

Road Race Measurement

scottishathletics has recently appointed Mike Burns as Course Measurement Co-ordinator, to take forward the development of practice and procedures on the measurement and certification of road races in Scotland. Mike is also the Scottish Area Course Measurement Secretary for the Association of UK Course Measurers, in which role he is responsible for the verification of race measurement reports and issuing of Certificates of Course Accuracy.

If any course that you use for a road race has been measured by a qualified course measurer, you will have received Certificate of Accuracy (or similar) and will be able to apply for a fresh certificate, provided the start, finish and route have not changed. Even minor changes to a course will require a new measurement.

If you are planning to stage a new race you should contact a qualified measurer to make arrangements for the course to be measured. More details of the procedures for obtaining a measurement can be found on the website of the Association of UK Course Measurers (AUKCM) at <http://coursemeasurement.org.uk/director.htm> .

Because of the expected high level of demand for course measurement over the coming months it will not always be possible for a measurer to be able to meet all requests. If you are unable to secure the services of a measurer you can contact Mike Burns (measurement@scottishathletics.org.uk) and request an Interim Record of Course Measurement. You should provide details of the planned race, including the distance, location and date of the race, along with a map of the course.

To receive an Interim Certificate of Course Measurement, the distance of the race will be measured as accurately as possible using map, GPS and/or on-line measurement tools. As far as possible, the measurement method(s) used will seek to ensure that the course length is at least equal to the advertised distance. This is an interim measurement, and the course length cannot be guaranteed 100% accurate until the course has been measured by an accredited Course Measurer using IAAF procedures approved for use in the UK.

This Interim Record will be valid only for the day of the race, and subsequent races over the same course will only be certified for course accuracy after measurement and validation by an accredited Course Measurer.

Details of accredited Course Measurers in Scotland can be found at

<http://coursemeasurement.org.uk/scotland.php>

or by contacting Mike Burns measurement@scottishathletics.org.uk

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