

## Officials Committee Newsletter

**Phil Leake, Chair**

**9-15-2021**

As I look back on the 2021 Track and Field Season, I am again grateful that the Covid-19 Pandemic waned somewhat and that the quarantine rules changed enough so we could hold meets. It started from no meets to a gradual lightening up to having HS and College Conference Finals and Olympic Trials. 12 PAUSATF officials were selected and participated in officiating the Trials. That is probably more than ANY other USATF Association. It proves the reputation of the Pacific Association Officials as being ranked among the best (if not THE BEST) trained track and field officials anywhere in the US. Congratulations to those 12 and to all of you officials for upgrading your skills and providing fair and impartial officiating to our athletes.

### **ROGER BURBAGE**

Many of you know Roger Burbage, USATF National Officials Committee (NOC) Certification Chair. As of this writing I have been informed that he has resigned from this position. Reasons for this resignation are not clear, but he will be missed being in the governance of the NOC.

### **ELECTIONS**

This being an election year for the PAUSATF Officials Committee, I am proud to announce the following officials have been elected to governance for the next Biennium. Congratulations to all (Special thanks to the Election Committee Head John Shirey and Committee members Bill Bartel, Mary Sue Murray and Shirley Connors):

Chair – Phil Leake

Vice Chair – John Lilygren

Secretary – Tory Busto

At Large Executive Committee: Scott Kostka & Bruce Makinson

Representative to the Board of Athletics (3): Robert Benoy, Charles Murphy and Jennifer Oliver

### **ANNUAL MEETING RECAP**

Thanks to all who attended the Officials Annual Meeting and Luncheon/Raffle. 50 + officials attended in person and 20 officials attended via Zoom. Still some officials still have not paid. *(Ladies and Gentlemen, you know if you have attended the Annual Officials meeting, but did not pay your registration. Please send your check today).* Thanks go to John Shirey for planning this soiree along with JR Heberle, Dennis Boyle, Dave Shrock and John Lilygren helping provide the technical support for this hybrid meeting. Special thanks to the UC Davis X-C and Track and Field programs for hosting the event and providing a great lunch!!! Lastly, thanks go to Coaches Rob Dewar (SCC), Kenny McDaniel (CSUS) and Emma Petersen (UCD), John Mansoor (Exec. Dir. Of PAUSATF) and Deborah Sample (PAUSATF Youth Chair) for

attending the meeting and providing us with information on next year's meets. The meeting agenda included a great presentations and discussions from the following presenters

I. YOU MAKE THE CALL (Jim Manha)

II. HOW A MEET CAN GO WRONG (Dave Shrock/ Phil Leake)

A Meet Promoter changed the starting line of 800m race at Sac City meet. Marks were declared "not certified/unofficial" because the alternate starting line had not been surveyed. The promoter was very upset. When asked how he set up the start at the 200-meter mark, he replied "I paced it off." Comments were made by John Mansoor, Bob Podkaminer, Rob Dewar, Mike Brown and John Busto. Bottom line: the promoter was warned by multiple parties that the marks would probably not count because the wrong starting line was used. The promoter chose to use the wrong starting line anyway.

III. CHAIR REPORTS

Certification Chair's Report (Ajay Padgaonkar) For in depth information on Officials Certification, please contact Ajay

- a. Last year, 220 Certified; at last year's Annual, 228
- b. Now have 207 certified. 40+ new officials (20 Apprentice; 20 former officials who did not recertify in last Olympiad)

B. Training Chair's Report (Bill Bartel)

For more in-depth information on the progress of Training Sub-Committee, please contact Bill. The Training Committee had a busy year in Training over Zoom. This contributed to retention of new officials about 40%. He Bill is working on the upcoming training season for 2021-22 and hopes to have Introductory classes in the Fall instead of January & February. He would like to do these training classes in person.

C. Mentoring Chair's Report (Dennis Boyle)

(For a more in-depth information on the progress of the Mentoring Subcommittee, please contact Dennis). Dennis complimented Bill Bartel for arranging Zoom sessions outside of our Association (Oregon, etc.) and was impressed with the capabilities of Zoom & what was achieved this past year. He also discussed his proposal to find assistants to Training, Certification and Mentor Chairs (about 6). Distributed geographically throughout the Association.

D. LDR Officials Report (Rick Berman) Rick is the newly appointed LDR Officials Subcommittee Chair (succeeding Mark Winitz (Mark, Thanks for your longtime service!). For more in-depth information on the progress of the LDR Subcommittee, please contact Rick.

He reports the following: 3 races done; 11 to do – most will be Cross Country. A few will be Road Races. He requested that more officials get involved with LDR (**PLEASE CONSIDER GETTING INVOLVED IN THIS!!!**). He also reports that the Pacific Association has been asked to help officiate the US 100 Kilometer Championships and that the 2022 National Club Championships will be in Golden Gate Park.

E. Race Walk Officials Report (Jon Price). For more in-depth information on the progress of the Race Walk Subcommittee, please contact Jon.

Jon reports that during the pandemic, only 1 in-person race was conducted in the past 2 years. He is looking forward to the Youth meets in June 2022. Racewalk Virtual Clinics were conducted for Race Walk judges in the past year. Jon hopes to have at least 1 Virtual Clinic in 2022. *The best part is that two of our own Pacific Association Officials competed as athletes on the 2020 Olympic Track & Field team (Robyn Stevens & Nick Christie- CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH)*

## 2021 ANNUAL AWARDS REPORT

Congratulations to the following outstanding officials who were recognized for their performance on and off the field contributing to the promotion of our beloved sport:

### Emeritus Officials Acknowledgement

- a. **Jerry Colman**
- b. **Jim Hart**

### Chair's Awards

- c. **John Lilygren** – for work as Secretary and update of the officials' website
- d. **Jim Manha** – for work as Stanford Officials Coordinator and work with the Officials Committee
- e. **Joe Van Zant** – for contributions to Mentor activities
- f. **John Shirey** – for his service as Vice Chair
- g. **Dave Shrock** – for general advice and guidance in a number of matters
- h. **JR Heberle** – for Technical Assistance, his work on Governance and assistance with computers
- i. **Dennis Boyle** – for his work on the Mentoring program
- j. **Bill Bartel** – for Training innovations such as Zoom conferencing, recruitment of speakers from other Associations
- k. **Ajay Padgaonkar** – for picking up Certification following Jim Hume's death

### Major Awards

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| a. Horace Crow Award:          | <b>Scott Kostka</b>  |
| b. George Newlon Award:        | <b>Bill Bartel</b>   |
| c. Dick Barbour Award:         | <b>John Shirey</b>   |
| d. Lori & Sonny Maynard Award: | <b>Jim Manha</b>     |
| e. Dick Connors Award:         | <b>John Lilygren</b> |

### National Awards:

- a. **Mike Brown**
- b. **Anthony Davis**
- c. **Aliya Dibrell**

- d. **Robert Dietrich**
- e. **Al Hernandez**
- f. **Don Mosbacher**
- g. **Suzanne Thompson**

Association Certificates

- a. **Trish Caldwell**
- b. **Rob Dragoo**
- c. **Bruce Fairchild**
- d. **Nancy Flannery**
- e. **Mike Morris**
- f. **Linda Patterson**
- g. **Debra Sample**
- h. **Charlotte Sneed**

Apprentice Certificates

- a. **Laura Barger**
- b. **Tori Busto**
- c. **Kyle Fujitsubo**
- d. **Chantay Jones**
- e. **Mica Nash**
- f. **Kendal Price**

*Special Recognition was made of JR Heberle for receiving the 2020 George Newlon Award which was given after the 2020 Annual Meeting concluded.*

### **USATF PACIFIC FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER RAFFLE (from John Shirey)**

Our Fundraiser Raffle last Sunday in conjunction with the Annual Meeting raised \$3,051 for the Foundation! As you know, officials were asked to register for the meeting by paying \$20 each, half of which went to the Foundation. That raised \$800. In addition, 57 officials contributed separately from their registration payments. Some donated larger amounts. Special thanks to Scott Bauhs, Kim Conley, and Stephanie Brown Trafton, members of the Foundation Board of Directors, for providing raffle prizes. Southwest Airlines provided two \$100 gift cards good for airfare for when it is reasonably safe to fly again, and yours truly provided several shirts, hats, and commemorative batons from the Olympic Trials and Tracktown. Thanks to Rick Berman and Rory Osborne for selling tickets at the event. We were fortunate again that the UC Davis track and field program paid for the meeting room and lunches.

I hope we can continue this event in future years; it seems to be popular!

John

## UPCOMING MEETS NEEDING OFFICIALS

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANY UPCOMING MEETS, PLEASE LET US KNOW OF DATES AND CONTACTS!!!!**

**NOTE:** As of this writing, I have been informed that both of these two schools will unfortunately not be having meets this next season unless they can get their facilities rehabilitated very soon:  
Sacramento City College -SCC will not host any meets this next season because the track & facilities and equipment are in bad shape  
American River College- ARC will not hold any meets this next season. The track has hundreds of “bubbled-up” surface and is badly in need of repair.

### **Those school that ARE holding meets in 2022 include:**

**Sacramento State-** They will host 3 meets: March 19; April 9; April 29. They have made a promise to increase the benefits and care of the officials that attend their meets. These include better stipends, meet shirts and a pre-meet dinner. For details and to apply to officiate, please send and email to Phil Leake, Officials Coordinator [pgal1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgal1@sbcglobal.net)

**UC Davis –** UCD will host the Big West Cross-Country Championships on October 29 and will also be hosting the Big West Track Championships in May 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> weekend). For details and volunteering, please email Bill Bartel [bbartel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bbartel@sbcglobal.net)

### **Future meets in our Association include:**

Nov. 7 – Pacific Association Masters Championships @ Independence HS in San Jose. Please contact Jim Manha for details and to volunteer. [jimmanha@gmail.com](mailto:jimmanha@gmail.com)  
Nov.12 NCAA D1 Cross Country (We need umpires and marshals for this meet. Please contact Phil Leake [pgal1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgal1@sbcglobal.net) to volunteer

- A. National Junior Olympics – July 25 to Aug. 1, 2022 Contact Phil Leake [pgal1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pgal1@sbcglobal.net)
- B. Golden West Invitational June 4, 2022
- C. 2022 USATF Club Championships at Golden Gate Park, San Francisco Contact Rick Berman
- D. June ? (TBD) Pacific Association Championships
- E. June 18 – 19 Top 5 Junior Olympics
- F. June 24 – 26 Region 16 Junior Olympics
- G. 2023: NCAA West Region Track Championships
- H. 2024 & 2025: NCAA Western Regional Track Championships
- I. 2024: NCAA Division 2 National Cross-Country Championships

## **HIGH SCHOOL MEETS IN 2022**

From Will Carr, Sheldon HS, Elk Grove CA.



Quick background. I, along with Steve Davis have been privileged to serve as clerks of the course, the past 20+ years primarily, for the Sacramento Meet of Champions, Division I Sac Joaquin Section Meet and the Sac Joaquin Section Masters. I have been appointed as the new head track and field coach at Sheldon High School where for the past seven years I have served as an assistant. During that time (and before) we have been delighted to host the Sheldon Husky Invitational. The meet is planned for Saturday, March 19 at Sheldon and with calendars rapidly filling up, Jerry Colman thought it a good idea if I reached out to you for possibly assisting us in providing event officials for the meet. In some instances, absent officials, we've asked entered teams to run an event for us in exchange for discounted entry fees. I don't know how the previous head coach covered the events, but, if at all possible, I would like to have experienced, efficient officials to run our (six) field events. Stipends will be available. I would appreciate your consideration. Thanks

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### **FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE (NOC)**

New Officials Town Hall Zoom Meeting: We are inviting all officials who were initially certified in 2021, as well as all Certification Chairs, to a virtual New Officials Town Hall on Tuesday, September 28, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time. The purpose of this meeting is let the NOC Executive Committee inform you about the Committee and our purpose, ways to serve within the NOC, and to answer any questions you might have as you start your officiating career with USATF. Here is the login information to copy and paste in your browser.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87029921658?pwd=QkYwcGVNTmMzUXFsZ1ZTTWpSZkZ5dz09>  
Meeting ID: 870 2992 1658  
Passcode: USATF

## **USATF Championship Applications**

: Applications for USATF Senior and U20 Championships will be available from September 15 through October 15. The applications are online and available on the NOC Dashboard. The meets are listed below and are open to National and Master level officials. These selections will be made by the Officials Selection Committee and be announced in December during the USATF Annual Meeting.

USATF Senior Outdoor Championship (TBD)

USATF Senior Indoor Championship (Feb. 25-26 - Spokane, WA)  
USATF U20 Outdoor Championship (TBD)  
World Athletics World Championship (July 15-24 - Eugene, OR)

Applications for Youth and Masters championship meets (that are open to all officials) will be available through the Fall and Spring, but officials can express their interest through the application website.

## Helpful Newsletters

USATF Associations Committee newsletter: [Go here.](#)

Officials Newsletter from Athletics Canada. Current issue and archive: [Go here.](#)

European Athletic Officials newsletter: [Go here.](#)

NOC Equipment & Facilities newsletter archive: [Go here](#)

A few newsletters from individual state Associations:  
["Tracking 27"](#): Oregon Track Club and USATF Oregon Association  
["Track and Field Iowa"](#): Iowa Association  
["Official News"](#): Indiana Association

Current issue and archive of the World Athletics newsletters:  
[Go here](#) (scroll down the page)

[Go here](#) to view the archive of NOC newsletters.

[Go here](#) to view the archive of SafeSport newsletters.

## Online Learning Resources

For Officials

Here are some free online learning programs and documents for officials. All you need is an Internet connection:

USATF National Officials Committee Resources and Best Practices Library. [Go here.](#)

USATF Annual Meeting Training Clinics for Officials. [Go here](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page.

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**USATF SafeSport Training.** [Go here](#) for information. Login to your [USATF Connect](#) account to access the SafeSport training.

**Your local USATF Association.** Many Associations have training documents, videos, and/or recorded virtual training sessions. Visit your USATF Association website. One example is the Oregon Association Zoom training sessions. [Go here](#) for a list of the recorded sessions and access codes. Also, [go here](#) to view an example about *Officiating Race Walking*.

**National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Learning Center.** [Go here](#) for the officiating course. [Go here](#) to explore all the courses.

**World Athletics E-learning Hub.** You must create [a free account](#) to access the courses for technical officials.

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

## Important Dates and Deadlines

**Today:** Take the NOC Survey. [Go here](#).

**Today:** Renew your USATF membership for 2021 using your [USATF Connect account](#).

**January 1 - December 31:** Renew your Background Screening. The renewal deadline varies by individual. Your Background Screening expires two years from the date of your last screening. Login to [your "USATF Connect" account](#) to determine your Background Screening status.

**January 1 - December 31:** Renew your SafeSport training. SafeSport training is now an annual requirement, meaning it should be completed once every 365 days. Login to [your "USATF Connect" account](#) to determine your SafeSport status.

**First Day of Every Month:** Deadline to submit an article and/or photographs for the next issue of the NOC newsletter. Send your material to: [officialsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:officialsnewsletter@gmail.com).

**September 28:** New Officials Town Hall virtual Zoom meeting. See the meeting access information in Mile Armstrong's article in this newsletter.

**September 30:** Deadline to submit an application to work eight 2022 NCAA indoor and outdoor track and field divisional championship meets (Div. I, II, III). [Go here](#) to register and submit your application.

**October 18:** Deadline to submit nominations for the election of the NOC Vice-Chair for Certification.  
Send your nomination to **Valaree Foss**, [metrkfld@gmail.com](mailto:metrkfld@gmail.com).

**USATF Annual Meeting:** The date, location, and format (in-person or virtual) have not been decided at the time this NOC newsletter was published.





**December 15:** The NOC provides several grant programs for officials. All these programs have an application deadline of December 15. [Go here](#) to review the grants.