
Rules Advisory Group Members

Chris Cohen CBE

Chris has been involved in athletics for almost sixty years, having competed in the English Schools Championships as a Triple Jumper for the first time in 1968. During a career as a Physical Education teacher, he was involved in coaching at his local club, then officiating, rising to the level of being Technical Delegate at Olympic Games and World Championships. He was involved in Para Athletics for more than thirty years, being Chairman of IPC Athletics for almost twenty years. In that role he was responsible for writing the rules of the sport as it rose to become the foremost Paralympic sport.

Since his retirement from teaching, he has become more involved in the management of events, acting as Competition Director at many international events including the 2012 London and 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and the 2017, 2019 and 2022 World Championships. He was also Competition Manager for the 2017, 2019 and 2022 World Championships.

He has held a number of roles in the sport, including being a member of TAG and a former Honorary Secretary of the English Schools AA.

He was awarded the CBE in 2010 for services to Athletics.

Peter Crawshaw MBE

Peter worked in the City of London and overseas in a range of senior finance roles for over 30 years, with extensive experience in drafting rules and regulations and other published documents. He was a County level athlete in the 1970s and has volunteered as a club team manager and committee member for several decades. His Athletics volunteer experience has encompassed officiating from grassroots to international levels and serving as a committee member of the South of England Athletics Officials Association, Officials Secretary of Surrey County AA and Surrey Schools AA and a UKA Facility Assessor. Following retirement he was elected to the England Athletics London Regional Council in 2009, becoming Co-Chair in 2013. He was appointed as an elected non-executive Director to the Board of England Athletics (Chairing the Audit & Assurance Committee) in 2014, and to the Board of UK Athletics as the England Athletics Board nominee in 2020, retiring from those positions in 2022.

He has been a member of the UKA Rules Advisory Group since 2019.

Dr Moira Gallagher MBE

Moira spent 34 years as a teacher, 23 of them with children with special educational needs. For much of that time she was involved with their Physical Education programmes, including athletics.

She began athletics career back in 1961 as a young athlete. In her later teens she began to study the rule book as her father insisted that as an athlete she should know the rules so she has been aware of the importance of the rules of the sport for quite a time! She began coaching in her late teens and carried on for about 20 years including coaching the British paraplegic track team throughout the 1980s which included the Paralympics in Seoul in 1988.

Moira's officiating career began in 1970 and she has officiated ever since with her main discipline being that of a track official. At the Olympics and Paralympics in London in 2012 she was one of two Meeting Managers and she have been privileged to officiate at many major events held in the UK including World and European Championships and Commonwealth Games. This is alongside local grassroots competitions where rules are equally important but education of athletes and others is often needed to help them avoid disqualification.

The number and variety of committees with which she has been involved are numerous but she is still involved with those involving officials' education and selection at Northern and National level and has Chaired the UKA Technical Advisory Group for a number of years up to the present time.

Mark Granby (Chair)

Mark is a former police superintendent who served 30 years with Greater Manchester Police. Prior to his police service Mark studied Physical Education and Sports Science at Loughborough University. He was a keen middle distance runner in the 70s and 80s and still runs to keep fit.

Following his retirement from the police, he established his own company, MLG Governance Services, to provide support and coaching skills to other organisations through his designation as a National Leader of Governance by the Department of Education. This includes conducting external reviews of governance at schools and trusts, providing a coaching service to other chairs of governance boards, and the provision of other chairing or leadership facilitation. He has also provided safeguarding consultancy services, including leading on serious case reviews as an accredited independent lead reviewer.

Mark holds a series of non-executive roles including chair of trustees of Bury Athletic Club where he led the club through the application process to register as a charitable incorporated organisation. He is also the club's lead welfare officer.

Lis Henderson

Lis works as a TV producer in Hull and has worked with the BBC for more than 25 years. Although she ran while at school she was never a good athlete and stopped being involved with the sport for many years. She got back into athletics while working in Ipswich, initially working as an escort and coach at Orwell Panthers, an athletics club set up to support athletes with disabilities. She quickly got involved with officiating and qualified at national level in time for the 2012 London Olympics and Paralympics. Since then, she has continued to develop and is now a World Athletics Gold Referee, European Athletics Technical Delegate and Competition Director. As such she has officiated at a number of international events, including the Commonwealth Games where in 2026 she worked as the Competition Director. She was Technical Director at the European Under 18 Championships in Banska Bystrica and Espoo, on the Jury of Appeal for the European Championships in Rome and Video referee on the track in Lima for the World Under 20 Championships. Although primarily a field official Lis works across all disciplines through her international roles.

In the UK Lis officiates at all levels of competition from grassroots to Diamond Leagues where she has judged and worked as Competition Director a number of times. She understands how the World Athletics Rules work for athletics meetings at all levels and for athletes of different ages. In addition to her work as an official Lis is a tutor for new officials and is a member of the TAG.

Chris Lawrence

Chris is a retired civil engineer, having spent 40 years in the design of major infrastructure projects around the world, including almost 20 years living and working in South-East Asia. A former Fellow of the Institution of Civil Engineers, he was also a Visiting Professor at the University of Nottingham and Technical Director of the UK Rail Safety and Standards Board.

Since participating in schools athletics in the 1970s, where he became Westmorland County High Jump Champion, he has maintained a keen interest in athletics and has been a field official for over 15 years. In that time he has climbed the qualifications ladder to the National list, and is qualified as a National Athletics Referee and a Bronze-level World Athletics Referee. Starting with the London 2017 World Athletics Championships, he has worked as a National Technical Official at two further World Athletics Championships, the World Para Athletics Championships, the European Athletics Indoor Championships and the Commonwealth Games. He has also officiated at the Athletics World Cup and at multiple Diamond League meetings. As well as judging, he has acted as Field Referee, Combined Events Referee and Technical Manager at UK Championships and at numerous England National Championships.

He is a past-President of Solihull & Small Heath AC and continues to officiate at all levels of the sport, from local open and league meetings to major international championships.

Arwel Williams

Arwel retired as a Senior Police Officer and has been the Hon Sec. of Liverpool Harriers & AC for nearly 2 decades, having been at the club for over 30 years, with many roles at the club including being YA Team Manager and a L3 Middle Distance Coach.

He chairs the UK Athletics Endurance Education and Training Sub-Group and sits on the UKA Technical Advisory Group. He is the Cross-Country Representative on the Northern Athletics Executive Board and the Chair of ECCA and Merseyside County AA. Arwel is also a committee member of ERRA.

He has refereed internationally, including the IAAF Half Marathon in Cardiff and the Dubai Marathon since 2019 and most recently the Ras Al Kaimah Half Marathon amongst many other events. Arwel is one of the referees at London Marathon.

Arwel has been selected as an official at every major championship staged in the UK, since the 2012 Olympic Games. He was the Out-of-Stadium Events Manager for the 2017 IAAF World Championships. He is also an experienced Field Referee who has regularly refereed at national level and has been a member of the UKA Field Peer Group.

He is a regular tutor on endurance officials' courses and is closely involved with organising events at local, regional and national level in both Track and Field, and Endurance. He has significant experience working in governance professionally and within athletics.

Chris Moss (Accountable Executive)

Chris is the UKA Development Director, having previously worked at Welsh Athletics, as Head of Development and Participation, for over 20 years. In that role he had responsibility and oversight of; club affiliation & membership, club & coach development, facilities, volunteering & officiating, partnership and the wider sports modernisation programme, leading to record growth levels.

He is a graduate of both Loughborough University (undergrad) and Cardiff Metropolitan University (postgrad). A former international athlete and now a tutor of both Coach and Officials education in the UK (as well as being a World Athletics Level 1 Accredited Tutor). An appointed trustee of the Run 4 Wales Charitable Foundation, in his spare time he coaches athletics as well as commentates and supports the delivery of a number of major events / mass participation events across the UK.

Chris brings his experiences in, and knowledge of, the sport to the Rules Group whilst oversight of the group sits within his portfolio of responsibilities within his role at UK Athletics.

Alasdhair Love

Alasdhair Love is Head of Competitions at scottishathletics, where he leads the development and delivery of Scotland's national athletics competition programme. He has worked in athletics development, competition management and event delivery for over 15 years, having previously held roles as National Events Manager and Regional Development Manager.

Alasdhair has worked closely with clubs, officials, athletes and governing bodies across track and field, road running, cross country and hill running. His experience spans competition planning, event operations, governance, stakeholder engagement and the development of systems, guidance and resources to support event organisers and volunteers.

Alongside his professional roles, Alasdhair has held volunteer appointments at major international championships, including the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games, the 2017 World Athletics Championships and World Para Athletics Championships in London, and the 2019 European Athletics Indoor Championships. He was also appointed Technical Information Centre Manager for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games.

As a qualified UK Athletics Technical Official, Alasdhair brings extensive experience of competition delivery and practical application of the Rules of Athletics across all levels of the sport.

Jacky Brett (Administrator)

Jacky's passion for athletics began at the age of five, when she first experienced her school sports day. Her enthusiasm for the sport grew even stronger in 1972 as she watched Mary Peters capture Olympic gold, an achievement that left a lasting impression.

At nine years old, Jacky joined her local athletics club and went on to represent England in the sprint hurdles at an Under-23 international match in Poland in 1987. Over the years, she has contributed to athletics in a wide range of roles, including coach, team manager, volunteer, club chairman, and proud athletics parent.

Today, alongside her work with UK Athletics and England Athletics, Jacky focuses her time on officiating as a Level 4 Field Official at all levels. She has served as a Technical Official at both the Commonwealth Games and the European Athletics Championships, and is also qualified as a World Athletics Bronze Referee.