## NATIONAL ATHLETICS LEAGUE 2025 ANNOUNCEMENT FOR BBHAC



# TO ALL OUR ATHLETES, OFFICIALS AND SUPPORTERS

#### Introduction

I am Nick Brooks who will be the new team manager for our mens and womens teams in 2025, joined by Eric Shirley, Ian Firla and Samantha Williams on our management team.

I have been a club member for over 50 years and remember running in the NAL back in the day which is why I am very keen to have our great club back competing in the top division again. Eric is a Club Trustee with significant experience of managing international athletic teams, while Ian who is both an athlete and a coach will be our connection with our young athletes and those who wish to run at senior level. Sam is always down at the track and is our eyes and ears and will assist on match days

2025 will be the season that BBHAC will use to relaunch our senior mens and womens teams back into Premiership of the NAL where we belong. We cannot do this without the support of our athletes, official and supporters, and this season we have taken away the responsibility from our athletes to double up as team managers so that you can concentrate on competing on the day and during the lead up to each match. A big thanks to Niamh, Chloe, Rod, Micah and Adam who have helped us through these past few seasons in their team management roles.

### **Match Day Information**

All of the three league matches are fairly local this year, with the top two teams in each qualifying for the championship match

| Match 1            | 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025 at Chelmsford         |
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| Match 2            | 5 <sup>th</sup> July at Stevenage               |
| Match 3            | 19 <sup>th</sup> July at Norman Park, Bromley   |
| Championship Match | 16 <sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Oxford Horspath |

### **League Details**

We are competing in Championship East (2<sup>nd</sup> tier) against:

Belgrave Harriers Blackheath & Bromley HAC Chelmsford AC Havering AC Herne Hill Harriers Herts Phoenix

### Individual trophies

At the end of the season the male and athlete and female athlete who has scored the most points will win the Graham Botley and Hannah Cordell trophy respectively. This has been in existence for about 9 years, often won by someone helping out and doubling up with a relay leg or competing in an event to score points. We absolutely have to have 2 competitors in every event this season because last year by not doing so most probably caused us to be relegated and we cannot let that happen again.

#### Officials

We are very dependent on all of our officials and I realise that the Bromley fixture will clash with the Diamond League event in London but we would appreciate any support we can get, many clubs could have the same predicament. Our officials are our top points scorer every year !

#### Fans

You know where we are competing and against who, please make every effort t come along an support the team.

Please share this note with anybody that may have not received it.

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