



2026 Officials Committee Annual Meeting

Aggie Stadium @ UC Davis

August 30, 2026

Phil Leake- Chair

Minutes

1. Welcome (Phil)

Welcome to the 2026 PAUSATF Officials Annual Meeting.

2. Chair's Remarks (Phil):

This year we've experienced a great track and field season. Our officials have provided service throughout our region with distinction. A large number of us participated in the post season at the Mountain West Championships in Clovis, CA, the Big 8 Championships in Stockton, CA, The CCCAA NorCal Championships in Santa Rosa, CA, The PAUSATF Open Championships and Golden West Invitational in Rancho Cordova, CA and the PAUSATF Youth Championships in the Monterey/Salinas, CA area. PA Officials were selected to positions at the USATF Open Championships, U-20/Nike Outdoor National Championships, NCAA, Division 1, 2 and 3 Championships and participated in the USATF Junior Olympics.

In addition, our officials have provided service and performed well at the CIF Section meets and the CIF State meet.

- a. **In Memoriam** – Joe Keever, Sandy Backer, Bob Rush, Dick Iwamiya, Chuck Buettner
- b. Thanks- UC Davis Hosting: Thanks to Coach Makusha, Erika De Contreras and the UC Davis Coaching staff for providing this venue at UC Davis and the lunch

3. Coaches Presentations –ARC, CSUS, UC Davis, Cal Poly SLO:

ARC will be having 2 meets this next year, the Annual Beaver Relays and the AR Invite.

UC Davis and **Sacramento State** will not be holding any meets in 2027 due to stadium renovation issues.

Cal Poly SLO will be holding 2 meets in 2027, The Conover Invitational in March and the Big West Conference Championships.

4. Upcoming Meets (John Mansoor/Rob Benoy/Dave Shrock/Phil):

John Mansoor announced the upcoming Reno Indoor Meets for Fall/Winter 2026-27.

The CCAA will be holding their conference championships at Fresno Pacific University early May, 2027.

The following week, the Pac-12 Championships will be held in Clovis (Fresno St.) along with the Big West Championships to be held at Cal Poly SLO,

5. **Presentation of 2025 National Andy Bakjian Award to Rory Osborne (Phil)**

6. **You Make the Call (Ryan Cowley)**

7. **Certification Chair's Report and Recertification Update (Ajay Padgaonkar)**

- **Full report is appended to the end of these minutes.**

a. **Q+A Certification Upgrades Update (Ajay and Dave Sundin)**

- Including those 10 upgrades for officials from 2022-23, 18 were upgraded in 2026 and 21 in 2025
- Of those in 2026 – 5 to association, 8 to national, 3 to master and 2 referees Grade1
- Of those in 2025 - 10 to association, 6 to national, 3 to master and 2 referees Grade2

8. **CIF Registration/Certification (Mike Brown/Phil):**

Beginning in Fall 2026 and definitely in Spring 2027, the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) will require all officials to be registered with the CIF. This process is similar to the NCAA endorsement and will require officials to register, undergo a background check with the California Dept. of Justice (DOJ) and undergo a rules review/competency check via Arbiter. Arbiter is a payment service contracted with the CIF. Currently, The California Track Starter's Association is a contracted body to Arbiter and is using this for assignments and payments to their member starters. Mike Brown (PAUSATF High School Chair) and Phil met with CIF to discuss this and to plot out a plan of action for current USATF Officials doing HS meets as well as the potential for recruiting and training new high school officials for USATF membership as a part of this process. This process is ongoing and will be delineated later this year.

9. **Regional Resource Chair's Report (Dennis Boyle)**

10. **Training Chair's Report (Bill Bartel)**

Upcoming Training sessions in October and November for Officials in Racewalk, Throws, Referee are being planned. Notification of Dates and Locations will be sent out soon.

11. **Racewalk Chair's Report (Robert Hooper)**

No report. Robert unable to attend

12. **LDR Chair's Report (Rick Berman)**

13. **Youth Representative's Report (Dante McCarthy/Mike Brown)**

14. **PAUSATF Board of Athletics Delegates Report (Rob Benoy)**

Lunch (Special Thanks to the UC Davis Track and X-C Teams and Staff)

15. USATF Pacific Foundation (Stephanie Brown-Trafton)

Did not make contact

16. PAUSATF Update (Charlotte Sneed)

No update; Charlotte did not attend.

17. **Awards Emeritus Awards** (Phil)

Presentation of Emeritus Award Certificate (posthumously) to the family of Chuck Buettner.

18. **Chair's Awards** (Phil) See List

19. **Awards Association and National** (Ryan Cowley) See List

20. **Old Business**

- Update Monographs on Website: A committee will be formed to look at and update the monographs to reflect current practice.
- **Operating Procedures changes and vote:** The proposed changes were sent out to Officials prior to the meeting for their review and input. One of the proposals would allow for the Executive Board elections to be moved up several month to coincide with the elections of other PAUSATF Committee heads and executive board. Discussion was held. Concerns and questions were raised, both pro and con on this issue concerning the timing of the election with relation to the track and field season and the benefits in doing so. The vote was called to question by Anthony Davis and seconded by Mike Brown. **The Proposal was voted down by the majority present at the meeting.**

21. **New Business**

- **Officials Committee Shared Drive:** This was brought by John Lilygren to possibly house records, operating procedures, photos, etc. not currently being able to be housed on the website. Also, Confidential files regarding membership, certifications would be housed here as well. Questions regarding access were raised and briefly discussed. Certification Chair, Ajay Padgoankar, John Lilygren and Rick Berman will meet offline to discuss.
- **Raffle** (John Lilygren/Rick Berman)

Appendix 1: Certification Chair's Report

Cert Chair Report: Pacific Association Officials' Annual meeting 2026 Aug 30:

1. Championship applications:

- NCAA championships - Opened July 14, closes Sep15, selections usually by Dec
 - It is a 2-step process: 1. Register on Refquest (RQ+), then 2. submit resume on the forms tab; select meets to apply (on RQ forms tab)
 - D1, D2, D3 Indoor (March)/Outdoor (May/June) + West/East Prelims D1
- USATF/WMI meets - [Usually opens Mid-Sep and closes Mid-Oct]
 - JO/Master open to all; Only top 3 meets limited to national/master level
 - Senior Indoor Loc/Dates TBD, Outdoor/U20 together and expected to be at UofO
 - Masters and WM Indoor Feb 18-21 & Mar 18-26 both at Alachua, Gainesville
 - JO Jul26-Aug1 Loc TBD

2. Officials count:

- Total 265 – Master (59), National (35), Association (50), Apprentice (121)
- By regions:
 - NorCal 62 (1 in OR, 23 in NV)
 - Sac Sub 50, West Sac 39;
 - North Bay 31, South Bay 31, East Bay 47 (4 in old Central Cal)
- Keep 3-way compliance 28 delinquent of the 265 total
 - Safesport (27), Background check (14), Membership (15)
 - Records are not valid unless certified official judging

New Officials:

- Of these 265, 12 were added in 2026; 13 more on the way
- Added 30 in 2025 1 upgraded to association
- Added 40 in 2024, 3 at association and 1 at national now
- More were added in 2022-2023, 23 still active
- 13 are still apprentice but 7 at association level, 2 at national and 1 at master

Upgrades:

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3. Officials count by Disciplines:

	Clerk	Starter	Umpire	Throws	Vertical Jumps	Horizontal Jumps	Implement	EDM/EDR	Marshal
Master	5	12	8	24	8	10	3	2	1
National	8	12	10	18	13	22	1	0	6
Association	6	20	8	40	43	53	12	8	1
Total	19	44	26	82	64	85	16	10	8

	Para	Race Walk	LDR
Master	0	6	5
National	2	5	10
Association	1	7	29
Apprentice	22	12	45
Total	25	30	89

	Referee	CEC	Tech Mgr
Grade2	7	4	0
Grade1	17	2	3
Total	24	6	3

4. NCAA Championship locations, dates:

- March 12-13, 2027: Div I Indoor Track and Field Championships (UoA Fayetteville, AR)
- March 12-13, 2027: Div II Indoor Track and Field Championships (Crossplex Birmingham, AL)
- March 12-13, 2027: Div III Indoor Track and Field Championships (Whitworth U Spokane, WA)
- May 27-29, 2027: Div II Outdoor Track and Field Championships (CalPolyPomona, Walnut, CA)
- May 27-29, 2027: Div III Outdoor Track and Field Championships (SPIRE - Geneva, OH)
- May 26-29, 2026: Div I Outdoor Track and Field East First Round (UNF Jacksonville, FL)
- May 26-29, 2026: Div I Outdoor Track and Field West First Round (TXAM College Station, TX)
- June 9-12, 2027: Division I Outdoor Track and Field Championships (Eugene, OR)



Appendix 2. Awards

Chair's Award:

Keith Caldwell
Gail Decatur
Ed Hollshwandner
Robyn Stevens
Paul Troppy
Lena Watts

Outstanding Apprentice Official Award:

Kelley Beauford
Louie Granado
Nic Guan
Aaron King
Luis Lugo
Sally Monical
Thad Moren
Sanne Steele
Dan Wold

Pacific Association Outstanding Service Award:

Keith Bunker
Tom Ford
Jeff Gallero
Shannon Mosbacher
Chris Nichols
Dave Sander
Tom Schirz
Chris Smith
Monica Stocks-Pleitez
Lee Webb

NOC Outstanding Service Award:

Keith Caldwell
Gail Decatur
Scott Gonsolin
John Lilygren
Dawn McCay
Bruce McCay
Tina Sachs
Jason Singson
Paul Troppy
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Dick Barbour Special Recognition Award:

Anthony Davis
Don Mosbacher

George Newlon Special Recognition Award:

Ken Hunter
Cori Evans

Horace Crow Special Recognition Award:

Laura Barger

Lori & Sonny Maynard Special Recognition Award:

Deri Bowen
John Bowen

Dick Connors Meritorious Service Award:

John Shirey
Chuck Buettner

NOC Emeritus Award:

Chuck Buettner