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Dear Coaches, Associates, Administrators and Officials,

Please review the information below which includes some important reminders and information on a new benefit to Athletics Ontario coaches, officials, associates and administrators.

AO Membership and Insurance

Have all of your athletes, coaches, officials and administrators register with Athletics Ontario now, before they begin the training and/or participation in competition. Athletes, coaches, officials and club administrators are only insured under the Liability and Accident program if they are registered with AO and are members in good standing. (Additionally, performances by unregistered athletes will not count for provincial/national rankings or for national team selection).

Important to note is that if there are any participants in any of your club's activities who are not registered with Athletics Ontario, the insurance coverage will not respond. We strongly advise that everyone participating in a club's activities be registered with Athletics Ontario, including athletes who are "trying out" with the club or visiting your group from another club. For these cases, an athlete can join as a "Recreational" athlete for \$15. Please ensure that the proper form is completed and signed by the athlete or parent/guardian as required. The registration forms can be found at: <http://www.athleticsontario.ca/Content/Membership%20and%20Registration/Forms.asp>

Thank you very much for your assistance. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding insurance, please contact Wendy Lee at 416-426-7217 or by email at wendylee@eol.ca

Facility Access during Provincial Championships

Coaches will be able to gain entry to the track and field facilities during Athletics Ontario Provincial Championships only if they are registered with Athletics Ontario for the current season.

AO Coaches, Officials, Associates & Administrators receive free SIRC Membership

Athletics Ontario is also pleased to let you know that we have a new benefit for all coaches, officials, associates and administrators registered with Athletics Ontario. Through a partnership with SIRC (Sport Information Resource Centre), all Athletics Ontario coaches, officials, associates and administrators will be given a complimentary SIRC Membership and will be able to access the world leading sport database, SportDiscus™, free of charge. This is a comprehensive library containing everything from coaching and training to sport medicine material. There are other benefits including: "Ask a Librarian", "Search the SIRC Collection" and "Receive your Articles" Services. All Coaches, officials, associates and administrators registered with Athletics Ontario in 2010, will be receiving a **promo code** shortly to access this incredible on-line resource.

If you do not receive an email from Athletics Ontario later today, it may mean that you have not registered with Athletics Ontario for 2010. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Wendy Lee at 416-426-7217 or by email at wendylee@eol.ca

Sincerely,

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