

MEETING NOTE

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP – 15th JANUARY 2016

1. Nominations for Chairs of Technical Advisory Group, Education and Training Sub-Group and Endurance Group had been received and the following were elected:
 - a. Technical Advisory Group: Malcolm Rogers
 - b. Education and Training Sub-Group: Moira Gallagher
 - c. Endurance Sub-Group: Graham Jessop
2. Level 2 Endurance courses had taken place in Coventry, Gateshead and Sussex and a Risk Awareness Course in Liverpool.
3. Good progress is being made in the development of start technology, in co-operation with Loughborough University. Thanks were made to Chris Woods, David Brown, Keith Davies and Alan Bell.
4. New Facilities Certificates will be issued later this month. Details will be made available to major competition providers.
5. Level 3 Track Courses have been organised in Scotland for 22nd February.
6. The Level 2 Tutor Training course on 19th/20th December had been very successful, with a deadline of 30th January set for the re-writing of course materials.
7. Race Walking Judges appointments to be included in selection lists at the same time as other appointments.
8. Confirmed that the appropriate Referee can prevent a competitor from taking part if their doing so would constitute a Health and Safety risk.
9. Confirmed that London Anniversary Games will be a two-day event incorporating Paralympic events.
10. Development of online courses is ongoing.
11. Level 3P officials who do not complete availability returns for 3 years will remain on the Level 3 list but not receive national availabilities.
12. Endurance Sub Group meets on 28th January 2016
13. IAAF World Half Marathon Championships invitations to remaining officials will go from UKA, in co-operation with Welsh Athletics.
14. UKA Board has signed off the broad principles of the 2016-2018 Rules for Competition.
15. First draft of the new Rule Book is with the printers.
16. Codes of Conduct for Timekeepers, EDM and VDM and Indoor Competition will be removed from the Rule Book and available via the UKA website.
17. Discussions will take place with the RWA about the best place for the Race Walking Appendix within the rule book.
18. The Scottish Heavy Events Appendix will be removed from the rule book.
19. TAG extended its thanks to all those involved in this major Rules Review which had involved a huge amount of work.
20. TAG received an update on the progress of the Officials' Four-Year Strategy Plan. Details of targets and measurement will be separate appendices.
21. TAG received an update on Conference preparations, A keynote speaker has now been invited and registration will go live by the end of January.

22. UKA would be represented at the European Athletics Technical Officials Education Seminar in Lisbon in March.
23. TAG received an update on planning for the 2017 IAAF WAC and the IPC WC.
24. This being Roger Simons last TAG meeting, with the Peer Group meetings to follow, TAG made a presentation to him in recognition of his lifetime's work on behalf of Technical Officials. The Chair referred to his truly outstanding contribution to the sport which was remarkable in its longevity; the range of duties and responsibilities that Roger had undertaken both domestically and internationally; and the senior level of the many roles that he had fulfilled, whilst maintaining his relationships with grassroots activity.
25. Details were provided of the future provision made to cover the work which Roger had undertaken.
26. Next Meetings:
 - a. 10th March (MG to chair in the absence overseas of the Chair with European Athletics)
 - b. 19th May

Malcolm Rogers Chair

28th January 2016