

## **RULES REVISION GROUP PROPOSALS 2012-2014 UKA RULE BOOK**

- During the past year UKA have invited all interested parties to submit changes for the 2012 Rule Book. The deadline for submissions was 30 July, 2011. 30 proposals were received
- Rules Revision Group (Cherry Alexander, David Littlewood, Keith Davies, John Temperton, Mike Heath and Roger Simons) met three times to consider these proposals. The RRG examined these and considered 6 would warrant further debate as they were quite significant proposals for the sport. The remaining 24 were either considered technical or administrative that did not warrant widespread debate.
- These 6 proposed rule changes were first considered by UKA Technical Advisory Group (technical rules), UKA Track & Field Advisory Group (membership and other non technical rules) and UKA Eligibility Group (only one eligibility item). The summary of these 6 rules and the responses from the UKA committees was tabled and placed on UKA and HC web-sites. All three Celtic Countries were consulted and provided a considered response. In addition all Track & Field Leagues were advised through BATFL and Area Associations.
- A special UKA email address was set up to receive responses. Over 200 replies were received of which 180 were actual responses (not general comments or repeats) with approx 100 considered UKA club responses, the rest from coaches, team managers, parents and athletes.
- These responses were analysed in detail.

### **UKA Executive Board has approved the following Rule amendments for 2012-2014**

1. **Track & Field Permitting:** Permitting all Track & Field fixtures-Level 2 (County level) to Level 5 (international level) by UKA to be introduced with the exception that Level 2 permits in the Celtic Home Countries are undertaken by those Home Countries.
2. **Eligibility-Club Transfers:** An athlete should be allowed to change his First claim club once every year with only a minimal administrative period between with no further penalty (currently four months) since so few Eligibility committees are giving anything more than one month at the present time. Athletes changing more than once a year will be subject to the current rule of four months.
3. **False Start Rule:** The current international false start rule of DQ at the first failure has been applied to Seniors from 2010. It is decided that this rule will now include the U20 and U17 Age Groups with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013.
4. **U15 Boys and 400m v 300m rule proposal:** It is agreed that U15 boys will run 300m in Championship events and U15 National League. Other competition providers can use their discretion and include a 400m for Under 15 boys within their programmes if they so wish.
5. **Under 15's should not be able to run two 1500's in one day:** This usually occurs in events such as County Championships where the competition provider holds a heat and final in one day. It is agreed that there will be no change to this rule, only to monitor the situation in case of any bad practice.
6. **Under 17 athletes should only move up one age group:** It was agreed that this rule is not implemented however there will be continued monitoring through P10 of U17 athletes along with competition pathway initiatives to ensure there is a measured pathway for these athletes at such a critical age.