

UKA Endurance Officials' News Bulletin

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Welcome to the latest Endurance Officials' Bulletin. We hope you have had enjoyable autumn on the roads or over the country and are gearing yourself for the next phase of the endurance season. In this bulletin we hope to share with you the most recent developments for Endurance Officials and in particular some of the changes which have been made for Education, Training and Development. We would welcome any comments you might have.

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Risk Awareness Module

A requirement for holding a UKA Officials licence is that completion of appropriate Risk Awareness training is registered on your UKA record. This training is delivered to new Officials through the Level 1 – 3 course and an “online” version has been developed for qualified Officials who don't have the required course recorded.

During 2016 we have contacted all Level 3 and 4 Endurance Officials and many have completed the module. We have now contacted Level 2 Officials with details of how to access the course plus any Level 3 and 4 Officials still to complete it. Any Level 1 Officials without the training on their record will be contacted in February. The deadline for completion is March 31st 2017. We appreciate that some have had difficulty with access to the module and we will do our best to assist all those who have a problem.

Endurance Officials with Expired Licences

Alongside the satisfactory completion of the Risk Awareness module we are examining the lists of Officials closely to make sure that it is up to date and remove any who are no longer active in the sport. All Officials for whom we have an email address and whose licence expired before the end of 2015 – because of non-completion of the DBS process or a decision to discontinue – will be contacted and advised that unless we hear from them their Endurance Official's licence will be revoked. We would encourage all to continue to maintain your licence as your contribution to the sport is critical but recognise that there will be those who no longer wish to act as an Official.

Officials' Licensing Levels

If you have not recently renewed your licence you may not be aware that changes to licensing levels for all disciplines were implemented in April 2016. Full details can be found at <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/media/news/2015-news-page/december-2015/24-12-15-officials-pathway/> but briefly the changes are as follows:

Level Prior to April 2016	Level from April 2016
1	Assistant Official
2A	1
2B	2
2C	3
3	4

Congratulations

During the last twelve months a number of Endurance Officials have obtained their first licence or progressed along the pathway. Since September 2015 thirty three Officials have achieved Level 1, eight at Level 2 and two at Level 3. Congratulations to all these officials and it is most encouraging that those who have attended our course followed it up with a licence accreditation. We hope this will act as an encouragement for others to follow on.

Records of Experience

Records of experience (RoE) for 2015/16 should have, by now, been returned to your local Endurance Officials' Secretary. There is an electronic word version which makes completion relatively straight forward. Not all races can be credited for competition experience purposes and you are advised to look at the details in the RoE. Please note that from 1st September 2016 it is possible to use an Event Adjudicator experience at Level 2. Also please remember that an application for accreditation at any level of endurance officiating requires the submission of the appropriate form as well as a current record of experience. Without both pieces of information it is not possible to make a reasoned judgement on the appropriate level.

The ROE can now be completed online through the 'My Athletics' portal:

<https://myathletics.uka.org.uk/portal/members/Login/> This will allow individuals to keep an up to date record on their profile and they can then export the file to submit at the end of each year. Both Track and Field and Endurance experiences can be recorded and two separate ROEs can be downloaded for both Track and Field and Endurance.

Endurance Officials' Course Structure

The structure of courses for Endurance Officials changed during 2016: all new Officials and any Officials wishing to progress through Levels 2 and 3 must attend a Level 1 – 3 course promoted by one of the National Associations; anyone wishing to progress to Level 4 must attend the Level 4 course organised centrally by UKA. If you are looking to attend a Level 4 course please get in touch with John Temperton at jtemperton@uka.org and express your interest in a course.

Endurance Timekeepers

An important innovation within the Level 1 – 3 course is the recognition that an Official may now qualify as Level 1 Endurance Race Timekeeper through attendance at the course, without the requirement to complete the Track & Field Timekeeper education process. That requirement will apply to any Endurance Official wishing to progress to Level 2 Timekeeper or Starter.

To Gain Level 1 as an Endurance Timekeeper

- Complete the full Level 1 Endurance course including risk awareness.
- Work with a more experienced timekeeper at 4 endurance (out of stadium) events to include both timekeeping and timekeeper's recorder duties. Race Walking events can be included. All events must be competitions taking place under UKA rules.
- Submit an application form listing the experiences.
- Complete a DBS police check through UK Athletics or Home Country equivalent.

There is no progression beyond Level 1. To progress further as an Endurance Official requires fulfilling additional roles at endurance events.

Update your personal information

Whether you are an athlete, coach, or official it is important that you know your Unique Registration Number (URN) and the details that UKA hold are correct. Log in to the membership database to check and edit contact details and personal preferences for distribution of information. Note that deleting the option for receiving information from UKA and the National Associations will result in not receiving news updates.

Forthcoming Level 1 Endurance Officials' Courses, including Risk Awareness

We are very keen to promote courses wherever there is a reasonable demand for them. Education Coordinators in England and Endurance Officials' Secretaries in the other home countries are keen to hear from you if you know of 'like-minded' individuals who would like to attend. Currently the following two courses are available. Please note that the usual cost is £30 and includes both the Officials' Education and Risk Awareness Modules – contact the course organiser only if you need to attend the Risk Awareness module.

Date: 4th March 2017

Location: Wavertree Athletics Track, Wellington Road, Wavertree, LIVERPOOL

Course Code: NO0290

Booking Deadline: 20th February 2017

Date: 12th March 2017

Location: Leeds Beckett University

Course Code: NO0294

Booking Deadline: 12th March 2017

Date: 12th November 2017

Location: Gateshead College of Sport

Course Code: NO0293

Booking Deadline: To be advised

<http://www.englandathletics.org/courses.aspx?siteSectionId=33&postCode=Postcode&distance=5®ion=&keyword=officials&courseType=>

NEWS FROM THE HOME COUNTRIES

WELSH ATHLETICS

On 7th January Welsh Athletics held a Risk Assessment 'mop up' course for the existing endurance officials who still had yet to complete their licence requirement. This was part of the 2017 Welsh Athletics Officials and Race Organisers Conference. In addition, as part of the conference, there was a 'Help, Advice and Guidance for Race Organisers' session delivered by Nigel Rowe and Steve Brace. It was a relatively small conference but around 40

race organisers / endurance officials registered were in attendance. For more details turn to the Conference Page: <http://www.welshathletics.org/competitions/officials/officials-and-race-organisers-conference-2017.aspx>.

SCOTTISH ATHLETICS

Endurance Official Training in Scotland

scottishathletics plan to present a **UKA Endurance Official (Level 1 to 3) Training** course towards the end of September 2017 prior to commencement of next winter's cross country season and invite notes of interest from potential candidates before deciding on a venue.

Previous courses have been held at Livingston (2014) and Glasgow Emirates (2016). However, to extend accessibility, consideration is being given to holding the course in the Perth or Dundee area, although final choice of venue will be dependent upon the level and geographical spread of response received.

This one day course will consist of two parts:

- Generic Endurance Officials' Course (2.5 - 3 hours); now essential for anyone applying for Level 1 accreditation
- Risk Awareness Course (3.5 hours); now essential for accreditation at all levels

The cost of the course will be £30.00 and is suitable to those at both entry level and existing officials who obtained their qualification prior to "re-grading" in 2011 and may wish to update their present qualifications (NB Risk Awareness is now a compulsory qualification).

Potential candidates are therefore invited to submit notes of interest in the first instance to Shona Malcolm on shonamalcolm@scottishathletics.org.uk.

The Next UKA Officials' Conference

The 2017 National Officials' Conference will be on Sunday 2nd April, 2017 at the Chesford Grange Hotel, Kenilworth, Warwick, CV8 2LD. It is a one day event and the organisers are keen to get a good spread of experiences; the theme is 'Broaden Your Horizons'. More information including Workshops, Speakers and Registration Details will follow but we are going to ensure there is at least one workshop with an endurance focus – "how to set up a road race for 5 km+ distances."

Further details can be obtained from Claire Bensemman, e-mail: cbensemman@uka.org.uk;

Please reserve the date in your diary.

Best wishes for your officiating and thanks for your significant contribution to the sport which is invaluable and much appreciated.