

Arrangements for reports at Northern Athletics Championship events

We have been inundated with requests for reports at a variety of levels, some of them before the official concerned has gained experience of working at Northern Championship level. We will try to arrange reports where it is appropriate but offer some guidance below. Indoor meetings are only suitable for a limited range of reports.

To all officials wishing to progress through the pathway from Level 1:

For reports to progress from level 1 to level 2 – please contact your County Officials' Secretary and arrange for reports to be carried out at your County Championships if possible. If stuck, we will try to help.

For reports to progress from level 2 to level 3 – reports will be arranged at Northern Championship events for officials who have been gaining experience of working at this level. Once an official has gained this experience, reports can be requested and this will be considered by the Tri Regional Officials' Group. We appoint officials of all levels to our Northern Championships in order that they can start to gain experience at this level from an early stage.

To ensure that officials wishing to progress are given the opportunities to gain experience, it is essential that they make themselves available for these events and inform the Tri Regional Officials Group Secretary/Tri Regional Upgrading Secretary that they wish to try to progress to the next level. We recommend that officials work for at least one full outdoor season at level 2 before they start thinking about requesting further reports.

Should it not be possible to arrange for reports at Northern Championships (sometimes there are more reports required than there are suitable reporters) the TROG will assist in recommending other suitable meetings at which reports can be obtained. **Please do not arrange such reports without checking that they will be accepted.**

All those working towards Level 3 should ensure that the TROG is aware of their intent, so mentoring can be arranged and progress monitored. Please seek advice at an early stage in the process.

For reports to progress from level 3 to level 4 – All the above points about level 3 reports apply. It is recommended that officials work for at least one full outdoor season at level 3 before they start thinking about requesting reports. For many people it will be a longer time period. It is useful to attend the level 4 course early in the process to make full use of the learning from that. Indoor meetings are not appropriate for level 4 Field Judge reports, as no long throws are included.

At least one report for Level 4 has to be written by a reporter from outside the Tri Region. Candidates do need to be pro-active in finding suitable meetings but should do this in consultation with the TROG to ensure that a suitable meeting and reporter are located.

All levels – Please be honest with your assessment of your own abilities. If you wish to progress, you need to complete the Record of Experience form in detail. This will help both you and your mentor determine whether you are ready to try to move to a higher level.

We appreciate that many officials do not wish to progress through the pathway; in many cases you are the people keeping local meetings going! You are providing a very valuable service to the sport. Please keep working at whatever level enables you to enjoy the sport and we will be pleased to see you at our Northern events if you wish to join us.

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Northern Tri Regional Upgrading Secretary