

Candidate Statements for Youth Committee Vice Chair

Joanne Camargo

No statement submitted

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Vision – I’m part of the leadership with the Volcano Cross Country League & race series in Shasta County for grades K-8 in the Fall. Each grade school and junior high in our county has a cross country team and we have over 1300 kids coming out to run & race at a designated course, each week. It’s one of the most successful harrier programs in the U.S. and I want to multiply this success in our association. Seeing the need for youth runners in our area get more involved in running year round & develop their athletic talent to a higher level, I started the NorCal Striders in 2017, a USATF youth running club in Redding. We took our XC team to Tallahassee, FL in 2017 for the USATF National Junior Olympic XC meet and had 1 All-American our first year.

Experience – I’m a USATF certified official and have served as track umpire, race starter, registration clerk, starting clerk and field event official for the shot put, hammer, pole vault & long jump. This year, I’ve officiated at 21 track meets and will be officiating at the National J.O.’s in Sacramento in July. I have also been a race official at several college & USATF cross country meets & road races and was the finish line umpire at the USATF

National Marathon Championships in 2017 & 2018. I have organized several road races and was the race director for a track meet in Redding this Spring. Last Fall, we held the NorCal Striders Youth XC Meet in Redding, part of the USATF Pacific Assoc. Grand Prix Youth Series and the first of its kind in the North State. We had kids from all over the Bay Area come up to race and we're scheduled to have the event again this Fall on Oct. 13th.

Athletic Background – I was a college All-American at Black Hill State Univ. in the 10,000 meter run. I qualified for the 1984 & 1988 U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, was 3rd place at the 1987 USA National Marathon Championships in Houston and an alternate for the Pan American Games that same year for the U.S. in the men's marathon.

Ability To Work With Others – I'm a team player, love people and work well with others on projects, events & tasks that need to be organized, administrated & completed.

My commitment to our USATF Pacific Association youth's success is huge. We've added almost 20 new members to our association in the Redding area & more will be joining in the next few weeks. I want to keep that momentum going throughout our association & with my leadership as the Pacific Association's Vice Chair, we'll see that happen. I'm looking forward to taking on the position's responsibility, helping make our kids in the Pacific Association not only be the fastest but the most admired in character & integrity. Thanks for the opportunity to serve. It's really appreciated.