

PAUSATF OFFICIALS' NEWSLETTER 7/30/21

CHAIR'S NOTE

I hope you are enjoying the Olympic Games as much as I have. These games will truly define the champion in all of the participants, coaches, officials and staff. With COVID-19 running rampant in Japan and less than 10% of the population vaccinated, this means no fans in the stands in ANY event at ANY venue. At Olympic Trials, we had to be COVID tested almost daily. I imagine the games are no different. Our hopes, prayers and best wishes are with the USA team. GO USA!!! USA! USA! USA!!!

Back at home, we are preparing for the Officials Annual Meeting on Sunday, August 29th. YES, THIS WILL BE IN PERSON barring a surge in virus incidence. John Shirey and crew have been working hard to insure this meeting will be safe and fun. That and the ANNUAL RAFFLE IS BACK. All the more reason to evaluate for yourself and GET YOUR SHOTS if you desire. IN ADDITION, we are preparing for a change in the administration of the Officials Committee. Look for the email to vote. Lastly, there are MEETS THAT NEED OFFICIALS both in Track and Field and LDR. All of these you can read below.

I look forward to seeing most if not all of you at the ANNUAL MEETING. Please try to attend.

Phil Leake, Chair

FROM RICK BERMAN, LDR OFFICIALS CHAIR

The 2021 USATF Pacific Cross Country(XC) and Road Grand Prix Seasons are under way.

We are seeking new, as well as experienced, Officials to support the upcoming meets.

If you would like to Officiate at any of the meets noted, please sign-up by going here:

<https://forms.gle/pETdrMJzzZBT3cju8>

Note: You will be notified of your assignment one week prior to each meet. Water will be provided.

Attention New Officials: Onsite training is always provided.

Cross Country Grand Prix dates:

08/21/2021 (Sat) - 20th Annual SCTC XC Challenge - Santa Cruz

08/28/2021 (Sat) - 28th Annual Phil Widener Empire Open - Santa Rosa

09/05/2021 (Sun) - 2nd Annual GVH Lagoon Valley XC Challenge - Vacaville

09/12/2021 (Sun) - 35th Annual Golden Gate Park Open - San Francisco

09/18/2021 (Sat) - 10th Annual Rebels XC Challenge - Carmichael

09/25/2021 (Sat) - 16th Annual Garin Park XC Challenge - Hayward

10/10/2021 (Sun) - 25th Annual John Lawson Tamalpa Challenge - San Rafael

10/16/2021 (Sat) - 12th Annual Willow Hills XC Open - Folsom

10/23/2021 (Sat) - 23rd Annual Matt Yeo Memorial Aggies XC Open - Martinez

11/21/2021 (Sun) - 35th Annual PA Cross Country Championship - San Francisco



Road Grand Prix dates:

11/14/2021 (Sun) - Clarksburg Half Marathon - Clarksburg

12/05/2021 (Sun) - California International Marathon - Folsom to Sacramento

12/19/2021 (Sun) - Christmas Relays - San Francisco

Meet details, directions, COVID-19 protocol, etc....can be found here:

XC: <https://www.pausatf.org/wp-content/legacy/2021/2021-detailed-xc-schedule.htm>

Road: <https://www.pausatf.org/road-racing/annual-road-racing-grand-prix-schedule>

Reminder: The USATF National Fall (Club) Cross-Country Championships are coming to Golden Gate Park on December 10, 2022. If you would like to be part of the officials' team that supports the 2022 Fall National Championships, consider gaining experience by participating in the 2021 season.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.

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TRACK AND FIELD NATIONAL WOMEN'S DECATHLON CHAMPIONSHIPS

@ College of San Mateo

AUGUST 21-22, 2021

FOR ALL OF YOU COMBINED EVENT OFFICIALS AND ANY OFFICIAL WANTING TO ADD ANOTHER MEET TO THEIR RESUME:

- SMALL FIELDS
- STIPEND AND LUNCH AVAILABLE

Please respond to:

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THIS SHOULD BE A FUN MEET!



FROM JOHN SHIREY, VICE-CHAIR PAOC

Pacific Association Officials Committee Annual Meeting

Plan to attend our Pacific Association Officials Annual Meeting to be held once again at UC Davis on Sunday, August 29 from 10:00 am to 3:00 am at Aggie (football) Stadium. The highlight of this event will be the presentation of awards to our local officials for their exceptional service to track and field. **Head Coach Ngonidzashe Makusha** and the UC Davis track and field program will be hosting the meeting and a lunch as a “thank you” for your service as an official.

This year’s annual meeting will also double as a fundraising event to support the USATF Pacific Foundation. Funds raised will be used to provide training funds for outstanding track and field athletes in our region such as Robyn Stevens and Nick Christie, race walkers who are currently competing in Tokyo. This year the Foundation gave 8 training grants to elite athletes in the Pacific Association.

The cost to attend the annual meeting is \$20 and half of that amount is a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation. (The other \$10 goes to defray the cost of holding the event, mostly for the awards that will be presented.) Everyone who registers for the meeting and to support the Foundation will be entered in, not one, but two raffles for prizes brought by your fellow officials and other special prizes. Additional tickets for the Foundation raffle are \$2 each. Prizes for the Foundation raffle include gift cards for airfare compliments of Southwest Airlines, clothing from this year’s USATF Olympic Trials, and a personally autographed discus by our own gold medalist, Stephanie Brown-Trafton.

For the regular raffle, please bring something that a well-equipped official can use!

We know that not everyone will be able to attend the Annual Meeting in person (but we hope you can!) because of time and distance limitations or because of concerns about COVID. Therefore, we will provide a Zoom link to the meeting if you register and indicate you will be attending remotely. For your own safety and that of others, please attend the meeting via Zoom if you are not fully vaccinated or not feeling well.

To make your reservation for the Annual Meeting, please send a check for \$20 per person payable to “PAUSATF” to our Vice Chair, John Shirey, at 7711 River Landing Dr., Sacramento, CA 95831, by August 22. You are also encouraged to send an additional contribution of any amount for tickets (\$2 per ticket) to the Foundation raffle to John whether you attend the Annual Meeting in person or via Zoom. Make that second check payable to the “USATF Pacific Foundation” or pay [HERE](#) using PayPal. Raffle tickets will also be sold at the meeting. Please direct any questions about the Annual Meeting or the two raffles to John at jshirey1@comcast.net.

Don’t delay! Make your reservation today to honor your fellow officials and to support the USATF Pacific Foundation on August 29!

ELECTIONS!!!!

USATF Pacific Association Officials Committee Election

by

John Shirey, Chair, PAOC Nominating Committee

Nominations for officers and other positions on the Officials Committee closed on July 16, and a number of people indicated their interest in leading the Committee over the next two years beginning at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting on August 29 this year. In some cases, more than enough officials were nominated to fill the number of positions available; therefore, an election will be held to decide those offices. The election will take place via email ballots beginning August 8 with voting to remain open until August 22.

Only one person was nominated for the positions of Chair and Secretary, and so those positions will not be on the ballot. Those persons will be elected from the floor by acclamation at the Annual Meeting on August 29. Nominated for Chair is **Phil Leake**, the current Chair, and nominated for Secretary is newcomer **Tori Busto**.

Scott Kostka and **Bruce Makinson** were nominated to fill two At-Large Member positions on the Executive Committee, and so they will be elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting, as well.

Two persons are running to fill the Vice-Chair office: **Teddy Hayes** and **John Lilygren**. Six persons were nominated to fill three positions as Representatives to the Pacific Association Board of Athletics. Those officials are **Steve Barton, Robert Benoy, Ryan Cowley, Teddy Hayes, Charles Murphy, and Jennifer Oliver**. Winners of these elections will be announced on August 29 at the Annual Meeting.

As of June 30, 2021, 206 officials were certified to vote in the election by Certification Chair **Ajay Padgaonkar**. Only "Active Members" may vote (or hold office) and those are defined as "officials who have USATF Certification at any officiating level for the current Olympiad and who are certified as officials in the Pacific Association." The cut-off date for making that determination was June 30 this year. All officials on the list have email addresses, eliminating the need to send any ballots through regular mail.

Look for your ballots on or about August 8 in your email and be sure to vote!