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Associations Committee Report

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COVID Event Updates:

As of 16 February, events are now divided into two tiers which will greatly assist associations in hosting local events.

Effective immediately this is a significant update, and you are encouraged to review the entire document. Click on the link below for the full update: <https://www.usatf.org/covid19/logistical-information-and-guidance-for-event-directors-and-local-organizing-committees>. Events are now divided into two (2) tiers and the key items relevant to the hosting of these events:

Tier 1 Events are defined as - USATF National Championships events across all divisions (*Youth, Masters, Open, etc.*), events which qualify for a USATF National Team, and USATF Journey to Gold meets. Tier 1 events follow the current USATF Event Hosting Guidance as they related to COVID protocols (which will continue to be updated as we progress through the pandemic). The rationale is participation in these events is "required".

Tier 2 Events are defined as – ALL OTHER EVENTS (*Association/Region Championships that serve as JO Qualifiers and Association accreditation required disciplines such as local track meets/road races, etc.*) Tier 2 events follow State and Local guidance/rules in the locality of the event, unless there is active community spread of COVID-19. The rationale is participation in these events is up to an individual's or parent's own assessment of risk, relative to the rules in place in the locale.

New Sanctions System Launch

The new event sanction system has transitioned to the USATF Connect system. As mentioned in training sessions ([click here for the Association Training Session](#)), this transition will allow all information that you previously had access to in the Connect system as well.

Also as sanctions are being integrated into the Connect 80 system, reconciled sanction fees may have been adjusted in accordance with USATF policies. [Click here for current policy and sanction fees.](#) [Click here for a training session on the association sanction approval process.](#)

Association officers and event directors may contact the sanctions team for assistance at sanctions@usatf.org or 317.713-9617.

Updates to the USATF SafeSport Handbook

In collaboration with SafeSport, Minor Athlete Abuse Prevention Policies (MAAPP) guidelines have been added to the handbook. These changes to the Handbook with other updates can be found at: <https://www.usatf.org/safe-sport/usatf-safe-sport-handbook>

USATF PerDiem Updates

[Click here](#) to view 2022 PerDiem amounts for travel on behalf of USATF.

Coaches Committee Report

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Coaches Badges



Thanks to an Associations Grant, the Youth Committee lead by LaDonna Aubert, with the assistance of Cris Houston and Dave Shrock, continues to offer a coaches badging program to better protect our athletes by identifying 3-step compliant coaches. Since it's start one year ago, 96 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: <https://forms.gle/914hcCKbCyL7NypRA>. All cards will be available at the PA Youth Top 8 Meet.

LDR Committee

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2022 is expected to see a near normal return to competition for the MUT, Road, and XC Grand Prix.

MUT

Participation in the 2021 MUT series was as usual and aligned with the past once races got going again. The 2022 MUT series will have 13 races, with 2 already having been completed. No'to'mom 100K is canceled due to low registration numbers.

Road

In 2021 the first half of the year was canceled for the Road Grand Prix, which resulted in Road Grand Prix overall scoring cancellation, however Freedom Fest 5k, Clarksburg Half, CIM, and Christmas Relays were still competed with PA scoring and PAUSATF only prize money. Since there was no Grand Prix for 2021, the comps earned in 2019 deferred to 2022. The 2022 Road Grand Prix is mostly finalized, with just the Great Race unsure if they will be able to hold the event in 2022, which will result in either 10 or 11 races on the 2022 Grand Prix. The Redding 10-mile was March 5th. Numbers were down quite a bit from years past, but it was good to see a return to the Road Grand Prix. The Oakland 10k is coming up on March 20th and although the race is sold out, PAUSATF athletes can still sign up through a link obtained from the race. SACTOWN 10 is April 3rd and will also serve as the USATF Masters National 10-Mile Championships. Also to note, CIM is submitting a bid to host the 2022 USATF Marathon National Championships, which is expected to be accepted and become official in the next few weeks.

XC

Cross Country 2021 was very successful. There were no cancellations. Number of participants recovered well over the course of the season. Some of the races had slightly less participants than previous years, but all meets were executed well with positive participation feedback. PAUSATF XC Championships was

competed with the start and finish line on the polo field track because of SF parks needing to let the meadow recover from an event in the weeks before. Meet management was able to make the quick changes to allow for a great championship race. PAUSATF Championship participant numbers were slightly down, 410 in 2021 compared to 467 in 2019, but excitement for championship running was high and the race went very well. Looking forward to the 2022 season starting up in August, culminating with the USATF Club XC Nationals in Golden Gate Park.

Masters T&F Committee Report

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REVIEW: PA Masters email blast went out to ALL members March 7, 2022. Info included:

- Review of 2021 award winners with their stats
- Info encouraging members to check PA website and the upcoming competition calendar.
- Provided resource emails for members: nationalmastersnews.com, usatfmasters.org & mastersrankings.com
- Encouraging members to expand their knowledge of our sport and become an OFFICIAL: included contact info of lead official & certification info.

THIS WEEK:

USATF MASTERS INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP, The ARMORY in NYC March 17-20th.

UPCOMING:

We were approached by the **West Region Masters Coordinator** wanting to know if we were interested in holding a joint **Pacific Association / West Region Masters Championship**. Both the Masters West Region Coordinator and the PA Masters Committee prefer a Sunday, Autumn meet. To pair with the Masters Region meet is advantageous to the PA for the following:

- More entrants to the meet, the Region takes no money from the meet, so after expenses, the Association keeps the money
- Cost to the PA to host the meet is less as, the West Region is allotted \$3000 per the National MTF Committee for their Championships
- The National MTF committee wants the Regions to move their meets around their regions rather than constantly hosting them in one place... good optics for the PA with the National Office, and a potentially bigger attendance draw as the West Region meet has not been held in Northern California in nearly twenty years.
- Both officials and venues are much easier to secure in the Fall
- Masters TF Athletes are still in shape in the fall and looking for meets.

In 2022, The **National Senior Games** are **mid-May**, the **World Masters Championships** are late June to mid-July, the **USATF Masters TF Championships** are the end of **July to Aug 1**, there are several large Masters meets annually in **October**, it only makes sense for the PA to find a September, or November date to serve the masters TF community's needs.

Other Masters Associations, to save on expenses and alleviate some of the challenges of securing venues, do this: Colorado Association / Mid-America Region Championships New York/New Jersey Association / East Region Championships

Options: We can open the meet to Open athletes, although Masters now recognizes the 25-29 age

group and includes them at all USATF Meets, so those who are not elite level now have competitions..

EXCITING YEAR AHEAD! 2022!