

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

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Established in 2004 by the Board of Directors of UK Athletics (hereinafter referred to as 'the Board'), the Technical Advisory Group has been identified as the conduit through which the technical delivery of the sport can best be served and supported.

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The Group will have responsibility for:

1. reviewing the technical needs of competition in the United Kingdom, working with the Home Countries and other relevant partners and agencies to formulate appropriate criteria, quality controls, practices and policies, including regular periodic reviews of outcomes
2. designing, implementing and managing a structure for the appointment of officials to the athletics events promoted by UK Athletics and other partners with which it works
3. implementing procedures to approve, sanction and control technical officials working within the UK Athletics framework
4. designing and implementing a co-ordinated programme of education and training for all technical officials in the UK in conjunction with the Home Country Forum. Such a programme would cover the needs of all stages of officiating including 'grass roots', regional, national and international levels.
5. promoting the best interests of technical officials in all activities throughout the sport and giving them advice on the same.
6. considering and advocating the most appropriate technological advances in the delivery of the sport and how they may be incorporated into best practice.
7. maintaining a careful review of the need for technical rule changes within the UK and seeking advice from the Rules Advisory Group and other sources before recommending changes to the Board.
8. reviewing the Technical Rules and making recommendations to the UK Board as to changes to be proposed internally by Great Britain and Northern Ireland at the IAAF Congress
9. reviewing the text of recommended changes to IAAF Rules produced for the bi-annual IAAF Congress and providing advice to the UKA delegates to the Congress as to UKA's support or otherwise for such proposals
10. Receiving applications for UK Records and ratifying them as appropriate. Where TAG has any concerns about irregularities or omissions it will seek further advice from the UKA Board. The Chair of TAG will send regular reports on records ratified to the Chair of the UKA Board.

The Technical Advisory Group must:

1. report regularly to the Board
2. follow policy as identified by the Board
3. elect a Chair for a twelve-month period from members within the group at the first meeting of each year, UKA Board to approve the Chair

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Technical Advisory Group will be determined by the Board and Senior Management of UK Athletics. Invitees will be identified on the basis of:

their international involvement in the delivery and management of the sport,

their ability to inform policy makers in the light of global, continental and national development and change,

their technical expertise to determine and implement development for the overall benefit of the officials' workforce in the United Kingdom.

With the approval of the Board the Technical Advisory Group may:

- 1. co-opt members at appropriate times to take advantage of specific circumstance, experience and expertise**
- 2. liaise and co-ordinate aspects of delivery and policy as relevant e.g. Health and Safety, Facilities.**
- 3. form sub-committees or working groups with suitable delegated powers for specific areas of development**