

NTROG Selection Policy

Northern Athletics

Invitations for availability to officiate at Northern Championships are sent by e-mail to all eligible Level 1-4 Track and Field officials in the Northern Tri-Region, except those who have opted out of such mailings. To be eligible, you must be licensed which includes a valid DBS through EA/UKA and have completed Safeguarding training when required. The request is usually sent for the indoor championships in September/October and in late November/December for the outdoor season. Availability requests for the Northern Indoor OPENS are sent out in late summer and may come from the Northern Office.

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. It is important to recognise the opportunities that Northern Athletics provide and the following criteria need to be borne in mind by all officials:

1. Priority for selections at Northern Indoor Championships will be given to those officials who have responded to requests for availability for Northern Indoor Opens, whether positive or negative.
2. Recommendations by NTROG for National appointments are based on current and sustained commitment to Northern events

NTROG members receive a Northern Championships Officials' withdrawal list, which includes withdrawals from the reserve 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 consistently withdraw.

It is important to respond to availability requests; please **do not** ignore them. Officials are given 2-4 weeks to respond, a reminder is issued and a facility is provided to send a NIL return and/or opt to withdraw from availability mailings.

Prior to the Selection Meetings in November (indoor) and January (outdoor), the Secretary issues the availability lists to the NTROG and Northern Athletics T&F representatives including any comments made by individual officials and highlighting those identified as:

- having withdrawn from meetings in the previous season
- providing no response to availability mailings for Northern Indoor meetings
- applying for national selections with NIL return for Northern meetings
- providing a NIL return with no supporting comments
- providing no return at all (L4 only).

Within each discipline sub-group, contact may be 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.

Selected officials are notified and appointments are published on the Northern Athletics website here: [Officials | Northern Athletics](#)

Selections for National Events

Please remember that recommendations by NTROG for National track & field appointments are based on current and sustained commitment to Northern events.

Level 4 Officials

Availability requests are issued by UKA/EA and responses are circulated to the appropriate Tri-Region. Recommendations for appointments are made by NTROG based on the requirement to appoint a suitably diverse and experienced team together with the need to offer opportunities to 4P officials. Formal appointments are made by discipline Peer Groups and ratified by TAG. Selected officials are notified directly from UKA/EA.

Levels 1-3

Particularly for major events held in the Northern Tri-Region, there are a small number of opportunities for officials to attend in Competition Admin (Ancillary) roles and occasionally within their discipline. Availability requests are sent out to a similar timetable as those issued for Northern Athletics events and provide the official with the facility to add supporting comments to their application.

Once positive availability is received, recommendations are made and ratified by NTROG based on experience and capability. Selected officials are notified directly from UKA/EA.