

The Fell Runners Association

Job Description: Liaison Officer to Athletics Bodies

Role	The Liaison Officer to Athletics Bodies represents the FRA to external governance bodies and peer organisations.
Main purposes of role	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To ensure that the FRA operates within the constraints imposed by external bodies such as UK Athletics (UKA). 2. To provide a channel of communication between the FRA and other organisations undertaking related activities (such as Home County fell and hill running associations). 3. To ensure that the FRA operates effectively alongside other athletics, running and fell running organisations, and to facilitate easy communication with our main partners.
Key tasks	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Participate in the activities of the UKA 'Endurance Advisory Group' (EAG). The EAG exists to discuss share and harmonise processes and practices across the athletics disciplines. 2. Participate in the activities of UKA 'Mountain Running Advisory Group' (MRAG). MRAG exists to promote mountain running, as an international discipline, alongside UK athletics disciplines including fell and hill running. MRAG is responsible for the British Fell Championships and the British Fell Relays. 3. Participate in the activities of the UK Counties Athletics Union (UKCAU). The UKCAU focuses mainly on track and field, and cross country disciplines, but also supports fell Senior and Junior Championships. The FRA Liaison Officer manages the Inter-Counties Championships based on existing events. 4. Actively maintain contacts with Welsh, Scottish and Northern Irish fell and hill associations as a channel of communication in both directions.
Required skills and facilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The ability to main and foster strong relationships with the external bodies detailed above, especially with contacts at UKA, and also to fight the FRA's "corner" when required. 2. A willingness to travel to meetings from time to time (sometimes on weekday daytimes) with organisations such as UKA. (Travel expenses will be paid.) 3. Familiarity with UKA's rules processes (or a willingness to gain this) and a good understanding of the FRA's rules and regulations. 4. Prior experience with UKA will be helpful but is not essential.
Required liaison	<p>In addition to the external liaison requirements described above, the FRA Liaison Officer is required internally to liaise in particular with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Championship Sub-committee, to harmonise rules between English and British events and to select Inter-Counties Championship events. 2. The Safety Equipment and Rules Sub-Committee, to ensure that our processes and procedures are known, understood and accepted by our external contacts (principally UKA).

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