

NEWSLETTER FROM CHAIRMAN PHIL LEAKE

May 2021

Chair's Message

As we emerge from the chaos and doldrums of COVID-19, I am grateful that we have the opportunity to help provide a sporting outlet for athletes to run, jump and throw. I know that for many of you, the previous year has been really hard emotionally and physically. With the allowance of track meets at the HS and College levels, I have been overjoyed to meet and work with old and new friends. As we get into May (aka CHAMPIONSHIP Month), I'm sure that many of you will be officiating, smiling and enjoying the smell of the grass, the interaction with the athletes and the contribution you make to promoting the sport we know and love.

Olympic Trials

Congratulations to the 12 Officials named to the various crews to work the upcoming Olympic Trials in Eugene, Oregon. Each one of these officials are representative of the over 200 PAUSATF Officials that provide fair, unbiased judging at each of the meets within our Association throughout the year.

Robert Benoy - Horizontal Jumps

Phil Leake - Implement Inspection

Jim Manha - Javelin

Dennis Boyle - Pole Vault- Alternate

Scott Kostka - Pole Vault

Charles Murphy - Horizontal Jumps

John Murray - Field Referee

Sue Murray - Shot Put

Rory Osborne - Head Marshal

Ajay Padgaonkar - Javelin

John Shirey - Pole Vault - Head

Mark Youmans - Clerk

Track in the Sky Report

Herb Rodebaugh, Emeritus Official

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the contributions of Herb Rodebaugh, Emeritus PAUSATF Official, who recently passed away at the age of 101. Herb was a long time official and supporter of our sport and who had a BIG hand in bringing the 2000 Olympic Trials to Sacramento. He, along with John Nunes, Bill Edgar, Jerry Colman, Dan Davidson, Gail Wetzork, Dick and Shirley Connors, Jim Hume, George Kleeman and a large number of others who came before us built a very large, stable foundation for which we current officials stand. He will be missed by all. I met him when I was on the organizing committee for the 2000 Olympic Trials. It helps to know about the strong foundation we stand on as an association. Below is a remembrance from **Dan Davidson**, Emeritus Official

From Dan Davidson

I have many good memories of Herb Rodebaugh, most gained by working closely with him at Rio Americano HS. I first met Herb when I was involved with the Golden West Invitational HS meet in the late '80s. In succeeding years, we would meet off and on at various track meets or planning committees for major track meets.

While coaching at Rio Americano HS, I would see Herb when he was doing his daily walks. Bob Jameson, the head coach at that time, re-introduced me to Herb; I was working with the sprinters/hurdles at the time. After a bit, Herb mentioned that he always wanted to coach but never had the opportunity. After a week or so of daily visits during the workouts, I talked to Bob about the possibility of Herb assisting on a try-out basis, to which Bob agreed. The following week Herb 'started' his coaching career working with the hurdles, all the while under my supervision. He worked well with kids, had good basic knowledge of hurdling techniques and workouts. One of the best memories I have was when he and I were just chatting while the athletes were warming up and stretching. He related that he knew it would be a good day because, when he got out of bed, he had few pains, could see his feet and felt blessed for another day.

Over the next year or so, we learned to work well together, even won the 1st Girls' League CVC Championship. I eventually left Rio and began coaching at Rio Linda HS for a year or so, but would see Herb at several HS invitationals. I eventually 'retired' from coaching and began Auto Timing track meets, both at the High School and the JC meets. Herb would stop by briefly and visit, indicating he was enjoying the coaching but was starting to 'burn out' because of the lack of dedication from many of the athletes. Sad to say, I rarely saw him as often as I would have liked. He and Al Baeta, long time coach at Mira Loma HS and American River College, worked together along with other notable track people and was able to put together a plan to sponsor and run the Olympic Trials in Sacramento, in 2000 and again in 2004.

He was a gentleman and avid sportsman. For those interested, a complete Biography is in the May 4 Sacramento Bee Obituary Page, complete with a picture of him at about age 80S.

CERTIFICATION, TRAINING and MENTORING

CERTIFICATION

As of 5/16/21, 194 Officials have re-certified for the new Olympiad. We are working towards increasing that number. As compared to last year and the last Olympiad, we are down due to the COVID-19 pandemic as well as the usual attrition due to retirements, moving out of the area, officials no longer interested in officiating, etc. Other problems with the Re-certification process being exclusively online as well as the 3-step process of USATF membership, NCSI Safe background check and Safesport may have contributed to the decline. (Not everyone is computer savvy.) Special Kudos to our Certification Chair, **Ajay Padgaonkar**, who took over this position after the untimely death of Jim Hume. He, along with help from **Jim Manha, Bill Bartel, Dennis Boyle, Phil Leake and JR**

Heberle, has transformed the process of becoming an official easier by helping to streamline the process and working with those officials having problems with the process or who were not computer savvy.

TRAINING

Special Thanks to our Training Chair, **Bill Bartel**, along with **Dennis Boyle, Mike Bower, JR Heberle, Jim Manha** and **Ajay Padgaonkar** for developing this year's certification clinics via the ZOOM platform. They were very well received and allowed for many more people to participate as well as for the committee to invite expert Master level officials and neighboring USATF Associations from across the country to teach and interact with our officials. The result allowing the PAUSATF Officials to perpetuate our reputation as being among the most well-trained officials anywhere in the country. All of the clinics were recorded and are now available for viewing on the www.PAUSATForg/Officials page.

MENTORING

Our new Mentoring Chair, Dennis Boyle, is in the middle of re-developing and enhancing the mentoring process, thus allowing for mentoring and continued training for those new to officiating as well as to those who are experienced and seeking further training. This process will allow for mentoring on a regional level under several regional mentoring sub chairs (to be named later as the program is fully developed). We look for good things coming in this area the next few years. For more information, contact Dennis at dkboyle@frontiernet.net

EVALUATIONS

The same people in this area have developed a new evaluation form to be used at designated USATF Sanctioned meets during the year to be able to provide further input to the National Officials Committee on officials considered for selection for major meets, etc. Expect this to be implemented within the next year. This form can be accessed from the forms section of the PAUSATF Officials Page.

ELECTIONS

From John Shirey, Officials Committee Vice Chair

Pacific Association Officials Committee (PAOC) Election—2021

The Pacific Association Officials Committee holds an election in odd-numbered years to choose officers and other positions to lead the organization. The positions to be filled through this year's election are Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, four representatives to the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, and two Members At-Large to the Officials Committee Executive Committee. Terms of all offices are two years and commence at the Committee's Annual Meeting, traditionally held on the last Sunday in August, or August 29 this year.

A Nominating Committee has been chosen for the purpose of proposing nominations for all positions to be filled through the election. John Shirey is Chair of the Nominating Committee and other members are Bill Bartel, Shirley Connors, and Sue Murray.

Click [Here](#) to submit your nomination(s) from now until the nomination deadline of July 16, 2021. Active Members may nominate other Active Members, or an Active Member may nominate oneself. Only Active Members of USATF and the Pacific Association are eligible to be elected to office. "Active Members" are USATF officials certified at any level for the current Olympiad and who are certified in the Pacific Association.

Position Duties

Chair: Maintains communication with President of the Pacific Association and Chair of the National Officials Committee; convenes, chairs, and sets the agendas for meetings of the Executive Committee, which meets 5-6 times per year usually on Sundays; appoints chairs of various subcommittee such as Certification, Training, and Awards; prepares the annual budget for PAOC and authorizes all expenditures.

Vice-Chair: Acts in the absence of the Chair; represents the Chair in any capacity directed by the Chair; carries out projects and programs directed by the Chair such as organizing the PAOC Annual Meeting.

Secretary: Serves as the recording and corresponding officer of the PAOC; serves as custodian of PAOC records; keeps minutes of all PAOC meetings.

Board of Athletics representatives (4): Attend (in-person or virtually) and participate in all meetings of the Pacific Association Board of Athletics, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Tuesday evenings, to represent interests of officials; may attend all PAOC Executive Committee meetings, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Sundays, and the PAOC Annual Meeting.

Members At-Large (2): Attend and participate in all meetings of the PAOC Executive Committee, which typically occur 5-6 times a year on Sundays, and the PAOC Annual Meeting.

Timeline for Election

All nominations for positions must be received by the Nominating Committee by July 16, using the form linked herein which can be completed online. (Nominations can be made only through the Nominating Committee.) The Committee has until August 1 to submit its report of nominees to the Pacific Association Executive Director who is charged with conducting the election. He will prepare the ballot and send it by email to eligible voters by August 8. (Paper ballots will be sent to those who do not have email addresses on file.) Eligible voters are certified officials in the Pacific Association as of June 30, 2021. Eligible officials will have until August 22 to return their ballots to the Executive Director.

The votes will be counted at the Annual Meeting on August 29 and the results announced at the meeting. If none of the offices are contested, the election will be done by a vote of acclamation of those present at the Annual Meeting.

If there are questions about the election process, please direct them to John Shirey at jshirey1@comcast.net.

MEETS NEEDING OFFICIALS

AMERICAN TRACK LEAGUE

NOTE: MANY OF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKING ABOUT THE AMERICAN TRACK LEAGUE MEET TO BE HELD IN SACRAMENTO ON JULY 10. DETAILS ON THIS MEET ARE UNFOLDING AS I AM WRITING THIS NEWSLETTER. I WILL RELAY INFORMATION AS SOON AS IT IS KNOWN! STAY TUNED>>>>>



WILCOX HS DUAL MEETS

<diskus@gmail.com> wrote:

We have three dual meets May 5, 13, 21. Very low key perfect for anyone wanting experience in any event. We can offer a stipend to certified officials.

Thanks,

Mike Buncic
Wilcox HS
Santa Clara

GOLDEN STATE THROWERS MEET Herald CA 5/22/21

Contact is Kathy DeContreras kdecontreras@yahoo.com

HARTNELL COLLEGE

From Joseph Nemeth <jnemeth215@gmail.com>

Wed, May 19 at 7:36 PM

Hello everyone,

The Hartnell College track team was just given the ok to have a micro meet on Saturday May 29th. A schedule is being done as we speak. Coach Chris Zepeda needs a couple of officials for Hammer, Discus, Shot and Javelin. The first throwing event, the Hammer would start at 10am. If you're interested contact Chris at czepeda@hartnell.edu or send me an email JNemeth215@gmail.com I have cc'd Coach Z and the throws coach Frankie Martinez. I was reaching out to some of the bay area officials I have in my email address book. If you know some other officials you know that could come let them know to contact Coach Z. Hope to see a couple of you on the 29th. Make sure you come by and see my mark of the day in implement inspection.

You will need to show proof of a full vaccination dated no later than May 14th or do a PCR test 72 hours before the Saturday event.

Hope everyone is well and staying safe,

Joe Nemeth

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FROM BOB WRIGHT

GOLDEN WEST INVITATIONAL

<https://goldenwestinvitational.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fb2616e644e228dfea7425ba0&id=8bc07efb8e&e=188a41adf0>

DATE: June 19 (and June 20 depending on the number of entries)

VENUE: [Cordova High School](#), 2239 Chase Dr. Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 - a hop-skip from Sacramento

MORE DETAILS

- All registration will be done online at [CoachO](#).
- Out of state athletes will be allowed to participate.
- High School (athletes who are enrolled in high school for the 2020 - 2021 academic school year qualify as HS Students).

100m / 200m / 400m / 800m / 1600m / 3200m. 100/110HH / 300 IH/LH / Long Jump / Triple Jump / Pole Vault / High Jump / Shot / Disc / Hammer

- Youth (athletes in the following age groups as defined by USATF - 7/8 9/10, 11/12, 13/14, 15/16 are considered youth)

100m / 200m / 400m / 800m / 1600m / Long Jump / Pole Vault for age groups 11/12, 13/14, 15/16

- No entry standards are required.
- Meet will be sanctioned by USATF.

COVID PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE

- Be sure to read the athlete registration information above under the registration link.
- On the day of the meet, if protocol allows, spectators will be allowed in the stadium in some capacity.
- Athletes / parents / coaches and spectators must adhere to in-person screening and temperature taking before entering the stadium.

CONTACT THE MEET DIRECTOR Bob Wright with questions.

- [Meet Director Bob Wright <goldenwestinvitational@gmail.com>](mailto:goldenwestinvitational@gmail.com)
- (916) 202-7201

FROM CHARLOTTE SNEED

BVAL Championships WEDNESDAY 5/26/21

Heritage HS, 101 American Drive Brentwood CA

The Flyer Information and meet schedule can be found at the bottom of this page in PDF.

Contact is Charlotte Sneed pa.csneed@gmail.com

From Cris Houston and Carl Bryant

NOTE: Some of you are not acquainted or have done few youth meets. Here is where Olympic Dreams and National Championships start. The kid you officiate for could be the next Olympic Champion! Please avail yourself for these meets.

Here are the youth meets to add to your officials request:

- Cheetahs' Youth Meet-
 - June 12- Seaside High School, Seaside, CA (Monterey)
 - Cris Houston- pa.youthXC@gmail.com; 925-478-1603
 - Field Event and track officials needed
- Godspeed Invitational-
 - June 13- St. Mary's High School, Stockton, CA
 - Coach Parker - sparker5463@aol.com; 510-228-8092
- (PA) Top-8 Meet
 - June 25-27 - Rancho Cordova High School, Rancho Cordova, CA
 - Carl Bryant - ceebeerev@sbcglobal.net; 209-765-9840
 - Field Event and track officials needed
 - Expense stipend TBD
- (PA) Top-5 Meet
 - July 9-11 - Seaside High School, Seaside, CA (Monterey)
 - Cris Houston- pa.youthXC@gmail.com; 925-478-1603
 - Field Event and track officials needed
 - Expense stipend TBD

There will also be an Open/Masters meet in Seaside on 6/13.

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 - Cris Houston- pa.youthXC@gmail.com; 925-478-1603
 - Field Event and track officials needed

June 12- Seaside High School, Seaside, CA (Monterey)

UNIFORMS, GEAR AND EQUIPMENT

FOR PACIFIC ASSOCIATION UNIFORMS AND WEARABLE GEAR: Go to <http://www.NBNSports.com>

FOR NATIONAL USATF UNIFORMS AND ACCESSORIES: You can go to the online store officials page at <https://team-usatf-store.myshopify.com/collections/certified-officials>. The password is **Official2019** .

A number of officials have asked me where to find Officials Equipment and Track and Field Equipment. I've dealt with each of these resources and have not been disappointed.

[VS Athletics - Track and Field/Soccer/Volleyball Superstore](#)