



PACIFIC ASSOCIATION YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

Youth Clubs

September 24, 2013

Hello everyone and welcome to the Pacific Association USATF 2014 track and field season. Our annual opening season Youth Club Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th from 10 am to 2 pm at James Logan High School. We will critique our 2013 track and field season and discuss thoughts and ideas for the upcoming 2014 season. There are some important changes we want to implement starting next year so please do read this entire memo.

I have been questioned continuously for a couple of years now about a better birth verification process. Based on our current operating procedures, we have already implemented original birth certificates. Starting this year we are going to officially require certified verification of birth. We will no longer accept copies of birth certificates. Therefore, we will need you or someone on behalf of your parents and athletes, to bring an embossed birth certificate (with official seal), passport, California ID or driver's license. Your document will be returned to you immediately. We do not want to be responsible for your official documents, therefore will not retain them.

If you renew your athletes annually, this will be a one time only requirement for the duration of the athlete membership participation in the Pacific Association. To assure you will not have to bring birth certificates yearly, please print out your team roster. That indicates whether or not your athletes are birth verified. We will use that as your proof, eliminating the necessity for annual submissions of birth verification.

If your athlete is already a verified youth member, they will be grandfathered in. There will however, be exceptions to this rule. If there is a question on the birth of any athlete who is currently a member, we must receive a formal written request to have that athlete's birth verified. We cannot take a word-of-mouth statement to single out any individual athlete.

You have from now until the official required time (May 2014) to get the original verification material to our Youth Membership Chairperson, Maria Castillo. If you have questions about this newly implemented process, do not hesitate to contact Maria Castillo at castilloma25@sbcglobal.net.

If you plan to bid for a track meet this upcoming season please notify our Youth Track Chairperson Nadine Davis with your requested date. She will need the following information before your meet can be accepted as a request to bid for a meet in 2014. Your date will not become official until we vote on it October 19th at our meeting at Logan High School. We are asking for your facility location, sanction paperwork information with medical person's name and contact info and what type of timing system you are using, FAT time or handtime. Please send this information to her at ndavis@golden1.com. Her cell number is 707 310-0595.

The Pacific Association requires actual live scan fingerprinting to complete our background checks. If you have a new coach or parent volunteer who needs to be live scanned to adhere to the background check requirements, please have this done prior to the start of your team practice. If this is the first time a coach or parent has fingerprinting done, it will be reimbursed through our PAUSATF Headquarters. **It is complimentary the first time only.** If you let it lapse for any reason, you will have to do it again **at your cost**. There are no exceptions to this rule. Remember, livescan is needed to pick up packages at track meets and to register your team each year. The deadline for renewing without penalty is March 31, 2014. Penalty: you will have to get another livescan **at your cost**.

In a couple of weeks you will receive from us via email, the Pacific Association Youth Committee Operating Procedures. They are being updated and we want your input. So read them and make your notes. Email your suggestions or changes to pa.youthchair@yahoo.com or bring your notes to the October 19th meeting at Logan High School. Everything will be discussed and voted on.

We host two championship meets in 2014; the Pacific Association Championships (PAC) and the Pacific Association Junior Olympic Championships. We only have one weekend in June available with the USATF Youth Nationals next season scheduled for the last week, June 24-29 and the high school state meet scheduled the first weekend, June 6-7. The Central Association is hosting the Region 14 JO Multi Championship Meet on June 14-15. The only weekend date left for us is June 20-22 where we put our PAJO Championship meet. Therefore, for the first time in a long time, the PAC meet will be contested in May. The date for the 2014 PAC meet is May 31-June 1.

We have two meets that are non association championship meets, the Shor/Sheppard Classic and the Subbantam meets. I am bringing the Subbantam meet back to the bay area. That scheduled date is June 14, 2014. The PA executive board would like us to discontinue this meet because it is not “cost effective” for the organization. However, I love this meet and I know you do too. Despite their wishes, I plan to keep the meet going so let’s discuss it October 19th.

Again as a group, we (the Youth Committee members) are responsible for the operation of all our hosted meets. Please email Don Harding with your individual or your team’s desired volunteer position(s) at taujoy@msn.com. We will have sign up sheets available at our October 19 meeting. Your volunteer efforts are important to the success of our track and field meets. Please step up to the plate to help us out for the benefit of all our student athletes.

We are hereby soliciting volunteers for the following 2014 season track and field meets in these areas:

Registration, Clerk of the Course, Set Up, Community Service Director, Clean Up, Runners, Hurdle Crew, Starting Block Crew, Long Jump, Triple Jump, High Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, Mini Javelin, Pole Vault, Security

The dates are as follows:

April 19	Saturday	Shor/Sheppard Classic	Mt. Pleasant HS – San Jose
May 31- June 1	Saturday Sunday	PAC Championships	Whitney HS or Granada HS or Logan HS
June 14	Saturday	Subbantam Champnshps	Granada HS or Skyline HS
June 20-22	Fri-Sun	PAJO Championships	Granada or Chabot or Logan

We encourage your attendance at the upcoming meeting on October 19th at James Logan High School.

Directions to James Logan High School:

Highway 880 North or South to Alvarado Niles exit. Take Alvarado Niles east towards H Street. School is on the left.

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- Saturday
- October 19, 2013
- 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- James Logan High School
1800 H Street
Union City, California

AGENDA

- Roll Call – Sylvia Jones
- Introduction of 2013 – 2015 board members – Sylvia Jones
- PA Executive BOA President - Dave Shrock
- Facilities – Bob Thompson
- 2013 Cross Country season – Darius Strickland
- Athlete membership requirements – Maria Castillo
- Coaches/volunteers background check requirements for 2014 – Carl Bryant
- Ratify Pacific Association youth records – Deborah Sample
- Operating Procedures update – Joanne Camargo
- Critique 2013 season – Joanne Camargo
- Schedule meets for 2014 track and field season – Nadine Davis
- New Business
- Adjourn
- Lunch is served

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This is a reminder about the USATF National Convention in 2014. It will be hosted in Anaheim, California from December 2-6. So please plan to attend a couple of days if you can. We'll let you know which days work best. Just want you to get a taste of what goes on at the political level. I will keep you updated next year. Just remind me at pa.youthchair@yahoo.com.