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NTROG Selection process

- Invitations to officiate at Northern Athletics championships are sent to all L1-4 track and field officials in the Northern Tri-Region, except those who have opted out of such mailings. The request is usually sent in early October for the indoor championships and in late November for the outdoor season.
- Recommendation for officials' selections at the championships are made by NTROG and ratified by the NA Executive. They balance the need for a strong team of experienced officials at each event with the desire to provide opportunities for others to develop.
- NTROG members receive a Northern Championships Officials withdrawal list at the end of the Indoor Season (March) and the end of the Outdoor season (Sept). Discipline sub-group members discuss these lists to identify any officials who appear to be "playing the system" and note those identified.
- As availability responses are received, the Secretary notes the following:
 - a) L4 officials who fail to respond at all
 - b) L1-3 officials who seek ancillary positions at national meetings but offer no availability for Northern meetingsand contacts them prior to the deadline with a reminder.
- Prior to the Indoor Selection Meeting in November and the Outdoor Meeting in January, the Secretary issues the availability lists, highlighting the officials identified as:
 - 1) having withdrawn from meetings in the previous season without a valid reason,
 - 2) applying for national selections with NIL return for Northern meetings
 - 3) providing a NIL return with no supporting comments
 - 4) providing no return at all (L4 only).
- Within each discipline sub-group, contact is made with each official falling into these categories. The resulting discussions are brought to the relevant selection meeting for open discussion by NTROG. Agreement is then reached by NTROG on the appropriate action (or inaction) to be taken during the selection process at that meeting.