

OFSAA Registration via the HUB- this year, we are having you register your athletes via the HUB **AFTER** your REGIONAL meet. (The exception is the north since they do it after their Association meets with no Regional meets in the north).

We have changed this because it should reduce the amount of paper you have to collect for those students who have qualified for OFSAA!! In theory, reducing your paper purchase and having to upload less!

The OFSAA Eligibility Roster sheet- you will note that this is required to be uploaded by **MIDNIGHT** on Saturday, June 1st. Many Associations are using this as their primary Eligibility sheet for their meet and that's fine. You can require this for your local meets.... but you do not have to **UPLOAD** to the HUB until after you know which of your students qualify for OFSAA.

ALSO- you can enter ALL of your students on this Eligibility Roster sheet on ONE page. PLEASE... do NOT create one sheet per age category. The HUB does not require this and it means only one page to be uploaded per school of this same document when you upload to the HUB.

The OFSAA website for Track and Field will have all of the pertinent information on this, so please visit the page below for updates and information

<https://www.ofsaa.on.ca/championship/track-field/>

OFSAA Supervision Sheet- this is one of the sheets you **MUST** upload by Tuesday, June 3rd at 3:30. You do **NOT** have to hand this in at your Regional meet to be couriered to OFSAA, although your Regional Convenors may ask you to do this.

It is **CRITICAL** is that you include on this sheet the name of the teacher-coach **responsible** for your qualifiers. This is the name of the person(s) who can pick up the package at Registration when you arrive at OFSAA. If your school is sending your qualifiers with another school - make sure the name of the person from the school responsible for your athletes (and approved by your Principal) is on **YOUR** Supervision sheet. That way the registration desk will know and avoid any issues at registration pick-up. A reminder, this is not a parent of the student (unless they are a teacher coach).

OFSAA PRACTICE RULE- please emphasize to your Association schools the importance of each school monitoring their practice attendance to satisfy the 16 practice rule. We have had some issues and different interpretations of this rule in the past and it has led to some conflict.

a. School/Team Eligibility - To represent a school in any activity coordinated by the Federation, a school/team must:

i. Conduct a 'bona fide' high school program consisting of a minimum of sixteen (16) practices during the school season (March-June) under the supervision of a teacher as certified by the school principal.

Para Events- Another reminder to include as many Para events as possible in your Invitational meets this spring. The inclusion of these events will benefit the athletes and therefore, your whole Association as you prepare these athletes for the road to OFSAA. OFSAA's goal is to provide the same experience for the Para division as our other competitive division. We are grateful to you for your efforts in this regard.

Brian Maxwell Scholarship - please promote to worthy, graduating students the Brian Maxwell Scholarship opportunity. This a \$5000 scholarship to a graduating student who competes in the 800m and longer, as well as XC, at OFSAA. The recipients are typically not only high achieving in the classroom but contribute to their school and their community. Full criteria is available on the OFSAA website. Applications open May 1st, but typically the majority of applicant wait until around OFSA A Track and Field.

NEW Coaches Zoom Call- new this year, intended to give some guidance and education to those coaches who have not been to an OFSAA Track and Field meet before, we are planning a Zoom call on the Tuesday evening before OFSAA. We plan on going over items that if you have attended an OFSAA T&F previously, you probably take for granted. We recognize that OFSAA T&F for new coaches can be very intimidating. We want those coaches to be more comfortable and therefore better able to guide their athletes. The link for this meeting will be sent out on Monday, June 3rd through YOU, the Association Convenors. Once the HUB registration has been completed on the Tuesday, I will download contact information and send the link out via email to those coaches whose email is on the database . Your assistance is very much needed to circulate to the schools in your area.

This is NOT a compulsory meeting, but if an experienced coach wants to attend, they are more than welcome.

Coaching Clinic- in conjunction with this year's OFSAA Championship, a coaching/officiating clinic is being held in London on April 20th. It is short notice, but this would be a benefit to many of your people, especially in the western part of the Province. The price is right!

COACHES, OFFICIALS, VOLUNTEER CLINIC

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Want to learn more about coaching running, jumping, and throwing events? Asked to help coach at school and don't know where to begin? New to Track and Field? Or maybe you just want to help out at local school and club competitions. We can help get you started and even provide some opportunities to help out at the *Bob Vigars Classic* (May 26th), *OFSAA* (June 6 – 8), or the *Ontario Summer Games* (August 1 – 4) in London this year!

The **London Western Track & Field Club**, in collaboration with the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (**OFSAA**) and **Athletics Ontario** is hosting a clinic for coaches, officials, and volunteers on Saturday, April 20th – 1:00 – 5:00 pm at Western University (exact location to be determined).

How much does it cost, you ask? –

It's FREE!

Registration is now available at
<https://trackie.com/event/CLINIC>