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National Officials Training Day 2026

Sunday 29th March 2026

Grangemouth Sports Stadium

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Updates

- *Welfare & PVG*
- *“I’m here”*
- *Home Countries the past 24 months*
- *Communities of Good Practice*
- *Upgrading Process*
- *Open Questions*
- *Thanks*

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PVG & Welfare



scottishathletics is committed to looking after the welfare of it's members.

Issues or Complaints –

- At championship competition to a staff member either verbally or by email.
- At other competitions email complaints@scottishathletics.org.uk and this will be recorded.
- Actions will be taken by the senior management team.

PVG –

- Now an online process – ID checks can be completed by your club welfare Officer or Shona Malcolm-Martin.
- You must remember when you get your certificate to tick the box to share this with scottishathletics.
- This runs with your licence renewal every 3years. You will get an email reminder 3months, 2months & 1 month out from renewal.

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Mental Health & Wellbeing



- Established a working partnership with SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health)
 - Established a Scottish Athletics Officials Mental Health & Wellbeing Working Group in 2024
 - Enabling Scottish Athletics officials to help shape the future of the SAMH partnership – for Officials by Officials
 - Access to an E-Learning Module for club professionals, coaches, leaders, officials and volunteers to build confidence in mental health matters
 - Created the "I'm here" brand (including a "badge") to enable the Well Being Champions to be visible amongst their peers and encourage related conversations.
 - Created the "I'm here" education programme to help champions to structure a mental health Conversation
 - Developing tailored Resources for mental health and Education/resources for Scottish Athletics officials
 - Collated and linked all of the above resources in one place on the Scottish Athletics Website
 - Evolving a group of Mental Health Wellbeing champions to be "ambassadors" & potential first points of contact in mental health matters
- **Main aim to support each other**



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Welfare

Courses

Mental Health & Wellbeing

Officials

- Officials qualifications ▶
- Courses for Officials ▶
- Officials' toolkit ▶
- Renewing Your Officiating Licence ▶
- Upgrading ▶
- Officials' commission ▶
- Mental Health & Wellbeing ▶



Volunteers lie at the heart of our sport, with Officials an integral part of the volunteer workforce.

With our partners, [SAMH](#), we're committed to empowering and supporting the mental health and wellbeing of our officials family.

Latest Articles



Strathclyde Park bound: Runners set for Lindsays Scottish 10-Mile Champs
FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Top names enter for Lindsays Scottish 10k Champs at Babcock race
THURSDAY 26TH MARCH

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Home Countries Update

Since the transition of the Levels 1 – 3 we have been working on :-

- New Pathway
- Produced Discipline Check List for all disciplines
- Updated Level 2 question and made multiple choice
- Introduced Level 3 Questions and made multiple choice
- Updated the Health & Safety Module for Officials
- Delivered Communities of Good Practise Webinars

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Track & Field Officials' Pathway



Level 1

- ◆ Level 1 Course
- ◆ Safeguarding & Health and Safety online modules
- ◆ Minimum of 2 Practical Experiences (Scot/NI Only)
- ◆ DBS/PVG/Access NI
- ◆ Licence photo

Level 2

- ◆ A minimum of 10 additional meetings since level 1 ^a
- ◆ Record of Experience ^b
- ◆ Experiences across all field events (field only)
- ◆ Discipline Feedback Sheet(s) ^c
- ◆ Level 2 Questions
- ◆ Submit documents

Level 3

- ◆ A minimum of 20 additional meetings since level 2 ^a
- ◆ Record of Experience
- ◆ Minimum of 2 Positive Reports at area level meetings ^c
- ◆ Level 3 Questions
- ◆ Submit documents

Level 4

- ◆ A minimum of 30 additional meetings over two years, since level 3
- ◆ Record of Experience
- ◆ Level 4 Officials Course and Technology Module
- ◆ Minimum of 6 Positive Reports ^d
- ◆ Level 4 Questions
- ◆ Application Form
- ◆ Submit documents

- a) **Level 2 Starter** – Minimum of 10 practical experiences as a Starter and minimum of 10 practical experiences as a Starter's Assistant since attaining level 1
Level 3 Starter – Minimum of 15 practical experiences as a Starter and minimum of 5 practical experiences as a Starter's Assistant since attaining level 2
Level 3 Starters Assistant – Minimum of 20 practical experiences as a Starter's Assistant since attaining level 2.

- b) **Level 2** - 'What did I learn' section (optional). **Level 3** - 'What did I learn' section (Mandatory)
- c) Level 2 reports - by a Level 2 Official (of 2 or more years) or above. Level 3 reports - by a Level 3 Official (of 2 or more years) or above – including one as a chief/referee at a suitable level meeting. ***If there is not a higher-level official in your chosen discipline to write the level 3 chiefs report, evidence of acting as a chief/referee at suitable level meeting must be included within the Record of Experience. This must be supported with confirmation of you fulfilling the role of chief/referee by the event organiser/meeting manager of that meeting.***
- d) Wherever possible, by a Level 4 Official on the national list and has been a level 4 with 2 or more years experience. Must include (1) Team Member x2, (3) Out of Area, (4) Technology report EDM/SIS/Photo-finish, (5) Referee or Chief Report, (6) Clerk of Course (track/field only) or additional team member report

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Endurance Officials' Pathway



Level 1

- ◆ Level 1 Course
- ◆ Risk Awareness course
- ◆ Minimum of 2 Practical Experiences (Scot/NI Only)
- ◆ Safeguarding self-paced module
- ◆ PVG Check
- ◆ Licence photo

Level 2

- ◆ A minimum of 10 additional meetings since level 1^a
- ◆ Record of Experience^b
- ◆ Judging/Recording; Sector Marshaling; Race Referee self-paced modules
- ◆ Submit documents

Level 3

- ◆ A minimum of 10 additional meetings (2 at district/National level meetings), since level 2
- ◆ Record of Experience
- ◆ 1 Positive Report at District/National level meeting^c
- ◆ Start/Finish and clerk of course/course director self-paced modules
- ◆ Submit documents

Level 4

- ◆ A minimum of 20 additional meetings, since level 3
- ◆ Record of Experience
- ◆ Level 4 Endurance Officials Course
- ◆ Minimum of 4 Positive Reports^{d, e}
- ◆ Level 4 questions
- ◆ Submit documents

a) Evidence of shadowing referee at a league/district level meeting within Record of Experience (mandatory)

b) What did I learn' section (optional)

c) Level 3 report (by a Level 4 Official or a Level 3 Official with 2 or more years experience)

d) Level 4 report (by a Level 4 Official with 2 or more years experience)

e) Must include the following duties: (1) Referee/Assistant Referee (2) Start Area Coordinator/Start Director (3) Finish Area Coordinator/Finish Director (4) Clerk of Course/Course Director

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