



30th BIG ANNIVERSARY GAMES 2024 - Saturday May 25th @ Horspath Track, Oxford

TO: **Official**

Many thanks for agreeing to officiate at the 30th BIG ANNIVERSARY GAMES 2024. Sue & I would like to thank you for supporting us again as we move to Horspath. We sincerely hope that we may be able to return to Bedford next year but at the moment it has deteriorated badly and in our opinion is not safe for high level competitions. Unless it is resurfaced in early 2025 I am afraid we may have to move next year as well.

This is a very special year for us and we are disappointed that we have had to drop the Track events from the programme because of lack of entries and clashes with other Sprint events. However, we all know that BIG Jumps & Throws Fest is a great success and we see no reason why it should not be the same again this year

Horspath is lovely track and we are very grateful to Oxford City AC for all the help they have given us in staging this year's event.

We are almost there and looking forward to a brilliant day of field athletics and a chance to catch up with old and new friends again.

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 athletes looking to gain qualifying standards for the Paris 2024, Rome Europeans and U20 and U18 Championships we are already full in 3 events with reserve lists already in operation. We have gone with Entry4sports this year instead of our own system which has reduced my workload significantly. You can find entry details at www.entry4sports.co.uk, type BIG into the search box and then look at Entries. Ignore the Seeding box as this will be redone once entries have closed.

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 and World Ranking point Level E. However you will have to excuse the few "frills" this year to celebrate 30 years!

The events this year are High Jump, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot, Discus, Javelin and Hammer. As is the norm, BIG 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 leads (i.e. High Jump by Simon Hemmings, Long Jump / Triple Jump by Ben Davies, and the Throws by Nick Ridgeon and Mark Chapman). Entry numbers have been high this year and we are currently running reserve lists in most events. The High Jump will have 5 Pools (mixed and seeded by performance not gender) with varying starting heights and progressions through relevant qualification marks as appropriate. As usual the standard in the High Jump is very good with at least 8 athletes in the men's competition with 2.10m+ PB's already entered. Triple Jump have 3 Pools, each off one board (9m, 11m & 13m) and a max of 16 athletes per comp. Long Jump will also have 3 Pools with each limited to 16 athletes. The Throws will all have 2 Pools with a max of 14 athletes. All competitions may be mixed but with two cards to ensure legality. U18 & U20 athletes will be competing in all throws and will be throwing with their own weight implements. A small number of Paralympic athletes will be competing again this year and will also be using their own weight implements.

Field Refs, CoC's & EO will have this information to ensure the appropriate equipment is available. All Horizontal Jumps & Throws will have 6 trials with NO rotation after Round 3. All these details can be found on our [Website](#).

All final paperwork (Officials list, Timetables, Entry lists and Athlete letter) will also be available through the [website](#) (look at the drop-down boxes to the top Right of the home page) and will be amended / added to as appropriate so please recheck regularly.

CAR PARK – You will need to have this letter on show when you arrive as there is limited on-site car parking at Horspath. Please park at the far end of the On-site Car Park. All spectators and athletes will be asked to park at the BMW car park Gate 7 about 400m walk away.

OFFICIALS' ARRIVAL – please bring your UKA Officials Licence on your blue lanyard. All BIG officials should enter through the single side gate on the side of the Club building and go to the Officials' Registration desk in the ground floor of the Blue Cabin. Please can all Officials arrive by 09.00. Briefing is at 09.15 on HJ Fan.

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 ALLOWANCE - We believe it is still 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. If you are not claiming expenses please see Sue Parmiter later in the day. Zena Weeks, who many of you may recognise from her days as EA Meeting Organiser, is doing the catering and she is planning a great menu of wholesome, interesting fresh food – unlike that which we have been accustomed to being served with at most athletics meetings. The Bedford Coffee van will also be there all day and the club are going to sell ice creams from their cottage. A manned Tea & Coffee station for Officials will be available throughout the day but please would you bring your own mug.

WA RULES - Please note that the meeting will be run **under WA rules**. We have a Level 2 UKA Licence & Level E World Athletics status. However, can I please ask that we work within the spirit of the meeting.

EDM units have been booked – for use on Horizontal Jumps & all Throws. Electronic Clocks have also been booked for all sites. Electronic Scoreboards have been booked for High Jumps & Horizontal Jumps

REFRESHMENTS Tea / Coffee will be provided all day so please would you bring your own mug.

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 Jackie Breslin (07732 952708)

Deb Biswas (07919 937907)

TECHNICAL MANAGER Bob Hammond (07779 574208)

CLERKS OF COURSE James Charles Marion Osborn

2 Set Up Clerks have also been appointed to ease us into the day (Claire Lacey, Annie Fernandez) but they will revert to being part of the Field team after this. However, I know that any extra help from you when you arrive will be gratefully received to ensure we start on time!

EQUIPMENT OFFICER – John Askew will be assisted by Sue Bishop

OFFICIALS BRIEFING – This will be held on the High Jump Fan at 09.15. We would ask that all Officials arrive by 09.00. There will be no Final Call area and Athletes are being told to report to their event site 45 mins before the start time. Please can the Chiefs of each competition check athletes spike length, disallowed equipment, etc. at the event site.

WALKIE TALKIES - will be available from Sue Parmiter in the area near the Officials Registration area. A signature will be required both on collection and return. No ear pieces will be available 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 (20th May) but a Draft is on our website. The final Timetable will be available on the web site on Wednesday 22nd May. Because of the 4 Long Throws in the centre we have had to start the first Javelin at 10.15a.m. The meeting should be finished by 17.30!!

TECH – We will be using Tablets for recording results at event sites this year with direct links to the EDM and the Results package. A second paper copy will also be kept. There will also be a number of TV Screens around the site for instant viewing of competitions, etc. These are being provided by Paul Day at Entry4sports. His 5G Wi-Fi will guarantee these will work. Paul will also be there to ensure the smooth running of this.

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. If you do not make a travel claim please see Sue Parmiter who will give you the £5 per diem for food. Cheques will be written and handed out to you during the meeting by Sue Parmiter. Sorry we are unable to do Bank Transfers.

Listed below are all the relevant documents that are available on the website. Please look at the web site (Home & Officials pages) regularly as any update or information will be posted here.

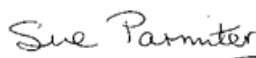
We look forward to seeing you on May 25th and hope that you enjoy our celebrations with a host of great competitions. We have invited our ex BIG Stars to join us for the BIG Reunion and I think that many of you will have been with them at BIG as they travelled their Athletics journey. We hope that there will be lots of memories talked about during the day and are hoping to have a display of memorabilia in the café upstairs.

Many thanks for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any other questions

With best wishes,



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On www.bedfordgames.co.uk eventually!!

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