

TO: **OFFICIALS**

6th BIGish Jumps & Throws Fest 2021 – Monday 31st May

Many thanks for agreeing to officiate at the 6th BIGish Jumps & Throws Fest. After the dreadful year we have all had and with only reduced BIGish events in 2020 Sue and I are so pleased to welcome you back. The journey has been very bumpy but we are there now and looking forward to a brilliant day of Field Athletics and a chance to catch up with old friends at last. Hopefully many of us have already had two jabs (or at least one!) and will feel safer because of that. Be assured we will be taking every precaution to make sure everyone is safe.

Set up to fill a gap and put the focus on Field events we are so pleased that it continues to do this as it grows in stature. This year, with limited opportunities for our athletes to gain qualifying standards for Tokyo and the Euro & World Junior Championships, we have a large number of very high standard athletes competing. Overseas athletes are not being allowed for Health & Safety reasons unless they are resident in the UK.

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 major Championships. We have been given a Level 2 Permit.

The events this year are High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot, Discus, Hammer and, for the first time in many years, Javelin. As is the norm, BIGish will be an athlete friendly meeting with coaching areas close to the events (roped off for safety of course!).

On the day each event is being run and overseen by their own head of group (i.e. High Jump by me, Long Jump / Triple Jump by Darren Ritchie & the Throws by Nick Ridgeon). Entry standards have been high this year and we are currently running reserve lists in all events. The High Jump will have 5 Pools (mixed and seeded by performance) with varying starting heights and progressions through relevant qualification marks as appropriate. The standard in HJ is awesome with 5 Women over 1.91m and 7 men over 2.15m entered. Triple Jump have 3 Pools each off one board (9m, 11m & 13m) and a max of 14 athletes per comp with no changes to boards during each event. Long Jump will also have 3 Pools with each limited to 15 athletes. All Horizontal Jumps & Throws will have 6 trials with no rotation after Round 3. The Throws will all have 2 Pools with a max of 14 athletes. Specially invited U18 & U20 athletes will be competing in all throws and will be throwing with their own weight implements. No Paralympic athletes will be competing this year due to the World Para's taking place that week. All these details can be found on our Website.

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.

The meeting will be run to EA & Government Covid Regulations and in light of this I ask you to please read all the information below and on the web site. I apologise for the length of it!!!

OFFICIALS' ARRIVAL – please bring your UKA Officials Licence on your blue lanyard. 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). We have put all your contact details on a Database and these will need to be checked on arrival. This, along with the contact details of ALL who enter the stadium, will be kept for at least 21 days after the event for Track & Trace Purpose. A Temperature check will also be taken on arrival.

ONE WAY SYSTEMS – these will be in operation both inside the venue as well as around the site to avoid any bottle necks, especially in front of the stand areas and will be well signposted. Please can you follow these.

HEALTH CHECK - Please do not travel if you or any member of your family have any of the following symptoms : High Temperature, New & Persistent Cough, Loss of Taste or Smell. Or if you or any of your family have travelled from a restricted Overseas country in the last 14 days.

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. Fingers crossed we will not need Waterproofs!!!

FOOD & DRINK - We believe it is safer, and preferable, for you to bring your own food with you on the day and therefore a £5 per diem will be added to your expenses sheet. A manned Tea & Coffee station will be available throughout the day but you will need to bring your own mug.

MASKS & GLOVES – may of course be worn but they are not obligatory outside. Masks must be worn in all indoor areas including the Warm-up / Officials area.

HAND SANITISER, DISINFECTANT & WIPES – will be available at all event sites and at points around the Stadium. We do, however, suggest you bring your own.

SAFETY AT EVENT SITES - Equipment must be cleaned prior to and after all Pools. Athletes and Officials must remain socially distanced at all times. Chairs/Cones/marks will be put out to ensure athletes socially distance. Pits must be raked after every jump and turned at the end of a competition. Implements must be wiped after every throw prior to being put back in the rack.

WARM UP AREAS – we will discourage athletes from warming up inside (weather permitting). To help this we will allocate a specific outside area for each event and this will be marshalled to ensure Social Distancing. Please note Athletes do not have to wear a mask when actively warming up.

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!

WA RULES - Please note that the meeting will be run **under WA rules**. However, can I please ask that we work within the spirit, as well as the rules, of the meeting.

EDM 6 units have been booked – for use on the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shot, Javelin & Hammer. 7 Electronic Clocks (the max they have!) have also been booked for all sites except Shot.

OFFICIALS Tea / Coffee will be provided all day but in line with current thinking please can you bring your own mug with you! We are also attempting to arrange for a Coffee Van and a number of Food Outlets to be there on the day. An Ice Cream van has been booked.

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 Julie Dew (07871 280027)

Sue Smith (07989 970104)

TECHNICAL MANAGER Andrew Hulse (07752 841417)

CLERKS OF COURSE Bob Hammond Tony Sach

EQUIPMENT OFFICER Peter Lee

OFFICIALS BRIEFING – There will be no briefing on the day for Health & Safety reasons but I will email written briefing notes from the Referees to you all before the day. Please can all Officials arrive by 09.15a.m. In line with Covid restrictions there will be no Final Call area and no athlete

bibs. Athletes are being told to report to their event site 30 mins before the start time. Please can the Chiefs of each competition check athletes spike length, disallowed equipment, etc. at the event site.

WALKIE TALKIE - will be available and will have been sanitised before distribution. These will be available from **Sue Parmiter / Sue Bishop** in 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 both on collection and return. Due to Covid restrictions no ear pieces will be issued but if you have your own please bring them.

TIMETABLE - Due to the nature of the meeting it is not possible to produce a Final timetable until after the closing date (23rd May). Therefore, this will be available on the web site late on Tuesday 25th May. A Draft Timetable has been put on the site. Events will begin at 10.30 and the meeting should be finished by 17.30!!

EXPENSES FORM - To keep everyone safe we ask you not to travel together in cars unless in a family group. As previously mentioned, there will be a £5.00 per diem for food added to the expenses form. An expenses form will be on the web site – please print off, complete, SIGN and leave in the box at Officials Registration at the start of the day. Cheques will be written and handed out to you during the meeting by Sue Parmiter.

Below are listed all the relevant documents that are available on the website. Please ensure you have read the Risk Assessment as this is very important this year. Please look at the web site (home & Officials pages) regularly as any update or information will be posted here.

We look forward to seeing you on May 31st and hope that you enjoy a very exciting day of Field athletics celebrating 27 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!!

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