

SCOTTISH ATHLETICS OFFICIALS' CONFERENCE

17 November 2024

Carnegie Conference Centre, Dunfermline

PROGRAMME

- 09:30** **Registration & tea/coffee**
- 10:00** **Welcome & Introductory remarks**
Alistair Aitchison (Chair of Officials' Commission)
- 10:10** **Records Presentation**
Arnold Black – SA Statistician
- 10:25** **Keynote Speakers – “I’m Here” Officials**
Robert Nesbitt, Kirsty Ewen & Ryan Wood - SAMH
- Q&A**
- 11:00** **Comfort Break**
- 11:10** **Scenarios – attendees round table discussion**
Margaret-Ann McLachlan & Sophie Allan
- 12:30 – 13:30** **L U N C H**
- 13:40** **Workshops - Session 1**
- 1 Pathways from Course to Level 3 Officials
Shona Malcolm-Martin & Dave Cairns
 - 2 Progression from 3 to Level 4
Margaret-Ann MacLachlan, Avril Pearson & Jan Gammage
 - 3 Level 4 to World Athletics Referee & Cross Discipline Support
Joyce Wighton & Rob Dalziel
- 14:25** **Tea/Coffee**
- 14:45** **Workshops – Session 2**
- 4 Starting at Off-Track Events
Dave Cairns & Richard O'Grady
 - 5 Technical Workshop
Mark Stringer & Carol Rose
 - 6 Video Room
Pam Aukland, Lorna Rogers
 - 7 TIC
Jason Pender & Alasdhair Love
- 15:40** **Update from scottishathletics**
Colin Hutchison (scottishathletics Chief Executive Officer) and
Alasdhair Love (scottishathletics Head of Competitions)
- 16:00** **Presentation of Service Awards** (including 25+ Years Achievement)
Shona Malcolm-Martin
- 16:15** **Closing Remarks**
Alistair Aitchison (Chair of the Officials' Commission)

Descriptors

Keynote – Scottish Action for Mental Health (SAMH) will present on the work around the “I’m here” project, in partnership with Scottish Athletics. Exploring what it is and what it means, including the development of tools and resources to support officials to look after themselves or to listen and lend support to their peers.

Scenarios – Delivered in a fun and interactive manner. Your chance to have a go at what you think you would do in a specific situation and what do the rules say.

Records Presentation – Arnold Black will give us some insight to Scottishathletics records, what is needed from us when a record is broken and the paperwork needed to ratify it.

Workshops

1. Pathways from Course to Level 2 Officials

This workshop is for Level 1 & Level 2 officials and will explain the new pathway after transition, as well as explaining what is needed to progress to the next level and what tools are in place to help with your progression.

2. Progression from 3 to Level 4

This workshop is for Level 3 officials and will explain what is needed to go to the next level and what tools are in place to help with your progression. We will also have some insights from recently upgraded officials and their experiences through their journey.

3. Level 4 to WAR & Cross Discipline Support

This workshop is for Level 4 officials with a presentation on what is needed to progress to World Athletics Referee. Joyce & Rob will explain the pathway to Bronze and Silver Levels and give insight into their experiences. Also discussion on cross discipline support and how we can be better at this.

4. Starting at Off-Track Events

This workshop will explain what is needed to start races at Off-Track Events e.g. Cross Country & Roads, It will go through the Licence criteria and the safety aspects of what is essential for a safe start area.

5. Technical Workshop

This workshop will go through what is needed to be part of a technical team and the set-up of all the competition site ready for the start of the day.

6. Video Room

This workshop will give you an insight to what happens in a video room at major championships and what the duties are of the Video Room Referee

7. TIC

This workshop will explain what happens in a Technical Information Centre. As well as Virtual verses Paper, what is best the pitfalls of both.