

ENDURANCE OFFICIALS' BULLETIN

July 2015

Welcome to the latest endurance officials' bulletin. We hope you have had enjoyable winter on the roads or over the country. In this bulletin we hope to share with you the most recent developments for Endurance Officials and in particular some of the changes being made for Education, Training and Development.

We intend to produce this bulletin twice a year and would welcome any comments you might have.

Good luck with your officiating and thanks for your significant contribution to the sport which is invaluable and much appreciated.

WHAT'S NEW

- The guidance notes supporting the **Endurance Officials' Pathway** have been updated and the process diagrams much simplified. You can see the revised pathway in the new log book (see below) or [click here to download on its own](#).
- The **Course material for the L2 and Risk Awareness** have been updated N.B. that there is a change of emphasis from Risk Assessment to Risk Awareness for Endurance Officials. From April 2015 there is an expectation that all new endurance officials will enrol for both L2 and Risk Awareness at the same time. Normally these courses will be held on the same day but for local convenience they may be held over two separate sessions.
- There is a **new Endurance Officials' Log Book** – all endurance officials that attend the Level 2 course from 1st April 2015 will receive a new style log book. For those who attended a previous L2 course you can [click here to download the new log book](#).

Personal Details on Trinity

If you are an athlete or a licenced coach or official you will have a profile with a Unique Registration Number (URN) in our Membership database. In your profile you can set your communication preferences, check your contact and role information, and DBS check status. Go to <http://www.englandathletics.org/myprofile>.

The new online DBS system

To make it easier for coaches, officials and other volunteers who need a DBS check UKA have worked with England Athletics to develop a new system to enable them to apply for a UKA Disclosure and Barring Service check online. This system is now operational. [Click here to find out more.](#)

Officials' Strategy 2015-2019

A strategy group has been appointed by UKA Competitions Department and each group member has been given a specific strand to develop. The five strands include; Governance, International, R&R, Communication and Competition. The group are working towards the SMART process. It has been written in a very general sense.

From an endurance point of view there may be differences in the international strand and specific areas of competition and development. There is an emerging consensus that endurance officiating needs a higher profile within the strategy.

The 2016 Rule Book

It should be noted that work is now progressing on the combination of the UKA rule book and the IAAF rule book, with the expectation that one combined document would be in place for April 2016. The benefits of this change were widely recognised although there were some reservations in that for 95% of the endurance officials' community only the UKA rule book was used.

Become qualified

We are very keen to promote the Endurance Officials' course for Level 2 applicants throughout the UK. A new marketing flyer will be available shortly for clubs to download from the England Athletics website.

Club and officials' secretaries are encouraged to persuade their endurance officials to become qualified. More information on Endurance Courses is on the Home Countries Athletic Association websites.

Future Level 2 Courses.

Level 2 Endurance & Risk Assessment courses are being planned for 19th July (Leeds), 26th September (Coventry), 26th or 27th September (Manchester), 8th November (Gateshead). Find out more at www.englandathletics.org/EnduranceL2

Risk Awareness for existing licenced Endurance Officials

For a number of years there has been an expectation that all existing Endurance Officials will attend a Risk Awareness (formerly Risk Assessment) course. The Governing Body deemed this to be necessary on account of their Health and Safety, "duty of care" and Insurance responsibilities. The take up at these courses has not been as high as has been hoped but it is considered that a final time frame has to be stated for attendance at one of these courses. Following discussions with senior officials in the sport it has been suggested that the best way forward is by a distance learning course. This is now being prepared and will be available online from September 2015 with an expectation that all Level 3 and L2cs will have followed the modules by April 2016. There will be no cost for the course and the reading can be undertaken in the comfort of your home. There will be no travel costs and you will be able to work at your own speed.

The Endurance Officials' Pathway – Competition Experiences

In recent months there have been a number of instances whereby Endurance Officials' have had their Competition experiences turned down because they have not met the appropriate criteria - in particular they have not been gained at UKA permitted or licensed events. The guidance has now been made more specific and outlined in the new Records of Experience (R of E). (See below).

Endurance Officials' Record of Experiences (RoE) / Duty Sheets

Please note there have been some changes to the Record of Experience form (R of E) so that it is a bit more comprehensive and more explicit about competition experiences. Also there

are no longer two different forms - the one serves both as annual record and as part of a submission for Accreditation. The new form can be downloaded here. It should be sent annually after 31st August (the end of the Endurance Year) to your County Endurance Officials' Secretary by the end of October.

England Endurance Officials' Forum

The fourth Endurance Officials' Seminar took place at the end of February 2015 – the purpose of which is to share developments with senior endurance officials and for endurance officials to bring to the attention of the NGB issues which are in need of resolution. There were over 20 officials in attendance, 8 of whom were Endurance COFSecs. [Click here to find out more](#)

UKA Conference

At the UKA Officials' Conference in April there was an Endurance Workshop on officiating at International Events. The subject stimulated a lively debate and there were some interesting conclusions

- The opportunities for Endurance Officials to officiate at International Level especially abroad is very limited but it is important to be better informed as to what can be done to become available for any appointments.
- There are very few Endurance International meetings in the UK. We should explore what avenues exist to increase the number.
- A register should be kept of all those aspiring Endurance Officials who wish to be on the International list. It is thought that only those below 55 years will be eligible.

At the next officials' conference in 2016 we aim to include some Endurance specific workshops. We are also hoping to encourage some of our newer officials to attend.

If you have any ideas as to what Endurance Officials would like to include as a workshop topic, please e-mail your suggestions to Paula pgowing@uka.org.uk

Also we are considering the possibility of a separate plenary session for Endurance Officials with a key note speaker. Again please email with your suggestions for both topics and potential speakers.

FEEDBACK

If you have any comments on this bulletin or any other matter relating to Endurance Officials

Education we would be pleased to hear from you. We hope you have had a good summer and are looking forward to another exciting autumn on the road or over the country.

If you have any ideas, questions or feedback please contact John Temperton, UKA Domestic Competition Manager, at jtemperton@uka.org.uk on behalf of the Endurance Officials' Education Sub-group.