

OFFICIALS REPORT

Whichever athletics event that you participate in from track and field, sportshall, road and cross country, officials are a vital part to ensuring the success of these events.

RAC currently have a total of 15 qualified officials associated with the club with a further 5 officials working towards obtaining their level 1 qualification in their various discipline this season. Several members are qualified to officiate in more than one discipline. We currently have 4 track judges, 3 starters/starters officials, 5 timekeepers and 13 field judges.

Congratulations go to Graham Moffatt, Colin Wootton and Kathryn Mellor who all gained their Field Judge Level 1 and Megan Mellor who gained her Track Judge Level 1 over the last season.

Over the past year RAC has seen its officials at mini leagues, County Championships, YDL, NOEL and various other events including Midlands Age Group Championships, Combined Events, Loughborough International, Charnwood Open meetings, National Athletics League, Birmingham City Games (Indoors) and the British Indoor Grand Prix. The British Masters Championships in Derby saw the youngsters of RAC (Tom Coverley, Megan Mellor, Bella Findlay, Finlay Hood and Callum Findlay) helping out in the call room over the weekend and Graham Moffatt, Helen Hood and Kathryn Mellor officiating in between competing on the Sunday. Lots of compliments were paid to the RAC youngsters for their work over the weekend and we have been asked to help out once again this year.

The County desperately need more people to come forward to qualify as officials and the new County Development League (replacing the UAG YDL) is an ideal opportunity to come and have a go, gain some experience under the guidance of experienced officials and hopefully go on to take the Level 1 course. You do not need a qualification to 'come and try' nor are you expected to spend all day helping. A couple of hours is all we ask. There are numerous experienced officials out there willing to share their knowledge and the age range is quite vast – Megan was 65 years younger than the oldest track judge on the stand with her at the National League in Nottingham!!

Kathryn