



Northern California/Northern Nevada Association of USA Track & Field

## Officials Executive Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Sunday, November 20, 2022

4:00-6:00 PM

Meeting Time Start 4:04 PM

### 1. Chair's Report -Phil

- A great Fall season is upon us. It is XC/LDR Season. As we have completed the High School season, the USATF Club Championships are scheduled for December 10th and December 4th is the USATF Marathon Championship in San Francisco. There are upcoming Racewalks scheduled for January & February 2023 those dates are noted below in a RaceWalk update. Look at the PAUSATF Officials Calendar to plan your schedules for next year.
- In addition, it is time to renew your USATF membership, update SafeSport, and update Background Checks.
- It is also a fine time to update your resume and apply for upgrading your certification level. Please log into the [www.pausatf.org](http://www.pausatf.org) and [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) websites for updates as well as the latest news from the Annual meeting December 1-4 2022.
- Additionally, for those National and Master Officials, although the time is past to apply for the NCAA Regional Championships in May, I encourage all to apply as an official and show the rest of the country the training and expertise the Pacific Association Officials are known for. If you need any information please contact Phil.
- Lastly, Please log onto the National Officials Webpage <http://www.not.mach2k.net> to study and update your skills in areas by taking written certification tests in various disciplines. You won't regret it. A Special THANKS! goes out to Training Chair, Bill Bartel who is planning the 2023 Training Schedule. Coupled with taking the upcoming training classes online and the clinics help early 2023., you will be prepared for the 2023 season as well as maintain your training skills as part of the best trained officials in the USATF. Keep your eyes peeled on your emails for upcoming training dates and locations!
- Congratulations to Dave Shrock who was awarded the Robert Giegengack Award.
- The Robert Giegengack Award was established in 1982 in recognition of the late Yale track & field coach's half-century of "superior and outstanding contributions as an official, a coach, and an administrator in the sport and to the organization." It is awarded annually to a person "who excels in contributing to the excellence and high standards of the sport of Athletics." The Award is USA Track & Field's only accolade not limited to one of the sport's three disciplines. Kind of a Jack of "All" Trades. Let's Go Shrock ! He knows where stuff is at in the shed Phil. I set it up.
- Congratulations to Dennis Boyle !!! Nominated for the NOC Andy Bakjian Award for Outstanding Service at the upcoming USATF National Meeting! Well Deserved!!!
- See the full Officials Nomination lists for the Bakjian and the other NOC awards/nominees at

- <https://mcusercontent.com> The winners of the six awards will be announced at the Officials Awards Ceremony and Hall of Fame Induction Banquet scheduled for December 2 during the USATF Annual Meeting in Orlando, FL.

## 2. Certification Chair Report— Ajay

- As of today, 11/20/2022, we have 225 certified, 3-way compliant officials. This includes the 18 officials newly added in 2022. Just in October we added 4 and 2 more in November. There are 3 others who are in the process of transfer from another association (membership transfer under review or membership transferred but not the officiating credentials). Many thanks to Bill for driving the new officials' clinics and follow up to ensure the new officials complete the needed work to get certified.
- During 2022, 14 officials were upgraded, 6 since the August annual meeting. Upgrades from apprentice to association level were a third of the 2022 total. Three officials were upgraded to master level and 2 to national level. Others included upgrades in one discipline or the other but not the overall certification level. Upgrade requests continue to flow, there are 5 others in various stages of progress (officials reviewing requirements, soliciting recommendations, or preparing upgrade applications, none waiting for cert chair review). Many thanks to those who helped with the upgrade application reviews, particularly Jim Manha and JR Heberle, who helped on more than one occasion.
- This year there were a record 33 applicants to the USATF championships (past couple years have been 15-20). Selections will be announced on the last day of the annual meeting (Dec.3). Officials committee will be represented by Rory Osborne, Dennis Boyle and myself.
- I have been working with Training and Mentor chairs to create a frequently asked questions and answers document to help RRC and reviewing the officials' pages relevant to the RRC.

## 3. Training Chair Report—Bill

- Upcoming Trainings and Clinic dates will be forthcoming soon. Trainings will be mostly on Zoom. Keep an eye out for emails with the details coming out soon. Those emails will be coming from Bill Bartel at [training@pacific.usatf.org](mailto:training@pacific.usatf.org) We will continue with an afternoon with Pod Zoom call as well. Many of the newer Officials will have a chance to listen about Pod's experiences around track and field.

## 4. Mentoring Chair Report- Dennis Boyle

### a) Regional Resource Coordinator System Progress (Dennis)

#### MENTORING

Dennis Boyle, our Mentoring Chair, has been hard at work with the newly created group of Officials Regional Resource Coordinators. Together with our Certification and Training chairs, this committee's mission is to help provide officials with a knowledgeable official to act as a resource for Certification, Training, and Mentoring at the local level.

Your **Regional Resource Coordinator** is your FIRST source for information or questions regarding:

- Membership / Application / Resume / Personal Profile
- Obtaining / Maintaining / Renewing Your Credential
- Steps Leading to Upgrading Your Level of Certification
- Creation of a Strategic Plan for Development

- Mentoring Assistance / Training
- Use of our National and Association websites
- Introductions to Meet Coordinators / Head Coaches / Head Officials

Along with the streamlined process for becoming an official, this committee is now working on a frequently asked questions (FAQs) sheet to be published on the PAUSATF.org website to help the potential/new/experienced official navigate the process and upgrade. Look for the FAQ sheet in the very near future on the PA Officials Page <https://www.pausatf.org/officials/> (cut & paste that web address in your browser).

Ultimately, this committee's work will help the official obtain and maintain his/her training to be a more knowledgeable and impartial official. For more information, you can refer to the Regional Resource Coordinators. They are:

Brendan O'Leary, John Murray, Ryan Cowley, John Busto, Dave Mantooth and Dennis Boyle

More information and contact information can be found at the Regional Resource Coordinators page on the PAUSATF Officials Page <https://www.pausatf.org/officials/officials-regional-resource-coordinators/>

#### 5. PA Board of Athletics Reports- (Robert Benoy, Charles Murphy, Jennifer Oliver)

- With the purchase of a Long Jump/Triple Jump electronic measurement rail system. From the experience of measuring at the Junior Olympics. It was decided to purchase the measurement system from the JO's. How amazing are the rails? Super technology fun for us! Something new to learn how to use in measurements. (PS ...disc anyone else see the video of the electronic pit rakes?)

#### 6. USATF Pacific Foundation Update—John Shirey

- The three marathon training grant award winners this fall are Brendon Gregg, Amy Schanz, and Maya Weigel.
- The re-elected officers are John Shirey, President; Michelle La Sala, CFO; Rick Berman, CIO; and Stephanie Trafton, Secretary.
- New members of the Board of Directors are Lisa Bauduin, retired track and field coach at Sacramento City College, and David Sander, a local high school throws coach, an official, and a council member for the City of Rancho Cordova.
- Other persons recently re-elected to the Board of Directors are Scott Bauhs, Kim Conley, and Kendall Spencer.
- The Fall Fundraiser for the Foundation begins on November 21. All members of the Pacific Association will receive information about how they can contribute to the goal of raising \$12,000 for athlete

#### 7. Awards- Leon Glover

- With a very lengthy conversation about Awards. Dr Glover was so kind to send us a detailed list of the Awards going back with history we need to document. See Attachment Awards/Leon for the specifics of each award.

##### a) Sonny and Lori Maynard Award – Phil Leake and John Lilygren

It was decided unanimously to Circulate the Sonny and Lori Maynard Awards. These awards have plenty of space on them for many awardees names to be engraved on the original glass awards.

b) Renaming NOC Horace Crow Award- Ajay, Phil, Leon

Renaming the NOC Horace Crow Award. Please see attached document with awards listed. Emeritus status and updates were discussed.

8. LDR Report – Rick Berman

● PA LDR Officials:

- You know the drill... To see the schedule and sign up, [please use this Google Form](#). 4 meets/races down. 12 more that can use your help. It's OK if you fill out this form multiple times in a season as you know more about your availability (or keep the link you are emailed after filling it out and resubmit).
- Don't forget, we host the *USATF National Fall (Club) Cross-Country Championships* in Golden Gate Park on Saturday, December 10, 2022. We will be looking for a large crew for this event. Working events during the 2022 seasons is a great way to refresh your skills or develop new ones to be ready in December.
- Note: You will be notified of your assignment approximately one week prior to each meet. Water will be provided (and sometimes more).
- Full year calendars, meet details, directions, etc....can be found on the [PAUSATF.org](http://PAUSATF.org)
- Any questions? I'd love to hear from you at the phone number or email address below.

● Rick Berman

PA LDR Officials Coordinator

(415) 819-4865

[rick-usatf@r2b.us](mailto:rick-usatf@r2b.us):

- Completed 19 of 22 LDR events for the year.
- CIM, Club XC Nationals, and Xmas Relays remain.
- We've had several National Age Group records submitted for ratification from Sactown 10, Urban Cow Half, and Clarksburg Country Run Half.
- We had a World Record submitted for IAU and World Athletics ratification from the Ruth Anderson 50k and a US National Age Group record from the Ruth Anderson 50mile.
- If Phil Leake is selected by the Officials selection committee for the CIM (me/Rick), watch out for earthquake or other natural disaster activity as he breaks his longstanding streak of service at the 23 mile aid station and moves to work the finish line.
- As of the meeting time, we have 25 Officials signed up for the Club XC Nationals. To properly cover the courses, we can use 10 more. Another call email will be going out shortly.
- Over the next couple of years, we need to shift some attention to advancement for LDR officials. We are a bit thin at the senior levels of certification (Master and LDR Referee G1 or G2).

9. Race Walk

- Officials Calendar

RACE WALK UPDATE

- *This is a part of officiating that gets the least notice and participation of officials. This is a great part to add to your resume as an official and can assist in increasing odds of being selected to officiate at National Meets. I encourage you to get trained, certified and participate.*
- **From Jon Price TO:** Race Walk Judges (including Apprentice-level judges) in the USATF Pacific Association
- Robyn Stevens, our Pacific Association Race Walk Committee Chair (and Olympian), is working on the schedule for race walks in 2023, including three races at Cal. **Please let me know if you can help judge any of these races.** Unfortunately, Beth and I have another commitment for February 18. We need five judges (at least one Master-level and at least three with National- or Master-level certification) to have races that will stand for records. A sixth Judge can serve as Recorder.
- **Saturday, February 4, 2023** (with the first race starting at 9:30 am, judges should report at 8:30 am), Edwards Stadium, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 – USATF Pacific Association Grand Prix 1,500-meter Race Walks (separate female and male races) as part of the Cal All Comers Track & Field meet that day. You are welcome to stay to help officiate the rest of the meet; please let Jennifer Oliver, Cal Officials Coordinator, know by emailing her at [sportyjoliver@gmail.com](mailto:sportyjoliver@gmail.com).
- **Saturday, February 18, 2023** (with the first race starting at 9:30 am, judges should report at 8:30 am), Edwards Stadium, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 – USATF Pacific Association Grand Prix one-mile Race Walks (separate female and male races) as part of the Cal All Comers Track & Field meet that day. You are welcome to stay to help officiate the rest of the meet; please let Jennifer Oliver, Cal Officials Coordinator, know by emailing her at [sportyjoliver@gmail.com](mailto:sportyjoliver@gmail.com).
- **Saturday, March 4, 2023** (with the first race starting at 9:30 am, judges should report at 8:30 am), Edwards Stadium, 2223 Fulton Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 – USATF Pacific Association Grand Prix 3,000-meter Race Walk (combined female and male race) as part of the Cal All Comers Track & Field meet that day. You are welcome to stay to help officiate the rest of the meet; please let Jennifer Oliver, Cal Officials Coordinator, know by emailing her at [sportyjoliver@gmail.com](mailto:sportyjoliver@gmail.com).
- We anticipate several additional judging opportunities
  - Grand Prix 5,000-meter at the Pacific Association T&F Championship, usually in late May or early June;
  - Grand Prix One-Hour;
  - Grand Prix 10-km and 20-km in the early fall in Sacramento; and
  - Pacific Association Masters Championship in the fall)
- Youth meets,
  - Shor-Sheppard Classic;
  - Pacific Association Championship;
  - Pacific Association Junior Olympics Top 8 Meet;
  - Region 14 Junior Olympics Top 5 Meet, which will be the qualifier for the National Junior Olympics this coming summer in Eugene, Oregon.

We'll let you know when these get scheduled.

- As I write this, the 2023 Track and Field schedule is taking shape. Colleges and Universities are already planning their Track and Field seasons and letting us know. You should be getting regular email blasts from Jim Manha letting you know which meets are coming up and their details. All meets are listed on the PAUSATF Officials Calendar. Please be sure to take a look as you are formulating your next year's schedule.

- HS Calendar: As with last season, the Officials Calendar lists the major HS invitationals and Championships. Interested officials should consult [www.Athletic.net](http://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, they could not be included on the PA Officials calendar. CIF is finally understanding that the USATF official is a great benefit to running and judging meets effectively. I highly encourage you to volunteer your assistance at your local high school. This only helps further promote the sport we all love.

9. Youth Report (Don)

- Was not in attendance

10. Old Business

- a) Update status of USATF/NCAA meets for 2022

### Submit Your NCAA Resume Form

NOTE: When you register and apply, REMEMBER TO APPLY FOR THE WEST REGIONAL!

### REMINDER: Register on the NCAA RefQuest Platform

Milan Donley, the NCAA Track and Field National Assignor of Officials, announced on July 18 that the new NCAA RefQuest registration was open. You must be registered on this online platform in order to apply to be selected to work Division 1, Division 2, or Division 3 NCAA Championships in Cross Country, Indoor Track and Field, or Outdoor Track and Field.

RefQuest (RQ+) is the new company chosen by the NCAA to provide online registration, education, assigning, and payment services to officials for selected NCAA championship events across several sports, including track and field.

- b) PAUSATF Officials Website Revamp and Update (John L)

- Updates to the website were discussed and are being completed as requested for fixes.

- c) 2022 Junior Olympics at CSUS (Phil)

It has been suggested that a rule change be installed so that This year's youth coordinator for lets say there Junior Olympics will be have the ability to appoint all the officers as well as the referee for the event. Anyone with any thoughts on this new proposal please contact Phil Leake.

- d) Update USATF Purchase of EDM Total Station (Jim M.)

Jim was not in attendance. However there EDM is providing to be a valuable investment. More Officials will have the opportunities to train with the new measurement system. It was suggested the association think about purchasing a couple of more EDM's

11. New Business

- Thank you for offering to insert Coaching Education offerings into the youth calendar for 2023!

- 13-16 January: Coaching Education Level 1 via zoom: <https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/level-1-and-recertification-information>
- 4 February: Athletic.net SuperClinic at W Jessup University, Rocklin: <https://www.pausatf.org/coaches/track-field-superclinic/>
- 25 February: RunJumpTrow Clinic at Will C. Wood HS, Vacaville: contact Tori Busto: [toribusto@gmail.com](mailto:toribusto@gmail.com)
  - a) Changing the raffle from a physical ticket to electronic – John L.
- An Application based ticketing system was introduced to the committee. For next yeast Annual meeting and fundraiser for clarity and tracking. this application is being considered.
  - b) NCAA Rule Change

## Rule Books For NCAA rulebooks **New NCAA Rule Book is Available**

The *2023-2024 NCAA Cross Country and Track and Field Rule Book* is now available as a free download at: <https://www.ncaa.org/sports/2013/11/26/cross-country-and-track-and-field-rules-of-competition.aspx>

Hardcopies are not yet available for purchase but will be soon. See the Best Practices article in this newsletter.

Please read through these changes for the upcoming NCAA season.

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has approved eight rule changes for the 2023 high school track and field and cross country seasons.

Two key changes were made to Rule 3-4-3, defining specific case book guidelines, and the introduction of Rule 9, which creates a new indoor track and field rules section.

The rules committee's changes to Rule 3-4-3 defined specific case book guidelines to offer consistency and guidance to meet referees when ruling on reruns. New to the rule are scenarios to assist referees in determining when a rerun is necessary and stipulations that must apply for a rerun to be considered.

Due to recent changes to outdoor track and field rules and the growth of high school indoor track and field across the country, the NFHS Rules Committee felt it was necessary to create a section specifically for indoor track and field rules.

For NFHS Rule Changes: <https://www.nfhs.org/sports-resource-content/track-and-field-rules-changes-2023/>

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](http://www.nfhs.org) for updates.

Julie Cochran from NFHS gave an interesting and helpful presentation on HS rules 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>

Across the USA, more high schools are providing opportunities for disability (para) athletes to participate in track and field. The United States Paralympic Committee has a nine-page "GUIDELINES – BEST PRACTICES for DISABILITY TRACK and FIELD" document you can read and download it [here](#).

Unless state high school associations have rules that are different, World Para Athletics Rules ultimately apply to any para-athlete 14 years of age or older on December 31 of the year of their competition. Any athlete 13 years of age or younger uses Adaptive Track & Field USA (ATFUSA) Rules for para track and field competition.

The guidelines address many of the questions about who is eligible to compete, what events are available for competition, advancement to state meets, and many other topics of concern.

Any high school official that may be working with para-athletes should download, read, and keep the guidelines document mentioned above as a reference for officiating para track and field at the high school level.

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 P.O. Box 6744, Thousand Oaks, CA 91359-6744 or [www.jim.hanley.com](http://www.jim.hanley.com)

Free Online Resources from the NOC Newsletter:

USATF National Officials Committee Resources and Best Practices Library.  
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/resources-best-practices>

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.

#### c) Run Jump Throw -Tori

The Event : Run, Jump, Throw

Date: Saturday February 25th 2023

KUIC AM Radio support :

If I know who's coming I can let the radio station know!

Where: Will C Wood High School  
998 Marshall Road  
Vacaville, Ca. 95687

Time: 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

We were done 3:30-3:45 this year..

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#### d) Equipment needs for 2023



- We do have about \$3600.00 to spend on equipment needs. Pretty unanimous about purchasing another EDM measurement system. We could use a new set of Blocks. The (2) sets we have in the association trailer are missing pads, spikes to stay in place on the track etc. Another rail system for jump pits.

e) Uniforms

- Uniform tops can be ordered through the USATF Uniform link as well as through NBN. NBN is under new management with several changes. We will continue to look for other options.

12. Annual USATF National Meeting

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13. Anything Else?

a) Adjournment (Phil)

Time adjourned 6:11pm