

Officials,

This is an updated version (Jan. 2, 2022) There are some training/learning opportunities being presented that should not be passed up. **DO NOT MISS THESE OPPORTUNITIES, ESPECIALLY APPRENTICE AND ASSOCIATION OFFICIALS.** Specifically, I am talking about *Meet Bob Podkaminer* and *Meet Mike Armstrong*. Another great clinic for all Officials is *How to Get to Championship Meets*. Sign-ups for clinics have been slow. Please sign-up ASAP if you haven't already. I know this is a lot of information, but make sure to read it all.

Links for the January 6 and January 13 clinics are included below.

Below you will see the descriptions of the 2022 Training Schedule and a list of the Clinics. Those highlighted in yellow are confirmed and those highlighted in blue need to have a few details ironed out, but I wanted to get this out to you for inclusion on your calendars. Please keep in mind that with the everchanging COVID climate, any in-person class may be canceled or changed to Zoom.

To sign up for a clinic please respond to this email or send me a separate email. Sign up for as many or as few as you like. You will see on January 16 that you can sign up for three separate opportunities, the Rules Update and two of three for Horizontals, Throws, and Verticals. *****You do not have to sign up to attend any clinic.

If you plan to Officiate or Mentor at one, or more, of the All-Comer meets please contact the coordinator for the appropriate meet.

Clinic Descriptions

Introduction to Throws: Will cover the basics of the event such as rules, measurement techniques, position duties and how to perform those duties up to and including the position of Flight Coordinator. This clinic will be on Zoom. **The instructor will be Dave Mantoath.**

Meet Bob Podkaminer: While open to all, this is primarily an opportunity for Apprentice and Association Officials who may not have had the opportunity to meet Mr. Podkaminer. "Pod" is a Pacific Association Official, and there is not enough space on this page to begin to tell you of his accomplishments. **DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY.**

Apprentice Starter: For those who are interested in being Starters or are inexperienced Starters who want a refresher on the basics of Starting. This clinic will have two sessions, Part I is on Zoom (Jan.15) and Part II is at Vacaville High School (Jan. 22.) for some live fire practice. **Instructors will be Mike Brown, Dan Tinnel, and John Busto.** (Waiting on confirmation for Part II)

Rules Update: This approximately 30-minute session Zoom will be an update of new rules for 2022. **The presenter will be Bob Podkaminer.**

Intermediate/Advanced Clinics: Designed for Crew Chiefs, these classes will cover items such as pre-meet preparations, pre-event preparations, event duties, and post-event duties. These classes will be on Zoom.

Intermediate/Advanced Throws: **The Instructors will be Jim Manha and Dave Mantoath.**

Intermediate/Advanced Horizontals: **The instructors will be Robert Benoy, Charles Murphy, and Teddy Hayes.**

Intermediate Advanced Verticals: **Instructors TBD**

Note: The Rules Update and Intermediate/Advanced Clinics are all on the same day, but each will have a separate link. Those who attend the Rules Update and are then taking an Intermediate/Advanced Clinic will have to leave the session and then click on the appropriate link for the next clinic.

Meet Mike Armstrong: While open to all, this is an opportunity for new officials, or for those of you who may not know him, to get some words of encouragement from the Officials Chair of the National Officials Committee. Mike is from the Arkansas Association. **ANOTHER ONE NOT TO MISS.**

EDR: Will cover the process of recording throws or jumps into an electronic data system such as FieldLynx. **We need EDR folks.** This specialty could provide a fast track to Championship meets. There will be two (2) in-person clinics with a maximum number of 12 attendees per clinic. Laptop computers will be provided for this training. **The instructor will be J.R. Heberle.**

Implement Inspection: This will be an opportunity for on-the-job training in Implement Inspection. This clinic will be held in conjunction with the Cordova High School Throws event. **Instructors will be Phil Leake, Larry Rodriguez, and Kathy de Contreras.**

Cordova High School Throws Event: There will be a live **Throws only** competition at Cordova High School. The Shot Put, Discus, Javelin and Hammer will be contested. A Throws clinic in conjunction with that event. New Officials will have the opportunity to focus on field inspection, review rules, give the athletes instructions, call up athletes, measure throws, and complete flight sheets. **Lead Officials will be Phil Leake, Larry Rodriguez, and Kathy de Contreras.** The EDR scheduled for that same day is a separate clinic and will **not** be part of the throwing competition.

Marshal/Umpire/Clerk: This is one clinic with each session lasting about 45 minutes. The basics of each discipline will be reviewed. Instructors will be **Rory Osborne, Brendan O'Leary, and Bill Bartel.**

How to Advance to Championship Meets: Although this clinic is being presented by two Master Starters, it is open to all. This clinic will discuss career goals and how to accomplish them. If you are interested in getting to Championship meets, High School to the Pros, this is for you. **Presenters will be Tom Hott and Cheré Maxwell.**

Race Walk: This Zoom clinic will cover the intricacies of Race Walk Judging and Officiating. **The instructors will be Jon and Elisabeth Price.**

Cal Berkeley All-Comers: Cal will be hosting two All-Comer meets. See dates below. Jennifer Oliver will be coordinating officials for these events. sportyjoliver@gmail.com There will be opportunity for mentoring in almost every area of Track and Field including Race Walk and Referee.

Vacaville High School All-Comers: There will be one All-Comers meet at Vacaville High School on February 12, 2022. This will be an excellent opportunity to get some experience before the season opens. Contact Tori Busto toribusto@gmail.com

Grant High School, Sacramento All-Comers: Grant H.S. in Sacramento will be hosting two All-Comer meets. See dates below. Contact Lynn Reed at lynn.reed@twinriversusd.org if you are interested in officiating either or both of these meets. Starter training will be offered at these meets. Another good opportunity to hone your skills in the event of your choice prior to the start of the season.

Throws at Golden State Throwers: These two events will give you practical experience in Throws Competitions. Being contested are the Hammer and Weight throws. You will have the opportunity to focus on field inspection, looking over the implements, reviewing rules, giving athlete instructions, calling up athletes, measuring throws, and completing flight sheets. These are two of the only meets around where you will get to work the Weight Throw. Experienced Throws Officials will be needed as instructors/mentors. **Lead Official will be Kathy de Contreras.**

Meet and Greet: These are informal get togethers intended to introduce newer Officials to some of the more experienced Officials with whom you will be working. Much is learned by sitting around the table asking questions, or just listening, while noshing on pizza (or whatever) and drinking soda. There will be one in the Sacramento area, one in the Bay Area, and one on Zoom.

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- **Introduction to Throws – Zoom (Dave Mantooh)** **January 6, 2022** 6:30 – 8:00pm

USATF Pacific Training is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Introduction to Throws
Time: Jan 6, 2022, 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86516423098?pwd=VVc4dmxid3cyazFtMTh1ZHdsUmRxZz09>

Meeting ID: **865 1642 3098**
Passcode: **812385**
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

 - **Meet Bob Podkaminer – Zoom** **January 13, 2022** 6:30 – 7:30pm

USATF Pacific Training is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.
Topic: Meet Bob Podkaminer
Time: Jan 13, 2022, 06:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89065904483?pwd=Q3FSVHFKT2x6QzR4VnF1bHFVNGJWUT09>

Meeting ID: **890 6590 4483**
Passcode: **074441**
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

 - **Apprentice Starters – Zoom** **January 15, 2022** 11:00am – 1:00pm

 - **Rules Update for the 2022 season – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 9:30 – 10:00am
 - **Intermediate/Advanced Throws – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 10:15 – 11:45am
 - **Intermediate/Advanced Horizontals – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 10:15 – 11:45am
 - **Intermediate/Advanced Verticals – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 10:15 – 11:45am
 - **Intermediate/Advanced Throws – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 12:00 – 1:30pm
 - **Intermediate/Advanced Horizontals – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 12:00 – 1:30pm
 - **Intermediate/Advanced Verticals – Zoom** **January 16, 2022** 12:00 – 1:30pm

 - **Meet Mike Armstrong, Officials Chair of the NOC – Zoom** **January 19, 2022** 6:00 – 7:00pm

 - **Electronic Data Recording (EDR) – Live - Cordova H.S.** **January 22, 2022** 10:00am – 1:00pm
 - **Implement Inspection – Live – Cordova H.S.** **January 22, 2022** 10:00am – 1:00pm
 - **Throws Clinic Practicum – Live – Cordova H.S.** **January 22, 2022** 10:00am – 1:00pm
 - **Throws Competition – Live - Cordova H.S.** **January 22, 2022** 10:00am – 1:00pm
 - **Meet and Greet #1: - Likely in Rancho Cordova Place TBD** **January 22, 2022** 2:00 – 4:00pm

 - **Marshal/Umpire/Clerk – Zoom (Osborne, O’Leary, Bartel)** **January 23, 2022** 1:00pm (45 min. each)

 - **All-Comers at Cal** **January 29, 2022** 9:00am – 3:00pm
 - **All-Comers at Grant H.S., Sacramento** **January 29, 2022** 9:00am – 3:00pm

- **Golden State Throwers Meet (Hammer/Weight Throws)** January 30, 2022 8:00am – 1:30pm
- **How to Advance to Championship Meets – Zoom** January 30, 2022 1:00 – 2:30pm
- **Race Walk – Price – Zoom (Jon & Elisabeth Price)** February 2, 2022 6:30 – 8:00pm
- **All Comers at Grant H.S., Sacramento** February 5, 2022 9:00am – 3:00pm
- **Meet and Greet # 2 – Zoom** February 9, 2022 6:00 – 7:30pm
- **All-Comers at Vacaville** February 12, 2022 9:00am – 3:00pm
- **Pacific Association Awards Dinner, Basque Cultural Center, S.F.** February 12, 2022 5 :30 – 9 :00pm
- **Electronic Data Recording (EDR) – Live - Carlmont HS** February 13, 2022 10:00am – 1:00pm
- **All-Comers at Cal** February 19, 2022 9:00am – 3:00pm
- **Meet and Greet # 3 – Likely in Berkeley Place TBD** February 19, 2022 After All-Comers, 4ish
- **Golden State Throwers Meet (Hammer/Weight Throws)** February 27, 2022 8:30am – 1:00pm