

7th BIGish Jumps & Throws Fest - Thursday June 2nd, 2022

TO: **OFFICIALS**

Many thanks for agreeing to officiate at the 7th BIGish Jumps & Throws Fest. Sue & I would like to welcome you back to a "normal" BIGish after what has been a very bumpy two years for us all. We are almost there and looking forward to a brilliant day of Field Athletics and a chance to catch up with old friends again. Hopefully most of us will already have had at least 3 jabs and will feel safer because of that. However, please 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 athletes looking to gain qualifying standards for so many Championships we are full well before the closing date and we have a very high standard athletes competing.

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, and Hammer. 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 leads (i.e. High Jump by me, Long Jump / Triple Jump by Ben Davies, Hammer by Paul Head & Shot / Discus by Mark Chapman). 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 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 Will Grimsey, David Smith, Joel Khan, Morgan Lake & Nikki Manson already entered. Triple Jump have 3 Pools, each off one board (9m, 11m & 13m) and a max of 16 athletes per comp with no changes to boards during each event. 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 (Hammer) or 16 (Shot & Discus) athletes. Specially invited 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 this year. 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 be available at www.bedfordgames.co.uk (look at the drop-down boxes to the top Right of the home page) and be amended / added to as appropriate so please recheck regularly.

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). Please can all Officials arrive by 09.15.

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.

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 still 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 please can you bring your own mug.

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.

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 of the meeting.

EDM units have been booked – for use on the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus, Shot, & Hammer. Electronic Clocks have also been booked for all sites.

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 (hopefully!!!) a number of Food Outlets to be there on the day. An Ice Cream van has been booked I hope!.

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 Chris Apsey (07966 403726)

Jackie Breslin (07732 952708)

TECHNICAL MANAGER Tamsin James (07879 626841)

CLERKS OF COURSE James Charles Mark Flitcroft

3 Set Up Clerks have also been appointed to ease us in to the day (Bob Hammond, Paul Brooks Tony Sach) but they will revert to being part of the Field team after this.

EQUIPMENT OFFICER Peter Lee assisted by Sue Bishop

OFFICIALS BRIEFING – This will be held in the main stand near the finish line at 09.45. We would ask that all Officials arrive by 09.15. 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 **Darryl Quinn** in the area near the Officials Registration Table in the Lower Sportshall at the start of the day. Please ensure you personally return these to them to the same place at the end of the meeting. 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 (25th May). Therefore, this will be available on the web site on Friday 27th May. A Draft Timetable will be put on the site asap. Events will begin at **10.30** and the meeting should be finished by 17.30!!

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. As previously mentioned, there will be a £5.00 per diem for food added to the expenses form. If you do not make a travel claim please see Sue Parmiter who will give you the £5. Cheques will be written and handed out to you during the meeting by Sue Parmiter. Sorry we are unable to do Bank Transfers.

Below are listed 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 June 2nd and hope that you enjoy a very exciting day of Field athletics celebrating 28 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

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