

Officiating Report. (24/02/2020)

Planning is well underway for the upcoming season, the first match being the 19th April. The fixtures have recently been updated where Salisbury are now to host a 2nd SAL match due to problems with the original venue. This means that Salisbury will now be hosting 3 matches. The plan for the Wessex match is that the other clubs are going to pool together to supply the Chief Officials due to a shortfall our end (day after the county champs) but we will still need to be able to supply as many Officials and volunteers as possible. I have attached the revised fixtures.

CoSARC 2020 Athletic Matches			
Date	Day	Match	Venue
19/04/2020	Sunday	Wessex League (U11-U17)	Swindon
19/04/2020	Sunday	Youth Development League (U17/U20)	Brighton
25/04/2020	Saturday	Southern Athletics League (U17+)	Salisbury
17/05/2020	Sunday	Southern Athletics League (U17+)	Bromley
24/05/2020	Sunday	Youth Development League (U17/U20)	Winchester
07/06/2020	Sunday	Southern Athletics League (U17+)	Salisbury
14/06/2020	Sunday	Wessex League (U11-U17)	Salisbury
21/06/2020	Sunday	Youth Development League (U17/U20)	Hillington
28/06/2020	Sunday	Wessex League (U11-U17)	Swindon (MADJA)
12/07/2020	Sunday	Southern Athletics League (U17+)	Bracknell
19/07/2020	Sunday	Wessex League (U11-U17)	Swindon
26/07/2020	Sunday	Youth Development League (U17/U20)	Bournemouth
15/08/2020	Saturday	Southern Athletics League (U17+)	Southampton

Although at the beginning of the year I sent out an email to our Officials notifying them of the season's calendar and requesting their reply with regards to their availability at the matches, I have only had 1 reply.

I have recently sent out another email to our officials, future officials and registered volunteers notifying them of the fixture change and have requested their confirmation of availability as a matter of urgency for the home matches and for the other matches in respective chronological order of priority to assist planning.

Training / New Officials / Volunteers.

It is hoped that there will be an Officiating Course date at SWGS mid March. Although at the time of this report, Karen Mundell has not had word back from UKA confirming one way or the other. I believe that Rich Ayling is now going to try to whip up a response from UKA. Although we are currently low on officials in all disciplines (Field, Track, Time Keeping, Starter) it is looking likely that only Field & Timekeeping courses will be available to us if it they come off.

I have 5 people waiting in the wings to do the course. Please see below along with the discipline chosen/assigned.

Full Name	Discipline
Hazel Atkins	Field
Vicky Robinson	Timekeeping
Paul Watling	Field
Laura Buchanan	Timekeeping
Gill Parkin	Timekeeping

In response to the last club member mail shot where the emphasis was “2020 the Year of the Volunteer” we have had just 3 replies from people who expressed their willingness to volunteer their help. Having spoken to them, their willingness to help is mainly at home matches but two of the three have stated various limitations. As the season starts and progresses, I think the importance will be with the coaches and other helpers to chat with other parents to build up an interest and hopefully drum up further support. Getting parents involved by simple tasks like asking them to rake a jump pit is a great way to getting them into the circle – that’s how Karen got me involved !!

The three people who have so far volunteered are : Anne Norman, Vasen Moodley and Effie Grand.

Miscellaneous

- I have already updated the Athletic Fixtures Calendar on our website and uploaded it as a file on our Facebook members only.
- Aly Sloane has requested the following to me "I wonder if at the next committee meeting you could ask if the club would be prepared to purchase the 2020 rule book for all the officials. Also I think we might need some new flags for both track and field and some prisms to mark out the break line for the 800m." I have already mentioned this to Karen who has replied “We have a rule book, new flags and waterproof clipboards in the draw. We can order anything more we need without any issue. I’ll look out for the prisms and maybe we can ask Aly if she has enough recording sheets too? I actually think we should give all the new officials some kit ie a stopwatch and clipboard for timekeepers. Clipboard and horn for field judges etc etc.”

We need to make sure the Rule Book is current as there have been a lot of changes over the last two years and I think we should have at least 3 copies so that on home matches the Chief Field, Track and Timekeepers all have a copy for reference.

I think getting our officials who have or are in the process of getting a certified officiating level supplied with the basic kit they need to enable them to do their tasks is important. I feel this will give them a further sense of belonging and help to keep them retained within the club.

- After some difficulties with the manufacturing, Denise now has some Club Officiating T-Shirts to hand out to our core officials. The recipient list was made last year and includes Andy Angell, Dave Amey, Andy Webb, Alan Munro, Gary Domoney, Jill Coles, Aly Sloane, Simon Adlard, Tasha Mundell, Denise VR, Sue Hazzard, Karen Mundell