



Northern California/Northern Nevada Association of USA Track & Field

Chair's Notes

FINALLY! ITS TRACK SEASON! I along with you share the joy with what the new season brings. The sound of athletes competing, the smell of a grassy field in the morning, the sights of a meet happening! I, for one, am like a kid in a candy store. Given the past couple of years of COVID shutdown and gradual return of activity, I can't wait to start officiating each week during spring. A BIG THANKS to Bill Bartel, our Training Chair, and all those who have help set up and participate in the last few months of continued training. It's because of this training that the Pacific Association Officials are regarded as probably THE BEST trained officials in the country. Another BIG THANKS to Ajay Padgaonkar, our Certification Chair, who has and is continuing to certify and re-certify officials for this Olympiad.

RUN, JUMP, THROW, WALK

Our Officials Committee Secretary, Tori Busto, has been working tirelessly to promote our sport to Northern California youth. As a result a very special gathering. The RUN, JUMP, THROW, WALK event will be held at Vacaville HS on 3/27. **Tori is seeking 2 officials per station (10 - 12), 4 officials to help at the entrance, several to Marshal and 2 to work the officials recruitment table.**

Several Recent Northern California Olympians have consented to appear: Nick Christie, Robyn Stevens, Stephanie Brown-Trafton.

She has refreshments donated from Nugget Markets. Public service announcements and press releases have been issues and is garnishing publicity from TV and Radio. A large turnout of youth is expected.

If you have ANY questions, please feel free to contact Tori at: toribusto@gmail.com or (707) 628-6308.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS IN SACRAMENTO

Yes, We will again host the 2022 USATF Hershey Junior Olympics at Sacramento State University Hornet Stadium on July 25-30. The start of this meet is the day after the World Athletics Championships close in Eugene. It is also the same time frame that the USATF Outdoor Masters Championships begin in Iowa. I encourage all Pacific Association Officials to fill out the application to work this meet. This is a great meet to add to your resume, especially if you are trying to upgrade your certification level and/or increase your chances for selection to the larger National and International championships. All officials who are from outside the

Sacramento area will be staying at the newly built on campus dormitories within walking distance to the stadium. Meals at the dorm cafeteria as well as at the stadium will be furnished along with meet clothing and a stipend (currently under discussion). This meet is shaping up to be one of the best ever held in Sacramento. The Google form application can be found on the [USATF.ORG OFFICIALS PAGE](https://www.usatf.org/officials/meets-needing-officials) in the MEETS NEEDING OFFICIALS SECTION. You can also find this application on the PAUSATF website front page

<https://www.pausatf.org/youth/2022-usatf-national-junior-olympic-track-field-championships/>

<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/meets-needing-officials>

Officials Calendar

In November, I appointed a committee headed by Charles Murphy to help modernize our Officials Calendar. Formerly, meet information would be gathered and published on a basic Excel spreadsheet. This format was limited in that it included some NCAA, Open, HS and a few Youth level meets. Once it was published, it was difficult to correct any discrepancies or omissions that may have occurred. In addition, other meet calendars such as racewalk, LDR or Masters meets that were not included. Lastly, only the name, date, location and contact were included on the list. There was no information on what was needed or any other meet information. Included. This group was tasked with developing a continuous monthly calendar that would include ALL meets, races and events. A BIG THANKS to Charles, Jim Manha, Cynci Calvin, John Lilygren and Bill Hawkes. This group has transitioned to Google Calendar with all meets with color coding denoting the type and level of the meet. Now, you can see all of the meets happening in the Pacific Association on any given day. All the official needs to do is to click his cursor on the meet and all meet information is listed for the official to discern.

As part of this transition, Jim Manha has been asked to help obtain and coordinate information from meet directors of their needs and to help disseminate their needs to the officiate for the 2022 T+F Season. You should have been and will continue to receive regular emails soliciting your help for meets which are underserved. Ultimately, this process will help meet officials cover their needs as well as to help provide officiating opportunities and possibly mentoring opportunities to those needing further training.

HS Calendar: While the Officials Calendar lists the major HS invitationals and Championships, it is highly advised that interested officials consult www.Athletic.net for an up-to-date calendar of all HS meets near you. Due to the sheer number of HS meets within CIF in Northern California (over 600), they could not be included on the PA Officials calendar. I highly encourage you to volunteer your assistance at your local high school. This only helps further promote the sport we all love.

MENTORING

Your Mentoring Chair, Dennis Boyle, has convened several Zoom meetings with members of the Pacific Association Officials Committee and several interested Officials solicited and identified to be Regional Resource Coordinators. They will function under the auspices of the Training, Certification and Mentoring Chairs. Their purpose is to help develop a workable system for mentoring and to be a local resource for assisting officials with training and working through the certification process. Discussions and planning are ongoing with a workable service available soon. Since our Association is so large (and is getting larger) in terms of square miles served and the sheer number of officials needing mentoring (we have over 100 new officials and have a lot of experienced officials needing to learn and impart their knowledge of the sport), this committee is needing to work through what is actually do-able and what is not. **WE NEED YOUR INPUT AND SUPPORT.** If you are willing to help plan the program, participate as one of these Regional Resource Coordinators, be a mentor or just need some on-the-field training, please send your support, comments, etc. to Dennis at dkboyle@frontiernet.net

SELECTION TO NATIONAL MEETS

Congratulations to all those selected to officiate at the USATF National Championships and the World Athletics World Championships, both to be held at the University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon this summer. Once again, the PA Officials are well represented on the National and World stage!

Robert Benoy, Teddy Hayes, JR Heberle, John Murray, Jim Manha, Rory Osborne, Ajay Padgaonkar, John Shirey, Mark Youmans

CERTIFICATION

From Ajay Padgaonkar, Certification Chair

SOME OF YOU ARE STILL NOT 3- WAY COMPLIANT

Those affected have been contacted by Ajay and he is working with them to finish the certification process. Badges have been mailed out. If you have not gotten your badge or if there are omissions or errors, please send Ajay an email certification@pacific.usatf.org

Until late 2024 and early 2025 when we go through the recertification process again, you only need to **stay "3-way" compliant** and keep officiating to keep your certification current
- No rules reviews unless you are upgrading or the credential change requires it. 3-way compliant means the following:

1. USATF membership has not expired (For about 110 of you the membership expires in 10 days, please renew now!)

2. Safesport training has not expired (**This applies to 12 of you, please correct ASAP, for 10 more of you, the training expires in 10 more days, please take urgent action**)
3. NCSI background check has not expired (**For 2 of you the background check expires in the next 10 days, if you have not already done so, please take urgent action**)

These are all done through your USATF connect sport80 portal now, so remember your login and update your password if needed. If you run into any issues with the login or membership renewal, send an email to Jamero Rainey jamrainey21@gmail.com at the USATF national office. If you run into any issues with Safesport or NCSI background check, send an email to Lexie Ping (safesport@usatf.org) of the USATF national office. Copy me on such emails so that I can help, if needed.

The USATF national office sends reminders about a month before the expiry date. Please look for it and take immediate action. Also, you may want to make a note for your own self of the expiration date so you **don't let your credentials lapse. USATF will send out emails to those who have lapsed one or more of those 3 requirements or are about to.**

Frequently asked information can be found on the USATF Officials page

<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/certification>

Keep your officiating record in the resume form on the pacific association website official's forms page: <https://www.pausatf.org/officials/formsinformation/>

It is the Excel spreadsheet under the link titled (attached for your convenience):

- **PAUSATF Officials' Meet Resume Form** (Excel sheet; downloadable; may fill in on a computer)

You will need this record for any upgrade applications, meets that require applications and in 3 years when we undergo the recertification.

Send me an email or call me at 408-890-1123 if you have any questions.

SAFESPORT

USATF in cooperation with the Center for Safesport Training will notify you of your pending Safesport training update Typically, you will have this notice sent to you within 30 days of expiration. PLEASE RENEW AND UPDATE your training ASAP in order to for your Officials Certification to remain 3 ways compliant. An example of this notice is as follows:

You are receiving this notice because your Refresher 1 SafeSport training is due to expire. You are due to renew this training by completing the Refresher 2 course ("Preventing Misconduct"). Please follow the below instructions to complete this training:

1. Log on to USATF Connect (*please note: if you have more than one account associated with your name, choose your personal account*).
2. Click "View" on your profile card under "Members".
3. Access the Center for SafeSport Training tab from the menu to the left.
4. Click the blue "Add Center for SafeSport Training" button in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

5. Find the Refresher 2 course ("Preventing Misconduct") from the list of available trainings. Add it to your account by clicking the blue "Add" button next to this training.
6. A new window will appear. Click "Add" for this training one last time.
7. A final window will appear. Click "Start Training" in the middle of this window to begin your course.

This training should take you 20-30 minutes to complete. Once you complete the training, your USATF Connect account will be updated to reflect your new training date. Please note that if you do not complete the required SafeSport training on or before the expiration date, you will not be considered USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant and you will no longer be eligible to serve in a role that requires SafeSport training (coach, official, volunteer, among others).

Thank you for helping to make USATF a safe environment in which our athletes can train and compete. Please direct any questions to safesport@usatf.org.

USA Track & Field is committed to creating a culture that clearly advocates, and provides for, a safe environment in which our athletes compete and train. We believe this is paramount to the success of all our programs. All athletes deserve to participate in sports that are free from bullying, hazing, sexual misconduct or any form of emotional or physical abuse.

If you have a concern regarding the health and safety of our athletes, please make a report. For concerns of child sexual abuse, sexual misconduct, non-consensual sexual conduct, sexual harassment, or intimate relationships involving an imbalance of power, all individuals should report concerns to the U.S. Center for SafeSport [online](#) or by phone at 720-531-0340. Please notify USATF that a report(s) was made. All reports of child abuse or sexual assault of a minor must also be reported to local authorities. Reports of abuse not involving a minor may also be reported to local authorities.

For concerns of physical or emotional misconduct, bullying, harassment, hazing, or any other violation of [USATF's SafeSport Handbook](#), all individuals should report concerns to USATF [online](#) or by phone at 317-713-4688. Please note, neither criminal nor civil statutes of limitations apply to reporting a SafeSport complaint.

Click here to login and renew your center for
Safesport training.

If the link doesn't work, please paste the following into your browser:

<https://usatf.sport80.com/login>

Code of Ethics And Performance Guidelines

The USATF National Officials Committee publishes the [Code of Ethics and Performance Guidelines](#) for officials. Item number 11 of the Code of Ethics:

Conduct an honest self-evaluation after each competition, to identify errors made and areas for improvement; and be receptive to suggestions for conducting events in the best possible manner in the future.



The outdoor season is a perfect time to start using this improvement method. Take a few minutes and review what you could have done better. Everyone benefits.

RULES

From Bob Podkaminer., USATF Rules Committee

<https://www.worldathletics.org/about-aaf/documents/book-of-rules>

For USATF rulebooks:

From Ajay:

Hardcopy version of the USATF Rule Book for 2022 now available for purchase

USATF Pacific Certification <certification@pacific.usatf.org>

Fellow Pacific Association Officials,

The hardcopy USATF rule book for 2022 is now available for purchase on the USATF official's store: The book will have a 50% off code for Certified Officials to use at checkout (\$10 instead of \$20 to everyone else). This code is **Rules22**.

<https://team-usatf-store.myshopify.com/collections/accessories/products/2022-usatf-competition-rules>

Type that code in the discount code box; see screenshot below for example:

Note that the password is different from the one for the rest of the officials' store (which is Official2019).

Regards,

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ajay (Pacific Association Certification Chair)

And/or can be downloaded: <https://www.usatf.org/governance/rule-books>

For NCAA rulebooks: <http://www.ncaapublications.com/p-4623-2021-2022-cross-country-and-track-and-field-rules.aspx>

For NFHS Rule Changes: <https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/track-field-and-cross-country-rules-changes-2022/>

NFHS Rule books, etc.: Print version: Training <http://www.nfhs.com/c-235-track-fieldcross-country.aspx>

E- Book Version: E book is delayed. Please go to www.nfhs.org for updates.

Julie Cochran from NFHS gave an interesting and helpful presentation at the USATF 2021 Annual Meeting. Here is her presentation. No audio on this one. Here it is:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/usatf/nfhs-presentation-at-general-session/full-view.html>

For USA Paralympic Rulebook: This can be found on the Adaptive Track and Field USA website <http://atfusa.org/RULES/RULES.htm>

FOR WA Paralympic Rules <https://www.paralympic.org/athletics/rules>

A quick reference comparison supplement of the rule changes and difference is annually compiled by Jim Hanley of the Southern Cal Assn.

Cost is \$18 (\$15 for the book and \$3 shipping) **Track and Field Rule Book Differences** © 2022 by Jim Hanley PO Box 6744, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359-6744 or www.jim.hanley.cc

Free Online Resources from the NOC Newsletter:

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

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

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.

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.

Equipment

- NBN Sports: uniforms, hats, clothing, etc. <http://www.nbnsports.com/>
- VS Athletics Officials Equipment <https://www.vsathletics.com/store/home.php>
- M-F Athletics Everything Track and Field <https://www.everythingtrackandfield.com/>