

## **UK Athletics Technical Advisory Group**

### **Background**

Established in 2004 by the Board of Directors of UK Athletics (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Board’), the Technical Advisory Group has been created as an independent group of expert advisors providing advice on areas such as technical developments, rule development and implementation, and as the conduit through which the technical delivery of the sport can best be served and supported.

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Group will report to the UKA Executive Team, and support as a member of the UK Officials’ Working Group with the responsibility for:

1. Reviewing the technical needs of competition in the United Kingdom, working with the UKA Executive and other relevant partners.
  2. Supporting the UKA Events Director to design, implement and manage a structure for the appointment of officials to the athletics events organised and promoted by UK Athletics and other partners with which it works.
  3. Work with the UKA Development Team to ensure that the training and accreditation system for Levels 4 and 5 results in a sufficient supply of highly competent officials not only to cover the needs of athletics meetings organised by UKA but also to cover the needs of domestic events at all levels. Ensure that those officials identified as exceptional are provided with appropriate additional training to prepare them for consideration as potential ITOs.
- Support UKA in the nomination of officials to be considered by International bodies for inclusion within the recognised International pathway.
4. As a key member of the UKA Officials’ Working Group, provide advice relating to the design, content and implementation of the official’s pathway for all levels across the UK.
  5. Promoting the best interests of technical officials in all activities throughout the sport and providing 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 advising the UKA Rules Group and other sources as appropriate.
  8. Reviewing the Technical Rules and making recommendations to the UKA Executive and the UKA Rules Group as to changes to be proposed by UKA to World Athletics.
  9. Reviewing the text of proposed changes to World Athletics rules produced for the bi-annual World Athletics Congress or during the intervening period, and providing advice to the UKA Executive and UKA Rules Group in response to World Athletics for UKA’s support or otherwise for such proposals.
  10. Receiving applications for UK Records and ratifying them as appropriate to the UKA Executive and subsequently, the UKA Board. Where TAG has any concerns about irregularities or omissions it will seek further advice from the UKA Executive and UKA Board. The Chair of TAG will send regular reports on records ratified by TAG for UKA Board approval.

### **The Technical Advisory Group must:**

1. Report regularly to the Board via the identified member of the UKA Executive.
2. Ensure it follows all the relevant policies and procedures as set out by UKA.
3. Elect a Chair for a twelve-month period from members within the group at the first meeting of each year, the UKA Chief Executive officer to approve the Chair.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Technical Advisory Group will be determined by the Executive Team of UK Athletics. Invitees will be identified on the basis of:

- Their technical knowledge and expertise that will support UKA and the UK Officials' Working Group with the implementation of the UK-wide Officials' Strategy.
- Their abilities to communicate well and contribute to discussions that will support the development of the sport.
- Their international experience 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.
- Equity of opportunity for TAG membership and appointments will adhere to UKA's equality, diversity and inclusion policy.

With the approval of the UKA Executive the Technical Advisory Group may:

1. Co-opt members at appropriate times to take advantage of specific circumstance, experience and expertise.
2. Liaise and support aspects of delivery and policy as relevant e.g. Health and Safety, Facilities.
3. Form working groups with suitable delegated powers for specific areas of development work.

### **Expected Behaviours of Members of TAG**

- TAG members must adhere to all UKA codes of conduct and policies and procedures as appropriate.
- TAG members must recognise that they are operating as members of a formal and structured advisory group within UKA. As such, they are representing UKA both internally as well as publicly to the wider UK athletics community.
- Treat others with dignity and respect.
- Any concerns with the decisions or operations of UKA should be raised through the appropriate internal channels, and not publicly.

