

Dear Race Organiser

This email is being sent to those who have taken out a Scottish Athletics permit for a hill race taking place in 2014, and is intended to ensure that you are aware of the related safety requirements. These have changed for 2014 following an inquest into a fatality at a hill race in the English Lake District in 2012.

Races which hold a Scottish Athletics permit are conducted under UK Athletics (UKA) rules. Through UKA Rule 405, this means compliance with the Fell Runners Association (FRA) Safety Requirements. The FRA Safety Requirements document for 2014 is available to download as a PDF file from <http://www.fellrunner.org.uk/organisers.php>. The Safety Requirements have been revised to respond to concerns raised by the Coroner at the inquest.

There has been some discussion of the relationship of the safety requirements to insurance cover. Races which hold a Scottish Athletics permit are insured under a public liability and third party insurance policy provided by UKA. I attach a copy of a summary of the policy (also available from <http://www.britishathletics.org.uk/governance/insurance/>) which usefully reminds that the policy covers negligence claims which result in injury to participants.

On a separate point, during 2013 the issue of personal accident insurance for helpers at events arose, with particular reference to members of Mountain Rescue Teams. At that time the Mountain Rescue Committee of Scotland (MRCofS) intended to put in place an insurance policy which would provide personal accident cover for members of all Mountain Rescue Teams. However, the latest advice from MRCofS is that this has not been possible and that event organisers should discuss personal accident insurance cover for the personnel attending events with the organisation providing those personnel.

I hope that this clarifies the position.

Kind Regards

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