

14 February 2008

Dear Race Organiser

Re Scottish Road Race Permits – April 2008 to March 2009

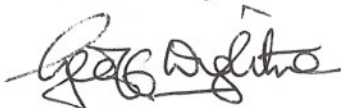
I am writing to update you on developments in the past fortnight that have led our Board of Directors, on Friday 8 February, to decide to continue with our established permit process for Scottish races from 1st April 2008.

As some of you may be aware, Scotland has a significant income stream (approximately £100,000) from non-member levies. There is also a general acceptance that **scottishathletics** has reciprocated over the years with a strong re-investment in endurance running – Commissions, International Teams, Road Race Grand Prix, **jogscotland** Programme and a designated permit officer.

The previous decision to support the Road Running Leadership Group, on which I represent Celtic nations, in creating a ‘Virtual Club’ with a new income stream for Scotland, was based on using Modernisation funding to cover any potential gap over the next two years. Following a National Audit Office review of Sport England in January, it now looks as though Modernisation income for Scotland will end on 31 March 2008. At this point, there is no quantifiable alternative income stream. That is what has prompted our Board’s decision.

I apologise to those of you that were budgeting your 2008 – 09 events net of that same licence fee/levy scenario. We hope it might help with our work together if we offer any Scottish road races that have not had a road race measurement in the past three years the opportunity to do this free through **scottishathletics** during 2008 or 2009 subject to measurers availability. Please contact John McDonald on admin@scottishathletics.org.uk (0131 539 7320) if you wish to take advantage of this offer. I hope we can continue to work with you to build Scotland’s road racing opportunities and thank you for your continued hard work for the sport.

Kind Regards
Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive