



Committee Reports | September 2024

PA Officials Committee Report 9/15/24

Congratulations on to completion of another successful Track and Field Season in the Pacific Association. We successfully progressed through the season and held several large college conference championships (Big West, Mountain West, JC- Big 8, CCCAA Nor-Cal) as well as CIF conference and section meets and ultimately, the USATF Masters Outdoor Championships. We were able to do this not only due outstanding meet management but with our great officials and the great training we've done in preparation. A highlight of the season was having 6 PAUSATF Officials named to the Olympic Trials held in Eugene, Oregon.

As we have recently had our Officials Annual meeting at UC Davis, I would like to thank the coaches and staff at UC Davis and particularly, Erika DeContreras, for the accommodations and lunch. I would also like to thank the crew that put this together, John Lilygren and Rick Berman for setting up the registration process and raffle; JR Heberle, Ryan Cowley and Dave Shrock for setting up and running the hybrid portion of the meeting, thus allowing those who could not make it to participate online; John Shirey for holding the raffle which not only benefitted the prize winners, but also raised much needed funds for the USATF Pacific Foundation benefitting deserving athletes; and the Awards Committee headed by Ryan Cowley with the help of Ajay Padgoankar and Phil Leake. We are proud to award such deserving officials for their unselfish participation and expert performance of their duties over this last year

A full list of the awardees is attached.

Looking forward, this is a new Olympiad and therefore, a recertification year for all officials. Officials certified in 2024 will not have to renew their certification. All officials are cautioned to be vigilant on their 3-way compliance. Recertification classes will be ongoing throughout the rest of 2024 and into the first couple of months of 2025. Ajay along with the Regional Resource Coordinators will be helping officials move through the process. Approximately 304 officials will be undergoing recertification.

Upcoming, we look forward to officiating the upcoming indoor meets in Reno. The application process for the big 3 USATF meets has opened and will close on 10/15/24. The NCAA selection application period has just closed this last weekend.

Race Walk Committee Report 9/17/24

Report of the Race Walk Committee, Pacific Association USATF

for the Board of Athletics meeting on 17 September 2024

The following races are schedules (some tentative).

Saturday, October 5, 10-kilometer Pacific Association Race Walk Championships at 9:00 am, plus 1-km Power Walk at 10:50 am, and a 1-km Run at 11:20 am, Robla Community Park, 625 Bell Avenue, Sacramento 95838. Please arrive by no later than 8:00 am. The race walk starts at 9:00 am. This is part of a community walking event organized by Martin Ross, rossmtca@gmail.com and the Health Education Council's Third Annual Walk for Health.

Tentative Schedule for Next Season – dates may change

Sunday, December 29, 2024: 1,500-meter Race Walk associated with the USATF-Pacific Association - hosted "Holiday Invitational" indoor track meet, which will be held over three days, Friday, December 27, through Sunday, December 29, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4590 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada. Officials who plan to work full days at this and other Reno Indoor meets will receive a stipend, hotel room, and lunch/dinner at the track. See the request for officials from Robert Benoy.

Sunday, February 2, 2025: 1,500-meter Race Walk associated with the USATF-Pacific Association - hosted "The Championships" or "PA-USATF Championships" indoor track meet, which will be held over two days, Saturday, February 1, and Sunday, February 2, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4590 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada. We understand this will also be a Youth, Open & Masters meet. Officials who plan to work full days at this and other Reno Indoor meets will receive a stipend, hotel room, and lunch/dinner at the track. Expect to see a request for officials from Robert Benoy.

Saturday, February 15, 2025: One-Mile Race Walk associated with the Cal-Berkeley All Comers Track & Field Meet. Please contact Sean Carey, naryasece@gmail.com, Officials Coordinator for Cal, if you can help judge this race, and if you can work other events during the day.

Monday, February 17, 2025: 1,500-meter Race Walk associated with the USATF-Pacific Association - hosted "Presidents Invitational" indoor track meet, which will be held over three days, Saturday, February 15, through Monday, February 17, Reno-Sparks Convention Center, 4590 South Virginia Street, Reno, Nevada. Officials who plan to work full days at this and other Reno Indoor meets will receive a stipend, hotel room, and lunch/dinner at the track. Expect to see a request for officials from Robert Benoy. Some athletes

Saturday, March 8, 2025: 3,000-meter Race Walk associated with the Cal Opener Track & Field Meet at Berkeley. Please contact Sean Carey, naryasece@gmail.com, Officials Coordinator for Cal, if you can help judge this race, and if you can work other events during the day.

Saturday, June 7, or Sunday, June 8, 2025: 5,000-meter Race Walk associated with the Pacific Association USATF Track & Field Championships.

Saturday, October 4, 2025, 10-kilometer Pacific Association Race Walk, plus 3,000-meter Power Walk afterwards. Robla Community Park, 625 Bell Avenue, Sacramento 95838. This is part of a community walking event organized by Martin Ross, rossmtca@gmail.com and the Health Education Council's Fourth Annual Walk for Health.

There may be a **one-hour** Race Walk as well.

Submitted by Jon Price, jprice@unr.edu, on behalf of the Race Walk Committee.

Communications Committee Report 15-September-24

Cynci Calvin, Chair (ccrun@ncbb.net)

Social Media

- Verity Breen continues to do a great job with the Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/pausatf>
- We have a need for a volunteer to manage the PA's instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/usatfpacificassoc/>

Broadcast Email Service: the USATF Platform, Campaign Manager(CM)

- As of mid-August we ceased the renewal of our contract with Constant Contact, and are now solely relying on the free Campaign Manager platform provided by USATF.
- I have a Campaign Manager Instruction Manual in pdf format with step by step instructions and screen shots. I am hopeful that each Committee will assign a member to learn about this platform and start using it for their Committee's communications. Contact me for the Manual pdf,
- A drawback to CM that is being worked on by the Sport80 team is that the default "reply to" email address is membership@usatf.org, and whoever owns that email does not reply. A work-around is to include a note at the top of each each eblast forewarning the recipients to NOT use the "reply to" field in their email program, and instead use the contact person's email that must be included in each email.

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- Thomas Vincent, our tech, has much improved the issue of website updates appearing in a timely fashion without the need for users to constantly hard refresh their pages. Unfortunately, just recently Cross Country updates have had a problem with this. Carl Rose gave me a reference for a member of his club who may be able to team up with Tom to help with resolving this problem.
- Thank you to these members who are assisting with their Committees' PA Communications: Les (Cross Country), LaDonna (Youth Committee), Nicolle (Race Walk), John Lilygren (Officials), Cori (BofA Secretary), Rick Berman (USATF Pacific Foundation). We are still seeking help with Communication representatives from these committees: Track & Field - including Masters, Open and recently Indoor, Coaches, Awards.

PA Athletes on the World Scene

- We did our best to track USATF Pacific Athletes at the Olympic Trials who achieved Team USA status the 2024 Olympics in Paris. The [information is posted on its own page](#) at and on Facebook. After the fact via the PA's Facebook page, I was informed that a number of PA-connected athletes were missed. Now we have four years to develop a better system for reporting on the achievements of these athletes.
- Following the USATF National Masters T&F Championships held in Sacramento: Bob Burns provided the PA with in-depth articles about two outstanding Masters athletes who Robyn Stevens (Race Walk) and Amy Haapanen (Hammer) who were on their way to the 2024 World Masters Games in Sweden. <https://www.pausatf.org/world-masters-champs-amy-halpaanen-feature-by-bob-burns/>