

2014 Training Clinics for Pacific Association Officials

CertChair Report

The 2014 USATF National Track & Field Championship (for OPEN athletes) Meet will be held in Sacramento from Wednesday, June 26 thru Sunday, June 29, 2014. Since the championship meet will be held in the Pacific Association, I, as the Certification Chair for Pacific Association Officials, was part of the Selection Committee for officials to work this meet. Each year, as a part of the selection process, I receive the names/events of all Pacific Association officials who applied to work a national meet. I gather together a number of experienced officials and we "evaluate" those officials. **This year, we observed that a number of officials applied to work a national meet in certifications that they do not yet have on their cards.** This isn't to say that the officials are not working these events, just that the "certifications" are not on their cards. ***Let us make this the year we get all of your cards up to date.***



CertChair Jim Hume

Some thoughts:

- Each class will cost \$20.00. "Intro" classes will receive one (1) rule book as appropriate. "Introduction to Track & Field Officiating" students will have a choice of which rule book they want. LDR and Race Walking Intro classes will receive a USATF Rule Book after it is printed in February.
- **Clinic fees will be paid for at clinic registration at the beginning of the day.**
- This E-mail is to inform you of the classes and times of the clinics.
- Within 24 hours of this e-mail, you will receive a "targeted" E-mail which has a Google document URL. Use this URL to sign up for the class.
- When the clinic instructor has a handout, these handouts will go to those who signed-up in advance. If the instructor runs out of handouts you will not receive one during class but will receive an E-mail copy after class. **An "on-time" sign-up occurs a week before the clinic.**

Let's get on with some UpGrading and adding to your certifications:

- For our **27 APPRENTICE LEVEL officials certified in 2012**...IF you have a resume showing you have worked some 20[±] meets...this would be a good time to UpGrade your certification to ASSOCIATION LEVEL.
 - ✓ For our **69 APPRENTICE LEVEL officials certified in 2013**...you will need to take one or more of the Fundamental Classes before you UpGrade. This would be a good year to begin taking additional classes. If you have worked 20[±] meets, we could give consideration to your being UpGraded this year.

In order to UpGrade from APPRENTICE LEVEL to ASSOCIATION LEVEL, you need to take the appropriate **Fundamentals Class**. We offer three:

- 1) **Fundamentals in Throws/Horizontal Jumps,**
 - 2) **Fundamentals in Vertical Jumps** and
 - 3) **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).
- We have **104 ASSOCIATION LEVEL officials**. Surely some of you have worked an additional 25[±] meets as an ASSOCIATION LEVEL official and are now ready to be UpGraded to NATIONAL LEVEL. Do you have your resume? Have you taken the appropriate **Fundamentals Class**? Have you taken the appropriate **Advanced Class(es)**? We offer the following Advanced Classes: **1) Horizontal Jumps, 2) Vertical Jumps** and **3) Throws**

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Here is what the USATF National Officials Committee says about UpGrading in their *Rules, Regulations, And Procedures For Certifying Competition Officials*

When discussing the quality of the meets worked as an Association Level Official...At least two (2) of those meets must be either outside the official's local Association *or be Regional, National or International meets.*

Have a least two (2) positive, written recommendations *from two (2) different officials (one from each)* they have worked with or under. One recommendation must be from a Master-level official and the other may be from a National or Master-level official.

- We have **39 NATIONAL LEVEL officials**. Surely some of you have worked an additional 30[±] meets as a NATIONAL LEVEL officials and are now ready to be UpGraded to MASTER LEVEL. Do you have your resume? Have you taken the appropriate **Fundamentals Class**? Have you taken the appropriate **Advanced Classes**? Do you have the breadth of experience?

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When discussing the quality of the meets worked as an NATIONAL LEVEL OFFICIAL... At least two (2) of those meets must be *must be Regional, National or International meets. Two (2) other meets must be either outside the official's local Association or be Regional, National or International meets. Officials seeking an upgrade to Master level are encouraged to seek out the highest level of meets in satisfying this requirement.*

The following is information about the training clinics which will be given by the Pacific Association/USATF Officials Committee in 2014.

This is NOT an opportunity to "Sign-Up" for clinics yet. As explained above, you will receive a flurry of Google.doc for sign ups.

1. Saturday, January 11, 2014, **American River College (ARC)**, Sacramento, CA: **cancelled**
 2. Saturday, January 25, 2014, **Pleasant Valley High School Library** (**Address: 1475 East Avenue, Chico, CA 95926-1699**)
 3. Saturday, February 8, 20214, **Santa Cruz High**, (**Address: 415 Walnut Avenue, Santa Cruz, CA 95060**)
 4. Sunday, February 9, 2014, **Junipero Serra High School (Serra)**, (**Address: 451 West 20th Avenue, San Mateo, CA 94403**)
 5. Saturday, March 1, 2014, , **Carson High School**, (**Address: 1111 North Saliman Road, Carson City, NV 89701**)
- **Rule Updates** will be included in each class which is offered. 2014 is not a year for new rules.

We are going to offer some PRACTICUMS (opportunities for you to work an event during a real meet AND have a mentor there to help). Please look on the last page for the details.

- We would expect that we would offer, at least, the following clinics...

Introduction to Track & Field Officiating...ARC, Serra High, Chico, Reno, Santa Cruz

Fundamental Classes (a **PREREQUISITE** to advancement from the ASSOCIATION LEVEL to the NATIONAL LEVEL)....ARC, Serra High and some in Chico and/or Reno and/or Santa Cruz

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**

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- ② **Fundamentals of Vertical Jumps** Officiating
- ③ **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...ARC and Serra

- ① Horizontal jumps
- ② Vertical jumps
- ③ Throws.

Starter...Chico only

Race Walk

- ① **Introduction to Race Walk Officiating** (Serra/Reno)
- ② **Introduction to Race Walk Judging** (Serra/Reno)

LDR

- ① **Intro to LDR Officiating** (Serra)

Paralympic/Athletics for the Disabled... (Serra)

We will use the Paralympic Power Point document as our study guide. Certification comes with the completion of an on-line test with the Paralympic committee grading and certifying.

Referees for Track & Field

- ① Experienced **Track & Field Referees** (already certified)
- ② Wanaa-be **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.

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Proposed Time Schedule for Officials' Clinics – 2014

	Chico	Santa Cruz	Serra	Reno
1. Saturday, January 11, 2014, American River College (ARC) , Sacramento, CA; (Address: 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento, CA 95841)				
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Introduction to Track & Field Officiating	9-4	9-4	10-5	9-4
Fundamentals Classes				
Fundamentals of Horizontal Jumps and Throws Officiating	12-4	10-2	10-2	9-1
Fundamentals of Vertical Jumps Officiating		10-2	10-4	9-1
Fundamentals of Track Event Officiating	10-2		10-2	9-1
Advanced Field Event Officiating Classes				
Advanced Horizontal Jumps			2-5	
Advanced Vertical Jumps			2-5	
Advanced Throws			2-5	
Race Walk ...including officiating			10-1	
Race Walk ...including JUDGING			1-4	
LDR (Long Distance Running)				
Introduction to LDR			10-1	
Athletics for Disabled				
Yes, I asked the meet director of the Paralympic meet at CSM and he WANTS all officials to have the Para-Olympic certification.			2-5	
Classes which will be offered if a survey indicates interest				
Experienced Track & Field Referees			2-5	
Prospective Track & Field Referees			2-5	
Using Leica Laser Measurement for the long throws			2-5	
Starter (Chico only)	9-12			

- All clinics will cost **\$20⁰⁰** and where appropriate will include **one (1) rule book**. In order to avoid mailing charges, you must indicate which rule book you want when you sign-up. Yes, you may buy additional rule books for \$9⁰⁰ each.

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- If you sign up in advance, you will receive clinic materials during class. If you do not sign up, your clinic materials may be e-mailed to you after the class.

During ReCertification clinics, folks were asked what events/age groups they tended to work. Here is a summary of their answers.

Yes, not all officials completed the survey. I intend to send e-mail a 2nd opportunity.	Field	Track	Geek	College	High School	USATF Open	USATF Youth	LDR
% of the 313 officials who indicated work here	41%	39%	12%	41%	44%	28%	21%	7%
# of the 313 officials who indicated work here	129	121	37	127	137	87	67	21

PRACTICUMS (opportunities for you to work an event during a real meet AND have a mentor there to help) which we will offer in January and February, 2014.

- There is no cost for you to attend,
- Yes, we still need for you to sign-up. We need to know how many people to expect.
- These *PRACTICUMS* will not, by themselves, "certify you" but they will help you add to your list of events in which you are certified. Your initial certification comes from your attendance at the "Introduction to Track & Field Officiating" clinic.
- **Everyone will receive an E-mail containing a link to a Google document for your sign-ups.**

Saturday, January 11th...*FieldLynx* at Los Gatos High (address)...in conjunction with their All Comer T&F Meet. [FinishLynx is a computer program which links a computer and a finish line camera]. **Willie Harmatz** is looking for someone to run their *FinishLynx* system for all of their All Comer meets (all Saturdays in January and February). **He is willing to pay \$\$\$.**

Saturday, February 8th...U.C. Davis...Starting with **Joe Harper**; Umpiring with **Rory Osborne** and Implement Inspection with **George Kleeman**. U.C. Davis is going to be running a qualifying meet for the indoor meet to be held in Fresno.

Saturday, February 8th...U.C. Berkeley's Edwards Field...Umpires with **Irene Herman** and **Elisabeth** and **Jon Price** and Implement Inspection with **Dave Soeth**. **It is of particular importance that you sign up in advance for this clinic for you will need and receive a parking pass.**

These *PRACTICUMS* are being offered in "certifications" where there is a great need for more/new officials. If you like to work track meets, these "certifications" will keep you involved and busy.