

# Compiled Committee Reports Tuesday, November 16, 2021

# **Associations Committee Report**

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#### **USATF Annual Meeting:**

Due to ongoing COVID concerns, this year's USATF Annual Meeting will be a hybrid meeting of virtual and in-person attendance. The meeting will take place from Thursday, December 2 through Sunday, December 5.

Meetings will begin Thursday at 10:00amEST and be conducted both in-person and synchronically via the Bizzabo platform which we used last year.

**Schedule:** Click here for the current schedule

**Remembrance Submission for Opening Session:** The Annual Meeting Necrology Wufoo form is available online at <a href="https://usatf.wufoo.com/forms/annual-meeting-necrology">https://usatf.wufoo.com/forms/annual-meeting-necrology</a> Please complete your submissions by Friday, 26 November.

**Updated meeting information and uploaded documents:** As we move closer to the meeting, be sure to <u>check the Document Library</u> for meeting agendas and committee documents.

**Law and Legislation Packet for review and vote:** Click here for the LnL Packet, and be prepared to vote during our closing session Sunday beginning at 10:00am regarding the three bylaw amendments that were voted on last year, and are up for consideration once again this year.

### **Updated Return to Competition COVID Information:**

- Click here for 20 October Event Director and LOC info and guidance updates
- As the situation with COVID-19 is constantly changing, our USATF working group meets regularly to discuss.
- Everyone needs to be of the frame of mind that: a) COVID is going to be with us for a while still, and b) they are going to have to be ready for changes as they come.
- Mask wearing rules follow whatever current CDC guidance is and whatever state and local rules are.
- Keep checking back as protocols keep evolving quickly!

# **Coaches Committee Report**

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### Pacific Association virtual Level 1 School scheduled for MLK weekend 2022

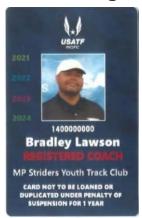
The Pacific Assoc will once again offer a primarily Pacific Association Level 1 School via Zoom Friday evening-Monday evening, 14-17 January, 2022. Click here for further information...school should be posted by the beginning of December: <a href="https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/level-1-and-recertification-information">https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/level-1-and-recertification-information</a>

### **Athleteic.net SuperClinic**

Unfortunately, also due to COVID-19 and the inability to schedule indoor facilities, the twelfth annual

Atheltic.net Coaches SuperClinic normally held at the beginning of February at Sacramento City College has been cancelled.

### **Coaches Badges**



Thanks to an Associations Grant, the Youth Committee lead by LaDonna Aubert, with the assistance of Cris Houston and Dave Shrock, initiated a coaches badging program to better protect our athletes by identifying 3-step compliant coaches. Since April, 78 coaches have taken advantage of this free program and ordered badges. Additional members coaches who also have a current background screen and SafeSport certificates may apply at: <a href="https://forms.gle/914hcCKbCyL7NypRA">https://forms.gle/914hcCKbCyL7NypRA</a>. All cards will be available at the Youth Cross Country Championships Sunday, 21 November at Folsom HS.

### **LDR Committee**

Andy Crawford (andrewbyroncrawford@amail.com)

LDR events started to pick-up again about mid-year. While many have implemented certain COVID-19 protocol (wearing masks until the start gun goes off, time segmented bib pickup slots, no race day registration, filling out "I'm not diseased" forms, etc.) the extra steps appear to not have deterred participation. Runners are anxious to get back out on the roads and trails!

#### **MUT**

While the first half of the year was cancelled for MUT, starting in August competitions picked up again. There have been 8 events to-date with 1 remaining for 2021. Participation has been as usual and aligns with the past.

#### Road

While the first half of the year was cancelled for Road, starting in July competitions picked up again. There are only 4 events for 2021. Participation was good at the Morgan Hill Freedom Fest 5k on July 4th, and we look forward to Clarksburg Half Marathon, CIM, and Christmas Relays. There is no Grand Prix for 2021, and comps earned in 2019 will defer to 2022. However, each event will pay out PA prize money to Individuals and Teams, with the option to do 50% the normal amount if they so choose.

#### $\mathbf{XC}$

Cross Country has been very successful. With no cancellations from pandemic effects, wildfire smoke, or anything else, we are experiencing an uptick in participation. All regular season meets have been executed with positive participation, and only the PA XC Championships remain on Nov. 21st.

# Officials Committee Report 11-16-2021

Phil Leake, Chair (pgal1@sbcglobal.net)

 The Officials Committee held their first meeting with the newly elected 2021-2023 Officers attending. The Officials Committee has expanded meeting attendance to include Officials Representatives from LDR, Youth and Racewalk.

### **Certification Report**

We now have over 200 members giving us 3 delegate votes at the upcoming USATF National Meeting and the National Officials Committee Meeting. Phil Leake, John Lilygren and Ajay Padgaonkar will be attending.

### **Training Report:**

Bill Bartel reports that we are Continually putting on clinics. An in-person Introduction to Track Officiating Clinic was held on 10/30 at Cordova HS. 6 were in attendance and were well along the path to certification. Since then, other clinics such as one held last week on LDR and X-C Umpiring (34 attending) have been held. Other clinics are being planned for January and February 2022 using the hybrid model of Zoom and In-Person. Reasons for breaking away from the former In-Person model include difficulties in finding facilities in a post COVID-29 world as well as finding major success in attendance via Zoom.

A training Grant has been applied for with emphasis on obtaining and training Officials on an EDR device. This clinic will (again) use the hybrid model to help reach as many officials as possible.

Officials Evaluation forms are now on the PA Officials Page for crew chiefs to evaluate and complete to help out with continued training of new and experienced officials.

### **Mentoring Report**

Dennis Boyle reports that he is in the process of developing a more enhanced program of mentoring new and experienced officials by having Regional Mentoring Sub Chairs in 6 Geographical areas. This will enhance already existing training and support individuals in the quest for advancement and possible selection to National meets. It will also enhance their training outside of their areas of expertise

### **Youth Officials Report**

Don Harding made the pitch to have more Officials at Youth meets, especially in preparation for the upcoming Junior Olympics slated for Sacramento in July 2022.

### **Awards Report**

Leon Glover reports that we have a larger number of Emeritus Officials. Formerly, there was a listing of Emeritus Officials made by Jim Hume and Leon which has not been updated since before Jim's death. Among benefits for the Officials being free admission for the Emeritus Official to the Officials Annual Meeting and the Emeritus Official being a great educational resource to new and current officials. Under consideration is a year's of service pin/patch/Challenge Coin award similar to years of service pins that corporations award to their employees. Benefits to this include acknowledgement of service and retention of officials. Costs and designs are being explored. Pins would be distributed at the Officials Annual Meeting.

### **LDR Officials Report**

Rick Berman reports that many more officials have indicated a desire to be certified as LDR officials and to be groomed for larger meets.

#### **New Business**

• Website and Calendar

Much discussion was held regarding the Officials page, current calendar, it's contents and how the information is disseminated. A subcommittee consisting of John Lilygren, Jim Manha and Charles Murphy was appointed to explore methods for modernizing the calendar. A proposal will be made at the Board of Athletics meeting on 11/16.

• Run, Jump and Throw Event

Tori Busto is helping to schedule a Run, Jump and Throw event to be held at Vacaville HS on 3/27/2022. This event will be staffed by coaches and PA Officials to help promote the sport to the public. More to come on this.