

RUTH LIONG - Merit award 12th May 2023



Ruth has been officiating for over 20 years, from small beginnings with St Andrews Club to becoming an International Official for both Oceania Athletics and World Para Athletics (WPA).

She is a Life Member of Canterbury Childrens Athletics Association where she served on the Committee including being secretary for some time. She officiates at all levels within New Zealand from the grassroots up to National and International events.

Within New Zealand Ruth is the Chair of both the local Track and Field Committee and the National Officials Advisory Group.

Ruth is a World Athletics Silver Referee and has been reappointed to the new WPA ITO panel.

Ruth is involved in education training sessions within New Zealand and is also a WPA International Educator running courses for National and International officials around the world. She has been involved in developing the material for both WPA NTO and ITO courses.

She regularly Officiates at Canterbury Inter Club competitions as well as World Challenge meets and ANZ Nationals Championships.

In the last few years, she has officiated and been one of the Technical Delegates at the Tokyo Paralympics, WPA World Championships, WPA Grand Prix's and OAA Area Championships.

Trevor Spittle
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