

USATF Pacific Board of Athletics

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Associations Report

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In reaction to the US Congress and USOC initiatives to strengthen athlete protection, USATF is rolling out enhanced SafeSport-Background check requirements for this outdoor season:

All meet administrators, vendors, and volunteers will need to have completed the following requirements to help at any stadia/non-stadia events:

- 1) Become a USATF member
- 2) Complete SafeSport Training
- 3) Complete NCSI background screening

(Those under 18 year do not need to complete NCSI background screening)

This requirements extends to:

- a. All Association sanctioned and operated championships of any age group
- b. Any developmental event that an Association conducts (*RJT events for example*) that is not part of a championship series whether it requires participants to be members or not
- c. Any regional event that an Association operates
- d. This includes not only T&F 'stadia' events, but all LDR, XC, MUT, and RW 'non-stadia events'

Vendors include announcers, t-shirt sellers, slushy operators, concession workers who have access to athlete areas. The National Office will provide Associations with draft language that should be included in rental agreements with all facilities to ensure there is coverage of the facility employees.

- This means parents or any individuals who are not SafeSport cleared or background checked would not be able to help at events.
- Any high school students volunteering would need to become USATF members and clear SafeSport.
- Any youth club athletes helping would also need to have cleared SafeSport

Confirmation of meet personnel:

Each association event will have to submit a list of all event personnel soon after the event confirming SafeSport/Background check compliance.

The National Office is in the process of examining the actions that will be taken in a case of non-compliance with these mandates. Fines and/or sanctions against the Association may be recommended for adoption if:

An individual who worked an Association event is found to have not met the criteria.

An Association does not submit the necessary documentation to the National Office following an Association event.

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Race Walking Committee

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The Pacific Association 2018 Race Walking Grand Prix got off to a good start with the women's and men's one-mile races at the all comers track and field meet at UC-Berkeley on January 20. The next Grand Prix races will be women's and men's 3,000-meter races on Saturday, March 24 at Mt. Diablo High School in Concord; these will also

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be USATF Western Region Championship races. The women's race will start at 10:30 am, followed by the men's race at 11:15 am. Volunteers to help with timing and lap scoring are welcome. At least one athlete hopes to set a national age-group record. At the request of a group of northern California power walkers, there will also be a 3,000-meter, combined women's and men's power walk at noon. The no-bent-knee-on-contact-through-the-vertical rule in race walking does not apply to power walking.

The Grand Prix 5,000-meter race walk will be contested during the Pacific Association Open and Masters Track & Field Championships on Sunday, June 10, at the College of San Mateo. Several Pacific Association Youth meets will also have judged race walks. At the officials' clinic on February 11 in San Mateo, three USATF officials added race walk judging to their certifications. Apprentice-level judges are required to demonstrate their abilities as shadow and practice judges under the supervision of seasoned judges before becoming Association-level judges, and Apprentice-level judges are encouraged to judge at Youth meets to gain additional experience and help youth athletes learn the rules.

Grand Prix standings, results, registration forms/information for race walking are posted at <https://www.pausatf.org/race-walking/>.

LDR Committee

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Road

- New process implemented and underway for individual prize money from RGP events. Race will mail individuals their prize money directly; no need to go through the PA office. Team prize money will still be sent to the PA office.
- 3 races – Super Sunday 10k (new to RGP), NorCal 10mi (returning), and Reach for a Star 5k (returning) – of the RGP have been completed out of the 13 total races on the 2018 RGP calendar.
- Updating of the RGP bid letter and bid contract underway.

XC

- XCGP tentative schedule set for 2018 with 10 meets for the calendar.
- Planning to submit bid for 2020 USATF Cross Country Club Nationals to be held at Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. Modification of the previous course (used in 2015) underway, to allow for wider start line, by relocating start area. Bid due in June. Need about \$60k in sponsorship.

MUT

- 2018 MUT GP schedule set with 14 events, and three have been completed to date – Jed Smith 50k, Fourmiddable 50k, and Way Too Cool 50k.
- Continued work to improve scoring and expand GP to a more mountain and trail inclusive series.

- Continued issues with PA website are being managed with the help of IT persons. However, this is a challenge that needs to be resolved and solidified soon.

- Malcolm Richards (West Valley Track Club) and Lyndsay Scherf (Wolfpack Running Club) both set World Records for the indoor track marathon in New York at the 3rd Annual Armory NYC Indoor Marathon World Record Challenge presented by New York Road Runners on March 17 running 2:19:01 and 2:40:55, respectively. Richards previously held the record (2016) until it was bested by Chris Zablocki in 2017 (2:21:48).