

TO: **OFFICIALS**

25th Anniversary BIGish Jumps & Throws Fest 2019 – Monday 27th May

Many thanks for agreeing to officiate at the 4th BIGish Jumps & Throws Fest. This also a huge milestone for us as it is the 25th Anniversary of BIG in all it's forms. Sue and I are very grateful that you have been able to join us on this journey – a bumpy ride on occasions but a worthwhile and enjoyable 25 years in the main.

Set up to fill a gap and put the focus on Field events we are so pleased that it continues to fulfil this aim and grow in stature. Long Jump and all Triple Jumps are closed already and the Throws and High Jump have very good numbers. Over 200 athletes have already entered.

The aim, as always, is to get back to basics and run an efficient, fun meeting without all the frills! In an athlete friendly way!! Whilst allowing for legitimate qualifications for all the major Championships

The events this year are High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot, Discus & Hammer. The number of competitions in each event over the day will be dependent on the entries received before the closing date of Sunday 19th May. It will be an athlete friendly meeting with coaching allowed and with spectator areas close to the events (roped off for safety of course!).

Each event is being run and overseen by their own head of group (i.e. High Jump by me, Long Jump / Triple Jump by Femi Akinsanya & Hammer, Discus / Shot by Nick Ridgeon). We have each set our own entry standards. The High Jump will probably have 4 or 5 competitions (mixed and seeded by performance) with varying starting heights and progressions through relevant qualification marks as appropriate. Triple Jump have 3 competitions each off only one board (9m, 11m & 13m) and a max of 15 athletes per comp with no changes to board distances during each event. Long Jump will also have 3 competitions with each limited to 15 athletes. Shot, Discus & Hammer will run 1 or 2 comps in each with specially invited U20 athletes competing in all throws with their own weight for Euro Junior Qualification. Apart from the U20 athletes all throws will be with Senior weights. All Horizontal Jumps & Throws will have 6 trials with no rotation after Round 3. We have all relevant Permits and endorsements. A number of Paralympic athletes will also be competing (Steph Reid, Dan Greaves, etc).

All final paperwork (Officials list, Timetables, Entry lists and Athlete letter) will be available at www.bedfordgames.co.uk (look at the drop-down boxes to the Right of the home page) and be amended / added to as appropriate so please recheck regularly.

OFFICIALS' ACCREDITATION – please bring your UKA Officials Licence on your blue lanyard as we are not producing passes for this competition. All officials should enter through the MAIN ENTRANCE only and go to the Officials' Registration desk in the lower end of the Sports Hall (via outside and the Ramp please)

OFFICIALS DRESS - Officials are required to wear **NAVY BLUE** trousers/skirts (no shorts please), **white polo shirts** and navy fleece / navy jumper. **Please** wear your **BIG POLO SHIRT** if you have one. Keep fingers crossed we will not need Waterproofs!!!

CAR PARK PASS - Please use this letter as your Car Park Pass (please park in the parking area to the left as you enter). Not sure if Fusion are going to man the Car Park but just in case!

IAAF RULES - Please note that the meeting will be run **under IAAF rules**. The newly reinstated 60 second rule will apply but please work this within the spirit of the competition.

EDM 3 units have been booked – for use on the Discus, Shot & Hammer. **NB** Long and Triple Jump will be measured by Tape. Clocks will also be available at all sites.

OFFICIALS Packed Lunches can be collected from the Officials area in the main hall – Sue Bishop will be there to oversee distribution. Tea / Coffee will be provided all day – in line with current thinking we would be grateful if you could bring your own mug with you! We have also arranged for Benedicter's Caterers to do a BBQ / Jackets / other good food during the day but this will also be available for a short while after the meeting has finished so you can get food before leaving to go home (they always sell wonderful food – I can recommend it!!)

We have allocated the following to ensure the meeting runs smoothly. Please contact your Field Referees if you need to withdraw or have specific questions from now on.

FIELD REFEREES

Andrew Hulse (07752 841417)

Alison Friend (01252 333975)

TECHNICAL MANAGER

Jan Lishman (ably assisted all day by Rob Walker, with Malcolm Fletcher for the early morning set-up)

EQUIPMENT OFFICER – this year we have appointed Andrew Brown as our equipment officer to ease the load.

OFFICIALS BRIEFING – 09.45 a.m. in the Open Stand. Please can the leaders of each competition check athletes spike length, disallowed equipment, etc.

WALKIE TALKIE - after a problem last year with a lost unit these will have to be signed for. Sue Parmiter / Sue Bishop will distribute these from the area near the Registration Table in the Lower Sportshall at the start of the day. Please ensure you personally return these to them at the same place at the end of the meeting. A signature will be required on both collection and return.

TIMETABLE - Due to the nature of the meeting it is not possible to produce a Final timetable until after the closing date (19th May). Therefore, this will be available on the web site late on Tuesday 21st May. A Draft Timetable has been put on the site but please be aware that it is highly likely that the Throwing events timings may change. Events will begin at 11.00 and the meeting should be finished by 17.00!!


As this is a non-funded event we would be grateful if you could keep costs to a minimum by travelling with other officials where appropriate. An expenses form will be on the web site – please complete and hand in at Officials Registration at the start of the day. Cheques will be written and handed out to you during the meeting by Sue Parmiter.

We look forward to seeing you on May 27th and hope that you enjoy a very exciting day of Field athletics celebrating 25 years of BIG performances. Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any other problems.

With best wishes,



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On www.bedfordgames.co.uk eventually!!

Timetable

Officials List

Athlete Letter

Officials Letter

Entries Lists

Officials Expenses Form

Competition Pools