

- ✓ Providing opportunities for them to work with experienced officials who will help them become familiar with officiating protocols.
- ✓ Contacting them on a regular basis to see how they are doing and offer assistance as needed.
- ✓ Providing them guidance in how to properly apply the rules.

This past year the Pacific Association had 69 new Apprentice Officials certified as track and field officials for the 2013 season. During that period, 28 of the 69 Apprentice Officials requested to be mentored by a veteran Official, which works out to be approximately 40%. While we are pleased with this number, our goal for the 2014 season will be to enroll an even larger percentage of our Apprentice Officials in this program. Ultimately, the goal is to have all new officials be mentored during their first year of the Apprentice program.

For the 2013 season, we'd like to recognize the following officials for supporting the program and volunteering to be Mentors: **Jay Abbott, Mike Aro, Robert Benoy*, John Bowen*, Deanna Bower, Dennis Boyle, Bruce Colman, Shirley Connors, Joe Harper, Jim Hart, Dick Iwamiya, Joe Keever, Sonny Maynard, Sue Murray, Rory Osborne, John Pretto*, Chuck Sheley, and Dave Soeth** (*denotes willing to help, but no one in area requested to be mentored). While most Mentors were assigned 1-2 new officials, **Dennis Boyle** and **Chuck Sheley** were able to jointly work with 10 new officials from the Redding/Chico area. Great job Dennis and Chuck!

If you are a National or Master level official, and want to be a Mentor helping new officials start their career in officiating, please contact: Mike Aro at maro.mentor@gmail.com .

A preview of the 2014 Training Clinics

The Officials' Training Committee, under the guidance of Training Chair Shirley Connors, is currently putting together the 2014 schedule. This is what it looks like so far. The issue of *Turns & Distances* which will be published after the USATF Convention the first weekend of December, will have all the information you need and instructions on how to sign-up for a class.

We currently have 96 Apprentice Level Officials, 27 of whom were certified in 2011, and 106 Association Level Officials. **IF** you are interested in advancing and **IF** you have a resume which shows that you have been active, and **IF**



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you have taken the pre-requisite advanced clinics, or **IF** you take your prerequisite class this year—this is a good year for you to upgrade your certification.

Here is a list of clinics which will probably be offered in 2014 and their date and site. **Clinics in bold** are for sure, *clinics in italics* are probable.

*Clinics with a star before them will be offered if there are enough students. An electronic survey will be distributed in order to assess interest.

This is not a "rules year" for USATF and the NCAA will not publish a new rule book. The NCAA does update its rules as necessary. Every clinic will include a "rules update" as appropriate, but there will not be a specific "rules update clinic."

First comes an explanation of each class. Second comes a chart showing where the classes will be held.

1. Saturday, January 11, 2014, American River College (**ARC**), Sacramento, CA;
2. Saturday, January 25, 2014, TBD, Chico, CA;
3. Saturday, February 8, 2014, TBD, Santa Cruz, CA;
4. Sunday, February 9, 2014, Serra High School (**Serra**), San Mateo, CA;
5. TBD, Reno, NV (their season starts later than the one in the SF Bay Area.

Introduction to Track & Field Officiating...the beginning level for new officials;

Fundamental Classes (a **PREREQUISITE** for advancement from the APPRENTICE LEVEL → ASSOCIATION LEVEL or from the ASSOCIATION LEVEL → NATIONAL LEVEL if you became an official before our APPRENTICE LEVEL certifications. *The class includes rules, paper work, procedures, how to "set-up" the venue and a hands on experience of running the event.*

❶ **Fundamentals** ☺ of **Horizontal Jumps** and **Throws** Officiating

❷ **Fundamentals** ☺ of **Vertical Jumps** Officiating

❸ **Fundamentals** of Track Event Officiating (With half the time devoted to **CLERKING** and the other half devoted to **Umpiring** and **Lap Counting**...for Umpiring/Lap Counting to be complete, mentored practice is required.)

☺ *Note that we have separated Vertical Jumps from the Horizontal Jumps/Throws Clinic*

Advanced classes in

❶ Horizontal jumps

❷ Vertical jumps

❸ Throws.

Race Walk

❶ Introduction to Race Walk Officiating

❷ Introduction to Race Walk Judging

LDR (Long Distance Running)

❶ Intro to LDR Officiating

❷ **Fundamentals of LDR Referring**...both already certified and those who want to become certified...at Serra

Athletics for the Disabled (mental disabilities = Special Olympics; Para-Olympics = Cathy Seller's on-line instruction and on-line test with Sellers grading and advancing). **Note - the Pacific Association is in line to host several Para-Olympic meets in 2014.**

(Before the following classes are scheduled, a survey will be e-mailed to everyone to determine the degree of interest.)

✳ **Referees for Track & Field**

❶ **Experienced Track & Field Referees** (already certified)

❷ **Prospective Track & Field Referees** (not yet certified)

✳ **Laser measurement** for long throws with the Leica Measurement System

The Leica Measurement system offers a cost effective method of measuring long throws...if only we can get someone to operate the system.

✳ **Hy-Tek's Meet Manager** for advanced users

✳ **Hy-Tek's Meet Manager** training for newbies comes as mentoring during meets...but we're not getting many takers

Proposed Officials' Clinics - 2014

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TBD, Reno, NV					
	ARC	Chico	Santa Cruz	Serra	Reno
Introduction to Track & Field Officiating	X	X	X	X	X
Fundamentals Classes					
Fundamentals of Horizontal Jumps and Throws Officiating	X	X		X	X
Fundamentals of Vertical Jumps Officiating	X	?		X	X
Fundamentals of Track Event Officiating	X	?		X	X
Advanced Horizontal Jumps	X	?		X	?
Advanced Field Event Officiating Classes					
Advanced Horizontal Jumps	X			X	
Advanced Vertical Jumps	X			X	
Advanced Throws	X			X	
Race Walk...including judging and officiating	X			X	X
Race Walk Judging					
Race Walk Officiating					
LDR (Long Distance Running)					
Introduction to LDR	X			X	
LDR Referees				X	
Athletics for Disabled	X			X	
Classes which will be offered if a survey indicates interest					
Experienced Track & field Referees	X			X	
Prospective Track & Field Referees	?			?	
Using Leica Laser Measurement for the long throws	X			X	
Using Hy-Tek's Meet Manager to run your track meet	X			X	

The following clinics will be offered as "Learn by Doing Clinics" (a.k.a. Practicum) in conjunction with a T&F Meet.

U.C. Davis...Saturday, February 8, 2014			
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Los Gatos A/C Meets...Saturdays of January and February, 2014			
	Davis	Cal	Los Gatos
Starting	X		
Umpires	X	X	
Starting	X		X
Implement Inspection	X	X	