

## Timekeepers

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Work closely with the start team and the track judges. Call out lap times for the athletes in races over 800m, accurately record times as they finish their races, and record split times in relays.

This requires a great deal of concentration and consistency, especially during sprints.



## Track

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Judge the finish of the race by placing the athletes in order as they pass the finish line. Umpire the whole race, observing and reporting to the referee any infringement of the rules. Set up and control any equipment required.



“Athletics in Scotland is fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented group of officials to support national, regional and local competitions. Officials are the heartbeat of our events and we would encourage new volunteers to work with us, to train as officials and support their local clubs, leagues and national events. There is no doubt it will be a really rewarding experience.” Colin Hutchison,  
CEO of scottishathletics

# BECOME A scottishathletics OFFICIAL



Could you become one of the volunteer officials who help make athletics happen? We need people with all kinds of skills, from all kinds of backgrounds, to make sure our events are fair and safe. You'll enjoy the support and camaraderie of being part of our officials community, and the satisfaction of helping athletes enjoy their sport and reach their potential. This booklet tells you a little about what's involved in each of the roles on offer - if you'd like to find out more, get in touch!

Like to find out more?

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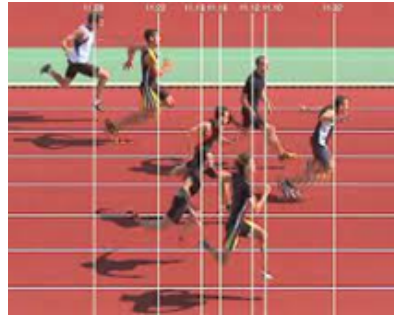
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## Photo Finish

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Work closely with the start team, track officials and timekeepers. Read and interpret the picture on the photo finish screen to confirm or adjust race results and times. Technology is constantly used, and good concentration is necessary.



## Starter & Starter's Assistant

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Work closely with the track, timekeeping and photo finish teams. Check each athlete is in the correct lane at the start, and get the race underway. Monitor the use of blocks and other equipment, especially in the case of para athletes.

## Technical

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Ensure the field of play is competition-ready for the start of the individual events and throughout the meeting. Check and calibrate all equipment, set up competition areas and dismantle them again safely after the event.



## Administration

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Register athletes and oversee their prompt arrival at the call room pre-race. Also on the team is the announcer (pictured), who provides important information to spectators and officials, often commentating via microphone from close to the field events or up in the stands.

## Endurance

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Cover cross country, fell, mountain and road races. Lay out the course, register athletes and start the races, ensure athletes follow the correct route. Note times and places at the finish to ensure correct results



## Field

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Oversee jumps and throws: High jump, long jump, triple jump, pole vault, discus, hammer, javelin and shot put. Prepare the event area, measure height or distance, record results, and reset the area for the next athlete.