

# COFSEC UPDATE



**OCTOBER 2023**

The outdoor track and field season has concluded and many thanks to every cofsec for all your hard work to ensure events took place across all counties.

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS - OFFICIALS**

England Athletics has assumed responsibility of licencing for officials of levels 1 to 3 as of 1<sup>st</sup> October. A list of officials whose highest level is level 1, 2 or 3 and as of yet not accepted the terms and conditions will be sent to COfSecs shortly. To sign the terms and conditions for England Athletics,

- Log into your profile on MyAthletics portal by clicking [here](#)
- Go to the Codes of Conduct section
- Scroll to licence terms and conditions for your role (coach and / or official)
- Read the terms and conditions
- Tick the relevant box to accept the revised T&Cs
- Once accepted the official will continue to be licensed and insured.

Official's whose highest qualification is level 4 do not need to complete this, as UKA will continue to licence officials at levels 4 and 5.

If you have any questions, feedback, or suggestions for the official's section of the England Athletics website. Please don't hesitate to contact [mritchie@englandathletics.org](mailto:mritchie@englandathletics.org)

## OFFICIALS RESOURCES

All of the following resources can now be found via MyAthletics Portal > Useful Documents > Officials

- Application forms for levels 1 to 3
  - Endurance modules and questions for level 2 and 3
  - Level 2 discipline specific questions
  - Report forms for levels 2 and 3
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## FREE CALL ROOM MODULE

A new, free call room online self-taught module has been launched by the four home countries for officials' who are interested in, have been allocated a role in the Call-Room or wish to learn about what is involved within a call room Continuous Personal Development (CPD). A certificate will be generated to confirm completion of the module as well. You can book onto the module via Athletics Hub [here](#) and this will appear within Online Courses > MyLearning.

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## OFFICIALS PATHWAY CONSULTATION

The Home Countries athletics federations (England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales) have created a short survey to ask individuals at trainee status up to level 3, about their experience of the current Officials Pathway and covers areas such as the booking process, course content, gaining competition experiences, and the steps to qualifying and progressing in each level. The deadline for completion of the survey is Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. I would be most grateful if COfSecs could send the email I am due to send along with the link to these officials.

The aim is to review the responses and these will feed into a review and proposed pathway for track/field and endurance officials moving forward.

If you have any topics, you would like covered in the next edition of the official's newsletter in December, please contact [mritchie@englandathletics.org](mailto:mritchie@englandathletics.org)

## OFFICIALS SURVEY DATA

All data following the officials survey carried out earlier this year has been shared with CofSecs and Regional Councils. Any counties where 10 or less responses or where respondents only provided their region and not their county were included within the data for their region. This data will be used for all operational and work plans for 2024/25, working closely with COFSecs and regional councils on the various work streams.

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I want to thank each and every CofSec for all their hard work, support, dedication and guidance to officials and events in each county so far this year. Every CofSec is doing a fantastic job and I cannot thank you enough for everything you do in your role.

If there is any additional support or any issues with any officiating related matters, please let me know, as I am keen to improve the experience for everyone including yourselves as COFSecs.

I wish you an enjoyable rest after a busy outdoor season or an enjoyable endurance season if you are officiating at off-track events.

Best wishes

*Marc Ritchie*

Technical Officials Development Manager

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## KEY RESOURCES

[Athletics Hub](#) – For course resources and course bookings

[Health and Safety Module Link](#)

[DBS Renewal](#)

[MyAthletics Portal](#)

[Officials' Courses](#)

[Safeguarding Module Link](#)

## **Officials Associations**

[Northern Athletics Officials Association](#) – Point of Contact – [naoasec@gmail.com](mailto:naoasec@gmail.com)

[Midland Athletics Officials Association](#) – Point of Contact - [HonSecretary@mafeo.net](mailto:HonSecretary@mafeo.net)

[South of England Athletics Officials Association](#) – Point of Contact - [Membership - SEAOA](#)

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