

OFFICIALS/VOLUNTEERS – LEVEL 1 MEETINGS

The majority of track and field events licensed by **scottishathletics** will receive a level 1 event licence. In order to ensure that results are accurate, consistent and eligible for publication on ranking sites, standards of officiating at these events must meet or exceed the minimum standards set out below.

Minimum GRADED officials required for a level 1 meeting:

Discipline	Role	Qualification Required
Track	Track Referee	Track level 2+
	At least 3 more graded judges	Track level 1+
Field	Field Referee	Field level 2+
	At least 2 graded judges per simultaneous field event	Field level 1+ (Throw or PV Chief must be 2+)
Timekeeping	Chief Timekeeper	Timekeeping level 2+
	At least 2-3 more graded timekeepers	Timekeeping level 1+
Start	Starter	Starter level 2+
	Starter's Assistant	Starter's Assistant level 1+

If Photofinish is in use (not essential at a level 1 meeting), the Chief must be level 2+ with at least 1 additional graded operator. If Photofinish is used, a minimum of two Timekeepers (at least one level 2+) must be on duty.

Please Note: Trainee or assistant officials may assist but do not count as one of the minimum qualified technical officials required in any discipline and must be overseen by a licensed official at all times. Newly qualified level 1 officials must also be supervised by a level 2+ official from the relevant discipline whilst they gain more experience.

Roles required at a level 1 meeting:

ESSENTIAL

- 1 – 2 admin volunteers to seed events and print start lists and field cards (could be done in advance)
- 1 – 2 declarations volunteers to check athletes in and distribute number bibs before the first event
- At least 4-5 Field Judges/volunteers per field event running at any one time. Each event must have at least 2 graded officials, at least one of whom is L2+. The overall lead official will be Field Referee, and the designated lead official on a particular event will be Chief. The Referee must deliver a short safety briefing prior to their team members entering the field of play.
- 4 – 8 Track Judges/Umpires at Finish Line to determine placings, and positioned in suitable locations around the track to check for lane infringements, relay changeovers, wind readings, etc. as appropriate. Lead official would be Track Referee; at least 3 other judges must also be graded track officials.
- 4 – 6 Timekeepers to time athletes. Lead would be Chief Timekeeper, and signals to the Starter before any race that their team is ready.
- 1 – 2 Starters to start the races. For a full-day event, appointing 2 Starters is recommended.
- 1 – 3 Starter's Assistants to organise athletes prior to the start of their race from paperwork produced by the admin team. If more than one, lead SA would be Chief Starter's Assistant.

OPTIONAL

- 2 – 3 Clerks of Course to prepare and set out equipment (implements, sectors, jumps boards, hurdles, blocks, etc.), and to ensure equipment is removed from the competition area when it is no longer required.
- 2 – 3 Assembly Stewards to gather athletes in the assembly area pre-event, check numbers, shoes, etc. and escort athletes to the start area of field event site.
- Announcer to communicate important information to athletes, coaches, officials and spectators and/or to provide commentary on events.
- 2 – 3 Photofinish Judges (if available) to set up and operate Photofinish equipment. Lead official would be Photofinish Chief.

A full description of all officiating roles can be found in the UKA rulebook or on the UKA website

Officials' List Template

The table below lists the recommended officials required at an event where a maximum of 2 field events will operate at any one time and photofinish will be in operation. It can be adapted to suit the requirements of any meeting by adding/removing judges as required. Please take the length of your competition day into account, appointing enough officials to cover breaks if required.

Those roles highlighted in grey must be allocated to graded officials within the relevant discipline; whilst other roles may be filled by graded and assistant officials (preferred), or volunteers.

Discipline	Role	Name
Admin	Admin volunteer –seeding races, printing field cards, etc	
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	Declarations volunteer	
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	Assembly Steward	
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Technical	Clerk of Course	
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Field	Field Referee	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
	Field Judge	
Track	Track Referee	
	Track Judge	
	Track Judge	
	Track Judge	
	Track Judge	
	Track Judge	
	Track Judge	
Starting	Starter	
	Starter's Assistant	
	Starter's Assistant	
Timekeeping	Chief Timekeeper	
	Timekeeper	
	Timekeeper	
	Timekeeper	
Photofinish	Chief Photofinish	
	Photofinish Judge	
	Photofinish Judge	
Other	Announcer	