



# Pacific Association of USA Track & Field Coaches Committee Annual Committee Meeting Minutes, 1 February, 2020 Sacramento City College

## Level 1 Schools

The Pacific Association's Level 1 School is completed for the season having education 82 coaches attended while offering 10 scholarships. The next Pacific Level 1 School will be 16-17 January, 2021 (*MLK weekend*) once again at Chabot College, Hayward.

## Level 2 School

The 2020 Level 2 School will be 6-10 June at the Univ of Texas-Austin. Info and registration information will be available by the end of February at

<https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/level-2-information>

## SafeSport Training

USATF has joined the United States Olympic Committee (USOC) to implement the SafeSport program. The goal of SafeSport is to provide a safe environment in our sport at all levels, but particularly for athletes who are ages 18 and under. The SafeSport program includes athlete protection policies, guidelines, codes of conduct, a background screening program, education and training, and a reporting process for any SafeSport concerns within our sport.

All Officials and Youth Club Coaches and Volunteers will need to complete the SafeSport Program. Youth Coaches must meet this requirement before your club's membership will be approved and activated in the USATF system for 2016 and beyond.

Officials and coaches may complete the SafeSport training on line (*with quizzes interspersed through training*). For more information on the USOC SafeSport Training course, refer to:

<https://www.usatf.org/safesport/safesport-training>

**Waiver for volunteers at USATF organized events:** The USATF SafeSport Committee has begun using a waiver system for volunteer non-official rakers, implement retrievers, etc. personnel at association regional competitions.

## Effective January 2019 – New Education Standard for USATF Coaches Registry

To further elevate the professional credibility of the USATF Coaches Registry and its members, USATF has established a new **Education Standard** for the **USATF Coaches Registry**. The Education Standard provides for a baseline standard of professional education or coaching accomplishment in the sport of track and field for coaches seeking admission to the Registry.

By establishing a baseline standard of professional education or coaching experience, the Education Standard aligns with best practices for professional certifications in other fields, within the coaching industry at large, and with licensing protocols of other Olympic family national governing bodies.

### Overview

To be part of the USATF Coaches Registry, an individual must currently be a current USATF member, undergo a current background screen from approved screening agency, and complete USOC Safe Sport training.

The Education Standard is a one-time requirement. Once a coach has met the Education Standard, he or she has fulfilled the requirement for as long as the coach is part of the Registry.

### Timeline

The Requirement of the Education Standard to receive benefits of the Coaches Registry took effect January 2019. Instructions to complete the process will be provided prior to the start of the enrollment period. Coaches should be prepared to produce proof of qualification if so requested.

## Eligibility

Any person who has completed one of the approved coaching education courses for track or field or who qualifies based on career accomplishments as a track and field coach is eligible.

## Meeting the Education Standard

There are two different paths to meet the Educational Standard for the Coaches Registry: Complete a verified educational course, OR achieve a specified coaching accomplishment.

**Path 1: Complete a verified course of education.** Complete any *one* of the following courses:

1. Level 1, 2, or 3 of the USATF CE Professional Pathway of Coach Certification:  
<https://usatf.org/programs/coaches/calendar-of-schools>
2. USATF Cross Country Specialist Course
3. Completion of a USATF Event Skill Specialist Course (Learn by Doing Clinic)
4. NFHS Coaching Track and field (online) **AND** any approved sports science course on USATF Campus (online)
5. Technical Basic course of the USTFCCCA Academy or any advanced course (online or classroom)  
*Certificate of completion for any of the above courses serves as verification of Education Standard.*

**Path 2: Accomplish an Education Standard equivalency during one's coaching career, through a body of work, a career honor, or demonstrated professional coaching career.** Demonstrate any *one* of the following:

1. Member of an international coaching staff selected by USATF over the last 5 Olympic quadrennials
2. Primary coach of record of a medalist athlete on any one of the "big three" teams (Olympics, World Champs, Pan-Am Games)
3. Elite technical coach of USA National Team athletes over a 10-year period (coach must list athletes' names and contact information)
4. Hall of Fame Coach for USATF, USTFCCCA or National Scholastic Track Coaches Association
5. National Coach of the Year for USATF or USOC
6. USTFCCCA National Head or Assistant Coach of the Year for men's or women's (NCAA, NAIA, NJCAA) cross country, indoor or outdoor track & field
7. Employment as a track coach at a scholastic or collegiate institution for a 10-year period verified by employers' information.

The USATF National Office staff will provide oversight of all components of the Coaches Registry. An oversight subcommittee from the Coaches Advisory Committee will review and evaluate any issue with a coach's education standard.

Coaches Registry information: <https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/coaches-registry>

Upcoming Youth-HS events <https://www.pausatf.org/youth/>

**15 February, at Foothill HS-Dublin** Youth Committee Spring Meeting

**13-14 June:** Pacific Association Championships, Diablo Valley College (*non-qualifying event*)

**26-28 June:** Pacific Association JO Qualifier, Diablo Valley College

**9-12 July:** Region 14 JO Qualifier, (*to National JO's*) Fresno

**27 July-2 August:** Hershey Junior Olympic Championships in Jacksonville, Florida  
(*athlete must not turn 19 year of age before last day of competition*)

## HS Rule Changes

- 30m passing zone for the 400m relay will be implemented this season
- When constructing LJ/TJ pits, the landing pit must now be a minimum of 7.00m in length
- 'Run-backs' are no longer permitted in the jumps

*Meeting adjourned at 1:17pm – notes submitted by Dave Shrock*

