

President's Task Force Targeting Facility Access February - 2024

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Hello Associations,

Critical challenges for every coach, athlete and club is facility access. This has been elevated to a new level during and after COVID lock downs. Access for individual training, access for Clubs to train. Access for associations and groups to host track meets / events.

A President task force was put together at the 2022 Annual convention to investigate how USATF can address the needs of local associations facility needs and concerns. We have created a facility task force panel of association leaders to be liaison between associations and the national office. We also have an establish dedicated liaison at national office with their purpose being to work with the facilities task force panel.

Not every association is equipped to handle this challenge. This project aims to solve the problem by providing a connection to the right resources, as well as guiding them on their short-term and long-term goals.

This panel works interactively to empower, educate, provide strategy, guidance, and information in conjunction to determine the best strategy to achieve their needs. Their goal is to provide support and opportunities for local USATF associations to develop short-term and long-term programs to better serve the track & field community. Including allocating funding to support specific opportunities within grassroots efforts. This includes but is not limited to facility access, facility rentals, facility improvements, facility re-purposing, and facility builds.

Examples are support letters from the national office for upcoming local projects. These are general letters stating the importance of track and field, how track and field is the largest participation sport in high school, etc. Providing examples of how other associations have worked with local community, schools, and city programs. Something as basic as helping purchase critical equipment the schools need. Exposure for the school. Rental income for the school.

This panel will help facilitate ideas and proposals with local associations. The proposals are utilized to gain access to facilities, and the potential to build facilities or multi-purpose facilities. Local associations to plan events to grow the sport and attract/retain new athletes. Follow-up monitoring and reporting of best practices to be established.

If you are struggling to get facilities or trying to secure future build for your area, please contact one of the team members below:

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We also welcome great proposals and ideas on what is currently working in your area.

Assigned Associations

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5. Arkansas: James Smith
6. Border: James Smith
7. Central California: Paul Greer
8. Colorado: Christina Yarmul
9. Connecticut: Paul Greer
10. Dakotas: Christina Yarmul
11. Florida: Michael Gibson
12. Georgia: Michael Gibson
13. Gulf: Michael Gibson
14. Hawaii: Paul Greer
15. Illinois: Christina Yarmul
16. Indiana: James Smith
17. Inland Northwest: Paul Greer
18. Iowa: Christina Yarmul
19. Kentucky: Christina Yarmul
20. Lake Erie: Michael Gibson
21. Long Island: Paul Greer
22. Maine: Christina Yarmul
23. Michigan: James Smith
24. Mid-Atlantic: Michael Gibson
25. Minnesota: James Smith
26. Missouri Valley: James Smith
27. Montana: Christina Yarmul
28. Nebraska: Christina Yarmul
29. Nevada: James Smith
30. New England: Paul Greer
31. New Jersey: Paul Greer
32. New Mexico: James Smith
33. New York: Christina Yarmul
34. Niagara: Michael Gibson
35. North Carolina: Michael Gibson
36. Ohio: Christina Yarmul
37. Oklahoma: James Smith
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39. Ozark: Michael Gibson
40. Pacific: Paul Greer
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42. Potomac Valley: Michael Gibson
43. San Diego-Imperial: Paul Greer
44. Snake River: Christina Yarmul
45. South Carolina: Michael Gibson
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47. Southwestern: to be assigned
48. Southern California: Paul Greer
49. Tennessee: James Smith
50. Texas Southern: James Smith
51. Three Rivers: James Smith
52. Utah: Christina Yarmul
53. Virginia: Michael Gibson
54. West Texas: James Smith
55. West Virginia: Michael Gibson
56. Wisconsin: to be assigned