals from the Welfare Officer for changes to officials Code of Conduct with regard to use of social media. These will require CEO Forum approval.
- Following successful discussions with the Home Office, appropriate amendments have been made to the guidance on firearms. TAG recorded its thanks to David Brown for his work on UKA's behalf.
- TAG was made aware that sourcing suitable ammunition for Starters was becoming more problematic. David Brown is investigating the possibilities of affordable and effective electronic guns.
- MR circulated a list of all the records which had been set in 2014. Given the age-groups where there are GB and NI Teams, there is general agreement that records should be kept for:
 - Senior Men and Women Indoors and Outdoors
 - U23 Men and Women Outdoors
 - U20 Men and Women Indoors and Outdoors
 - U18 Men and Women Outdoors

- All other age-groups would be Best Performances

This will be put forward as a formal proposal.

- The complexities involved in compiling a comprehensive list of Parallel Success Records covering all classifications was recognised, but work continues to achieve this.
- TAG received an update on the 2015 Fixture List.
- MR outlined proposals for changes in procedures for Track Certification. As far as Technical Officials were concerned there had always been a responsibility for Referees to carry out a risk assessment on the day of any competition regardless of any venue's current certificate. This would remain under any revised system of certification.
- TAG is represented on the UKA Safety Advisory Group. The first meeting has been held to establish priorities for the group.
- TAG was advised that Technical Officials grades for 2015 had now been collated and made available to Peer Groups. David Vidler was thanked for the many hours of work that he put into this.
- Date of next meeting is 28th November 2014.