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USATF COACHES REGISTRY

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USATF Coaching Education



AGENDA

- General Information
- Requirements
- Verifying Your Status
- Education Standard
- Adding Coach Certifications
- Wrap Up



GENERAL INFORMATION

Upcoming USATF National Championships

- U20 National Championships: June 18-19 Eugene, OR
- USATF National Youth Outdoor Championships: June 24 – 27 Huntsville, AL
- 2026 Toyota USATF Outdoor & Para National Championships: July 23 – 26 New York, New York
- 2026 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships: July 27 – August 2 Norwalk, CA
- Ensure status is current through the last day of competition.



WHO CAN BE ON THE REGISTRY?

- Any USATF member (18 years or older) can be on the registry, including parents of unattached athletes.

For Clubs:

- Anyone with a club admin role trying to receive a Coach credential must meet all CR requirements regardless of situation.
- Ensure teams plan appropriately for all situations.

COACHES REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS



1. Be a current adult [USATF member](#).
 - List your coaching affiliation if applicable.
2. Pass the [USATF background screen](#).
 - Accept and adhere to the [SafeSport Handbook](#).
3. Successfully complete the U.S. Center for [SafeSport Training](#) course.
4. Fulfill [Education Standard](#) and verify certification status on your [USATF Connect](#) profile.



VERIFY YOUR STATUS

- Public Listing

<https://usatf.sport80.com/public/widget/3>

- USATF Connect Profile

- Membership
- Center for SafeSport Training
- Background Screening
- Coach Certifications

The screenshot displays the USATF Connect user interface. On the left is a navigation menu with the USATF logo and the word 'CONNECT' below it. The menu items are: Home, Members, Event Registrations, Events, Annual Meetings, Course Enrollment, My Trainings, USATF Campus, Online Store, Help Tutorials, and Book a Room. The main content area is titled 'Your Profile' and features a profile card with a placeholder image and the text 'Your profile is up-to-date' with an 'Edit Profile' button. Below the profile card is a list of menu items: Profile, Roles, Memberships (circled in red), Background Screening, Center for SafeSport Training, Coach Certifications, Officials Certification Status, Athlete Verifications, Additional Roles, Shipping Items, and Credentialing Information. To the right of the profile card are three 'Current' status cards: 'Individual Membership', 'Center for SafeSport Training', and 'Background Screening'. Below these is an 'Information' section with the heading 'GENERAL INFORMATION' and three icons: a person, a calendar, and a phone.



EDUCATION STANDARD

- Multiple pathways to fulfill the standard
 - <https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/coaches-registry/education-standard>
- Review list for Pathway 2: Career Accomplishments
 - Important for youth coaches: **USATF Junior Olympics and Youth Indoor/Outdoor results are not accepted** towards the education standard.

MEETING THE EDUCATION STANDARD

There are two different paths to meet the Educational Standard for the Coaches Registry:

PATH 1: COMPLETE A VERIFIED CERTIFICATION LEVEL COURSE OF EDUCATION.

Complete any one of the following options:

USATF

- [Developmental Coach Program](#) now with NFHS Coaching Track and Field built in
- [Level 1](#)
- [Level 2](#)
- [Level 3](#)
- [Cross Country Specialist Course](#)
- [Marathon Specialist Course](#)
- [Podium Coaches Camp](#)

NFHS

- [NFHS Level 2 or 3 Coach*](#)

Sport-Specific course of choice must be [Coaching Cross Country](#) or [Coaching Track & Field](#)

RRCA

- [RRCA Level 1 or 2 Coach](#)

USTFCCCA

- USTFCCCA Technical Certification (201 or 251)
- USTFCCCA Event-Specialist Certification (302-306)
- USTFCCCA Master's Certification (501-514)

Excluded USTFCCCA courses: [Strength and Conditioning \(310\)](#), [Speed Specialist Certification \(321\)](#), [Program Management \(402\)](#), [Test and Measurements \(403\)](#), [Meet Management for the Track & Field Coach \(404\)](#), [Sports Psychology for the Track & Field Coach \(405\)](#), [Injury Management for the Track & Field Coach \(406\)](#).

WORLD ATHLETICS

- World Athletics Level I, II, III, IV, or V certificate holder.

Certificate of completion for any of the above courses serves as verification of Education Standard. Certificate must be current to be recognized and submitted under Coach Certifications on your USATF Connect profile.

PROFESSIONAL PATHWAY

PRE-COURSE
(Optional)



BEGINNER



INTERMEDIATE



ADVANCED

Developmental
Coach Program

Bridge to Level 1
Program*

OR

Level 1 Program

*Exclusive option for
Developmental Coaches to
upgrade to a Level 1 Coach.

Level 2 Sport
Science*

Level 2 Program**

// Combined Events
// Endurance
// Jumps
// Sprints, Hurdles, Relays
// Throws
// U20

*Must hold a current Level 1
certificate to enroll. Pre-requisite
course for first-timers.

**Must return as an alumni to
complete another event discipline.

Level 3 Program*

// Combined Events
// Endurance
// Jumps
// Sprints, Hurdles, Relays
// Throws
// U20

*Must hold matching Level 2
certificate to be eligible to apply.

CONTINUING EDUCATION & SPECIALIST COURSES

Minimally require a current USATF membership to enroll.

USATF Campus

Cross Country
Specialist Course

Marathon
Specialist Course

Podium
Coaches Camp



WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

USATF Level 1 Program

- Valid for **four** calendar years
 - Recertify by December 31, 20xx
 - Expiring Level 1 members are contacted by the National Office for specific renewal process.
 - Failure to recertify will require the member to retake the course.

Developmental Coach Program

- Valid for **two** calendar years
 - Expires December 31, 2027
 - Bridge to Level 1 Program for renewal process
 - **Together both programs are EQUAL to the Level 1 Program.**

USATF LEVEL 1

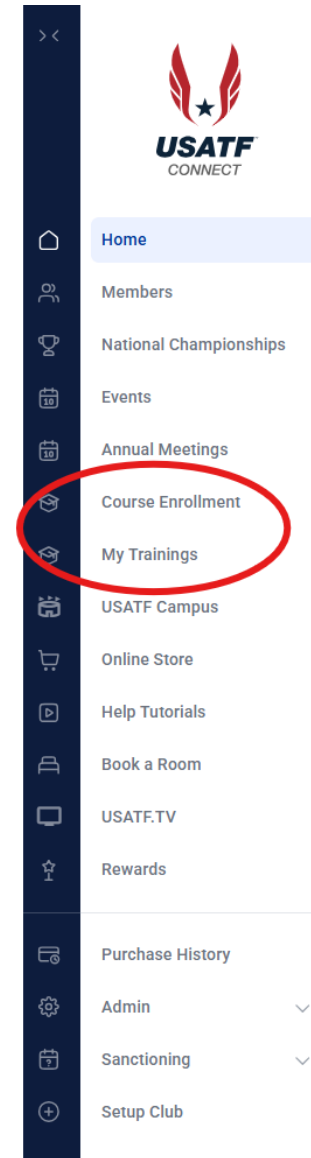
1. Level 1 Sport Science Units
2. Zoom Event Specific School

Upcoming Dates:

- June 1-3, 2026 - Central Time
- June 19-20, 2026 - Pacific Time
- July 22-24, 2026 - Central Time

3. Online Exam

All components of the Level 1 Program must be completed to earn the certification.





ADDING COACH CERTIFICATIONS

1. Login to your USATF Connect profile.
 2. Click Coach Certifications.
 3. Click the blue Add Coach Certification button.
 4. Select the applicable category and provide all necessary details.
- USATF Courses will automatically update on profile.
 - Missing USATF Certification? Email us at coachingedu@usatf.org.
 - All manual uploads require proper documentation (certificates, results links, verification letters, etc.)



WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

- USATF Coaches Registry
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/coaches-registry>
- Calendar of Schools
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/calendar-of-schools>
- Coaching Education General Program Information
<https://www.usatf.org/programs/coaches/coaching-education>
- USATF Club Portal
- Have a question? Email us! coachingedu@usatf.org



OPPORTUNITIES

USATF Club Coaches now receive 15% off the Level 1 Program

How to receive your discount:

- Have an active USATF Club Coach role in your USATF Connect profile.
 - Contact your Club Administrator for assistance.
- Register under the [USATF Level 1 Program \(CLUB COACH RATE\)](#) to receive the discount.

Emerging Female Coaching Grant

- USATF Level 1 and 2 applications are now open but going fast.
- Must have current membership and Safe Sport Training to apply.
- More information in the USATF Club Portal.



SUMMARY

All USATF National Championships require members to be on the registry to receive a coach credential.

Requirements:

1. Current USATF adult membership
2. Current SafeSport Training
3. Current Background screen
4. Education Standard

*All components must be valid through the last day of the competition.

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