



BMAF Race Walking Secretary

Role Overview

Its prime purpose is to arrange, co-ordinate and promote all BMAF road race walking championships, liaising with the BMAF Track & Field Secretary where a race walk is included in a BMAF track championship event.

Its purpose is also to oversee and engage whenever necessary on all race walking matters that arise from World and European Masters Athletics and the Race Walking Association, particularly in relation to race walking rules and requirements for race walking events. It is also necessary to consider the impact of any changes to UKA rules of competition that might impact race walking.

Responsibilities may be shared or delegated to other volunteers eg organising a specific championship.

The role is appointed annually at the AGM and is a member of the BMAF Executive Team.

Anticipated Time Commitment:

Primarily two to four hours admin per event together with attendance at around 6 events a year. Time will also be needed to engage in wider race walking matters and attend BMAF on-line Executive meetings.

Role Description:

- To produce a race walking calendar at 5k, 10k, 20k, and a long distance race (normally 30km), together with a 3000m indoor race plus 5k and 10k outdoor track walks. The calendar needs to integrate with the dates for the WMA, EMA and BMAF championships which include a race walk.
- To liaise with prospective organisers of events held within the UK, Isle of Man, and Guernsey seeking to arrange a BMAF race walking championship in one of their events. Working alongside them with organisation, planning, budget and infrastructure to produce a viable successful event that meets the BMAF championship standards.
- Where a championship cannot be held within another event, use best endeavours to organise a stand alone race walking championship which may include open categories for non-BMAF members.
- Oversee BMAF Championships on the day, assisting where necessary to help the event run smoothly as planned.
- Send a race report to the Executive and Council post event, ensuring results are published as soon as possible.
- Order and supply BMAF medals for each Championship.
- To liaise with the Race Walking Association, Area Race Walking Associations and Masters Area Clubs and Associations in all race walking matters.
- Race walking in the UK is not currently in a healthy state with declining numbers of both walkers and officials. There are very few under 35 senior walkers to move up into masters. With the race walking governing bodies focussing attention on

bringing young people into the event, it falls to the BMAF under the direction of the Race Walking Secretary to do what it can itself to ensure the decline is reversed.

Qualifications:

To be fully effective in this role it is envisaged that you will have or be able to quickly acquire:

- A good understanding of how race walking events are organised in the UK and race walking rules of competition
- A passion for race walking and availability to give unpaid time to carry out the role
- Ability to organise, work with others, and communicate both in person and electronically writing posts for tools such as websites, social media, e-mail and WhatsApp