



USATF Pacific Board of Athletics

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Associations Committee

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As you would imagine with the thawing of COVID-19 restrictions guidelines are evolving daily. For the latest, continually check:

<https://www.usatf.org/covid19/logistical-information-and-guidance-for-event-directors-and-local-organizing-committees>

Here is the latest info for the 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships Participant Guidelines.

As you will note, there are no qualifying standards due to my regional and association meets not being able to be hosted for qualifying. The rules governing the Junior Olympic program do not allow “qualifying standards” although athletes and coaches are encouraged to respect the integrity of this premier National Championship when entering.

The Event Passport (event information) is available at: www.usatf.org/programs/youth.

Entry into the 2021 National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship is now available at www.athletic.net. Entry support: usatf.support@athletic.net

Please be aware of the following:

All athletes and coaches must present proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test dated seven (7) days prior to competition. Antigen (rapid) tests are not acceptable. Proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination (2 doses Pfizer/Moderna or 1 dose J&J) will be acceptable in place of a test result.

Coaches who are eligible for receipt of coaches credentials (refer to the USATF Coaches Credential policy) must provide proof of a negative PCR COVID-19 test within seven (7) days of the request for the Credential or must provide proof of a full COVID-19 vaccination (2 doses Pfizer/Moderna or 1 dose J&J). Antigen (rapid) tests are not acceptable.

Masks will be required at all times within the University of North Florida facilities. Athletes will be required to wear masks unless actually competing in an event.

For information NOT related to the entry process on athletic.net, please contact Chelsea Yeadon: chelsea.yeadon@usatf.org

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Coaches Committee

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USATF CALENDAR OF SCHOOLS UPDATED

New spring and summer dates for Level 1 Schools have been added to the Calendar of Schools. All schools continue to be conducted in the Zoom format indefinitely. [[view upcoming schools](#)]. The next Pacific Association should be in person on MLK weekend, 2022.

SUMMER LEVEL 2 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

USATF Coaching Education is pleased to announce the summer USATF Level 2 School is set for July 19-23, 2021. Enrollment will be limited to 50 per discipline (Endurance, Sprints/Hurdles/Relays, Jumps, Throws or Youth Specialization). All interested coaches are strongly encouraged to register well before the 11 June deadline as spots in all event groups fill fast. For information, with school registration form at the bottom: <https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/level-2-information>

INTRODUCING NEW “SCIENCE OF LONG JUMPING” COURSE ON USATF CAMPUS

Explore how the brain learns, controls and stores long jump movements, how to select the jumper’s most effective takeoff leg and more in this course authored by Dr. Christine Brooks, Level 2 Sports Science Coordinator [[Learn More](#)]

REMINDER TO VERIFY STATUS OF USATF COACHES REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS

Members may verify their registry status by logging into their membership profile on USATF Connect while development of the public Coaches Registry listing is under construction. To meet all requirements, a green (current) status must be displayed under Membership, Center for SafeSport Training, Background Screening and the Coach Certification tabs. All requirements must be current through the last date of competition to qualify for a registered coach credential.

In addition, members must be listed on the club profile and/or designated by declared athlete during the specified USATF Championship. [[Learn More](#)]

EMERGING FEMALE GRANTS APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR LEVEL 1 & 2

The Emerging Female Grant is provided by USATF and provides a select number of minority, women track and field coaches the opportunity to attend USATF Coaching Education Level 1 or 2 Schools. Grants are valued at the respective course tuition or registration fee. Applicants must be members of the USATF Coaches Registry to apply. [[Learn More](#)]

LATE LEVEL 1 RECERTIFICATION APPLICATIONS STILL OPEN

If your Level 1 certificate expired on December 31, 2020, apply now for late recertification. Members must complete a four-step process to extend their certificate until December 31, 2024 and retain recognition as an USATF Level 1 Coach, eligibility for the Coaches Registry and upper level coaching education courses. [[Learn More](#)]

REMINDER USATF MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PROCESS STARTS WITH ACCOUNT RECOVERY

Prior year members seeking to renew their membership must first complete the one-time account recovery process to renew for 2021. Click the blue “RECOVER ACCOUNT” button to begin the process on the **USATF Connect Login page**. USATF has developed tutorial videos to better navigate the new USATF Connect membership system. [[Learn More](#)]

ADDITIONAL PACIFIC COACHES COMMITTEE INFORMATION

www.pausatf.org/coaches

Race Walking Committee

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The virtual race walks of the 2021 Pacific Association Race Walk Grand Prix Championships continue (1500-meters, one-mile, and 3,000-meters completed). Upcoming virtual events are:

- **5,000-meters** anytime from Saturday, May 1, to Sunday, May 23
- **One-Hour** anytime from Saturday, June 1, to Sunday, July 18 (longer due to the Olympic Trials & JOs)

If the Pacific Association holds its Open/Masters Track and Field Championship the first weekend in June, tentatively planned for the Sacramento area, a combined women's and men's 5,000-meter race walk will be contested.

The other in-person race that is planned at this time, albeit tentatively, is the **10-kilometer** Grand Prix (with options for 3K, 5K, and/or 20K simultaneously) on **Sunday, September 26**, at William Pond Park, Carmichael, in the Sacramento area. Robyn Stevens and Nick Christie are working on making this the **2021 California Cup Challenge**, and it will be the **USATF West Region 10K Road Championship**.

Open Track & Field Committee

Fred Baer, Men's Track and Field Chair (frdbaer@aol.com)

Please reference the (still updating) T&F schedule that has been posted on our website. Actual competition options/plans still evolving as we speak. I expect we will need to discuss the latest possibilities. Yuba College is evolving as a potential site for competitions. Plethora of T&F happening. Was great to be at Arcadia and Mt. SAC/Golden Game. We had a CSM meet at Modesto and are now planning for the upcoming area championship meet at CSM (May 28). We will be streaming the PAL HS championships live next week (also hope to do GWI); Just watched ESPN's telecast of the American Track League debut in Irvine. Please see a list of open track and field meets at: <https://www.pausatf.org/all-events/all-comers-tf/>

LDR Committee

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LDR events continue to be impacted heavily by the pandemic, with almost zero in-person races. The LDR Grand Prix are also impacted for 2021.

- **Road Grand Prix:** No events have occurred to date in 2021, and currently there exists only 3 - possibly 4 - events:
 - July 4th - Morgan Hill Freedom Fest 5k
 - August 8th (tentative) - Stow Lake 5k, Golden Gate Park
 - December - CIM
 - December - Christmas Relays

Therefore, there is no Road Grand Prix in 2021. Each event that does occur will be scored for Individual and Team prize money for their event.

- **Cross Country:** We anticipate a XC season, with potentially some adjusted operating procedures (face masks, staggered starts, etc.), but will know more in the coming months. Permits appear to be coming through.

- **MUT:** Similar to road, no events yet for the MUT Grand Prix. Potentially adjustments to the year-long Grand Prix will be forthcoming.

Communications Committee

Cynci Calvin (ccrun@ncbb.net)

Activities for the USATF Pacific Communications Committee (Com Com) have been ramping up. Here is an overview:

- Officials Committee Com-Com Rep John Lilygren has been working hard with his Committee to update that their webpage. These efforts have targeted new officials and include details about “how to become an official”, and creating a new Mentoring Program to the toolbox for new officials.
- Several Com Com members attended the USATF webinar for branding and marketing. Along with emphasizing proper use of USATF logos, USATF announced its monthly set of marketing items to use on association websites and social media outlets. They sync with monthly themes like National Walking Day, Mother’s Day, etc. and provide inspirational text and graphics. I also filled out a survey a few days ago about whether or not these items are being used and considered useful. My replies mentioned the large amount website and Face Book posts the PA produces to keep our pages functional and lively, the importance of giving local association items priority, and the lack of the necessary volunteers to implement the usage of these items. I also said the program is relatively new and it takes awhile to assimilate regular use of the items in an already busy schedule.
- Dave Shrock, as USATF AEC Chair, spearheaded a survey sent to larger associations who have websites not using the national USATF website platform. There is a national USATF goal to have every association use this platform, so it will be useful to present to National the many reasons why that platform will not function for the needs of the associations like ours. Thomas Vincent, Jeff Teeters, and myself answered the survey questions, providing a plethora of information about the differences in the platforms, and the changes National would need to do to their platform to make it work for us. Thank you Dave and good luck!
- I incorporated several minor branding updates to the website to comply with USATF accreditation.
- The above updates led me to realize that USATF Pacific’s social media applications needed activation. Except for Verity Breen’s fine work with the Face Book page, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube channels have been nonfunctional. I worked with Sean Dulany, the 2014 pausatf.org website designer, and these have been activated and properly branded. The next step is to outreach to our membership to sign up and start providing messages, photos, and videos.
- Thomas Vincent recently provided some recent statistics on pausatf.org traffic. It’s quite healthy!



Youth Committee

Carl Bryant (ceebeerev@icloud.com)

It has been a pleasure and honor to have served on this committee for several years. You are some of the amazing people I have ever worked with. I have learned so much about the ins and outs of this whole track and field machine called USATF (Pacific).

Unfortunately my time of serving as an Official, Board Member and probably Coach has come to an end after 19 wonderful years. I have been afforded opportunities to travel to places I may have never visited and along the way met people who will be friends for life.

I am at a loss for words to explain all that all of you folks mean to me and my family.

These past few months have proved quite challenging as we have attempted to navigate our way to possibly hold some youth track and field meets in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic. After months of countless phone calls, e-mails and Zoom meetings we are looking at putting on a few association meets that will afford some athletes to obtain marks to possibly enter the Junior Olympic Track and Field Nationals in Jacksonville, Florida. I want to thank all of you for your unending efforts to make this happen, we are not there yet but so close.

Respectfully submitted

Carl Bryant

Pacific Association

Youth Chair

MTF Committee

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1.) Called Leroy Milam for updates. He has 1 weekend he's meet directing another meet, but seems otherwise open. However, he said he might not be open to meet directing our meet if significantly outside the Bay Area – TBD.

He's bought and making 100m Reverse Marking measuring tapes for all MTF events, to ensure all events (eg hurdles) are as quick and accurate as possible. He's asked me to work with him to create these and I agreed.

Track is (coming!) back – Leroy tells me he was busy in April, and is scheduled for a dozen meets in May alone.

2.) Email Blasted all PA MTF a few weeks ago about intensions of returning to competition.

3.) Have completed recent rounds of personally emailing every Club 1-on-1 and calling each on phone, which is on both the PA List of PA MTF Clubs who are on our MTF Committee and on the PA Club list of paid clubs.

4.) Have emailed Heike & Stephanie re MTF Voting procedures.

5.) Fred B. & I have contacted each other to coordinate possibilities of hosting a meet / meets within or outside the Bay Area.

6.) New USATF Covid procedures don't require USATF Rules & USATF Insurance for sanctions of non-USATF entities. However, this will additionally difficult to put on our Championships as we normally do. Discussions with Exec Board of possible options in the future.

7.) Proposed a motion for BoA to waive the traditional \$15 fee of PA MTF Championships online registration for this year's meet (i.e., instead of preregistration \$20 for 1st and \$/subsequent event, just \$5/event ... similar \$15 discount for In Person registration). Suggested same for PA athletes of other sports, and copied Open, per their committees. Rational is that athletes received less than expected with their 2020 USATF Membership fees, and ensuring we keep our customers happy may be a good investment.