Pacific Association Youth Committee Meeting

Saturday, October 17, 2026
Diablo Valley College
1PM - 4 PM

Meeting called to Order at 1:15PM

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Track and Field Information & Schedule
Q&A

Welcome

Current Board:

- Chair: Eric Stuart
- Vice Chair: Meia Tezeno
- Secretary: Sheree Parker
- Treasurer: Ed Hollshwandner
- Cross Country Chair: Andrea Johnson
- Track & Field Chair: John Knowles
- Combined Events/Paralympic Chair: Lee Webb
- High School Chair: Mike Brown
- Officials Chair: Dante McCarthy
- Communications Chair: La Donna Aubert
- Records Chair: Shakia Thompson
- Racewalk Chair: Keith Bunker

Roll Call - Attendees

In-Person:

Meia Tezeno - Flying Jaguars

Ed Hollshwandner - Diablo

Sam Burns - Hilltop

Dante McCarthy - EastBay Elite

Tony Gates - Trailblazers

LaDonna Aubert - MP Striders

Zoom:

Kolette Simonton - Full Stride

Kathy Streier - Shasta Trailblazers

Steve Belovich - Parent

John Knowles - Sac Speed

Erica Krumeich - CVR

Eric Thronson - Delta Hawks

Anthony Davis - Officials

More members joined on zoom later in the meeting after roll-call had been recorded

Meeting Minutes

PACIFIC ASSOCIATION YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, February 22, 2026 | Diablo Valley College | 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

1. Call to Order / Meeting Information

The Pacific Association Youth Committee met on Sunday, February 22, 2026, at Diablo Valley College. The meeting was called to order at 10:10 AM to 1:00 PM. A Zoom option was also provided.

2. Roll Call

In-person attendee:

Ed H. (DVTF); Eric S. (EPA Greyhounds); Dante M. (EB Elite); Mike Brown; Lee Webb (MV); Anthony Davis; Duane Wilson; Shakia T. (SF Striders); Jim Kelly (Full Stride); Juliette Kelly (Full Stride).

Zoom attendees:

Andrea J. (Oakland Cubs); Jorge Quero (FTC); LaDonna A. (MPS); Chris Lucey (San Mateo); Dave Shrock; Anthony Davis (Rancho Cordova); Albert Chin (Pacific Freelancers); Brunet Lux (Umoja); Cris Houston (Contra Costa); Keith Bunker; Eric Thronson (Delta Hawks); Erica C. (CVRR); Haley Orr (Delta H); JR Herbele; Jay Devlin (RCTC); JB (Westside Roadrunners); John Knowles (Sacramento Speed); Will Pittman (3M); Terrence Gladney (LOZ); Joseph Aleru (Maneuver Athletics); Sheree Parker (God Speed); Erik Grant; Ken Hunter (NorCal Striders); Don Harding.

Voting note: Due to late change of time of meeting, no official voting matters will take place.

3. Current Board

Position	Name
Chair	Eric Stuart
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4. October 2025 Minutes

October 2025 meeting minutes were shared. Not able to vote for approval.

5. Region / Association Update

- The Central Association merged into the SoCal region.
- No decision had been made regarding the composition of the Pacific Association / Region 14.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's presentation reviewed the responsibilities of the PA Youth Treasurer and provided budget and membership information.

- The Treasurer prepares, submits, and explains/defends the proposed budget to the Board of Directors, with input from Youth Committee members.
- The Treasurer reviews and monitors revenues collected and expenses paid for accuracy and serves as the financial liaison to the Board of Directors / Board of Athletics.
- The Treasurer does not collect/deposit funds or pay expenses; revenues and expenses run through PAUSATF.
- USATF National and the Association split the USATF membership fee. PA Youth membership fees are not treated as Youth revenue for budgeting purposes; PA membership revenue is applied to PA overhead.
- The presentation reports that 2025 Youth membership represented approximately 57% of total PA membership.
- PAUSATF was reported as having approximately $1 million in cash/investment assets.
- The Pacific Association is a separate legal entity from the USATF Pacific Foundation. The Foundation provided 10 Junior Olympic travel grants in 2025 due to a designated Youth donation.
- The 2025 meet-club grant slide shows $2,700 distributed from the $5,000 budgeted fund.

7. PAYC Code of Ethics / Grievance Process

The PAYC Code of Ethics / Grievance Process was presented. Members are directed to the Youth Operations, Procedures & Code of Conduct information available through the Pacific Association Youth resources. No specific grievance decision or action is documented.

8. Track & Field / 2026 Competition Rules Changes

- Racewalk time standards.
- High Performance / Emerging Athlete Division.

More information to be come as it is released.

9. 2026 Junior Olympics and PA JO Qualifier Locations

- The Junior Olympics is set for Cerritos College, July 27-August 2, 2026 – will be hosted by Pacific Coast Shockwaves Track Club.
- PA 'Top 8' venue options were identified as a discussion item. – Noted, that there will possibly be no need of a Top 8, and only a Top 5.

10. Cross Country

2025 recap and the following 2026 cross-country meet bids/schedule items:

- RCTC - November 8 (Veterans Day weekend)
- God Speed - October 18, Oak Grove Regional Park

USATF Region 14 Status

USATF Region 14 Status (unofficial)

- Central Association disbanded Fall 2025, resulted in Pacific Association sole Region 14 member
  - No other USATF region comprised of a single association
- No USATF National decision made reconfiguring Region 14 prior to 2026 Track season
  - ‘PA Region 14’ regional qualifier held June 2026 (Top 5 advance to JOs)
- No update on Region 14 composition, so ‘PA Region 14 JOXC’ meet November 29 has customary regional advancements
  - 30 individuals and 5 teams
- Decision on Region 14 composition expected at USATF Annual Meeting in December
  - No support for moving Nevada Association into Region 14
  - Moving Hawaii Association into Region discussed / ‘floated’
  - Proposal to survey former Central Assoc teams from 5 or 6 counties to join PA
  - ‘Do nothing’

Cross Country

2026 Cross Country (X-C) Update

- PA Region 14 Championship will be Nov 29
  - ‘Tentatively scheduled’ to be held at St. Mary’s College (Moraga)
  - Only qualifier; Top 30 individuals and Top 5 teams per age group advance to Nationals
- ALL athletes must be age verified - no exceptions. (do this early - don’t wait !)
- Grand Prix has 7 eligible meets (two have already occurred).
  - Points taken from athletes top 5 placement.
  - Top 10 of each meet gets points (1st place 10, 2nd 9 and so on).
  - Awards will be given before the November 29 meet
- Junior Olympics Cross Country (JOXC) meet in Lafayette, LA on December 12

Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report

Responsibilities

- DO prepare/submit budgets, review and monitor Youth financials, and act as liaison to Board of Directors / Board of Athletics
- DON'T collect/deposit Youth funds or ‘run a checkbook’ (all go thru PAUSATF)

PA Youth Membership Fees

- USATF National and associations ‘split’ membership fee
  - $12/ youth member returned to associations ($25 per adult memberships)
- PA Youth membership fees not part of Youth Budget
  - ALL membership revenues applied to PA ‘overhead’

Other Pacific Association I-O-I (items of interest)

- 2026 Youth membership is 55% of total PA membership (add Youth-affiliated Adult = 62%)
- Annual payouts for USATF-sanctioned club meets - calculated and paid in December
- Permanent Youth JO Travel Grant program (via Pacific Foundation)

Treasurers Report

Pacific Association
PA Youth Committee
Budget /Estimated Actuals (select accounts) and 2027 Draft Budget

	(JO Qualifier Track Meets) Approved 2026 Budget	2026 Actuals	YEC DRAFT 2027 BUDGET
Events Income			
Youth Track Meets			
PA Region 14 (Top 5)	38,380	37,250	43,110
PA Region 14 Combined Event Championship	4,000	4,750	5,000
PA Region 14 Cross Country Meet			8,000
	$ 42,380	$ 42,000	$ 56,110
Events Expenditures			
Youth Track Meets			
PA Region 14 (Top 5)	33,700	35,300	35,050
PA Region 14 Combined Event Championship	4,750	4,000	4,800
PA Region 14 JOXC Meet			5,700
Cross Country Grand Prix			1,750
National JO Cross Country Meet (tent)			1,500
Club Meet Grant			4,500
Clinics / Special Events (R-J-T, RW, etc)		-	2,000
	$ 38,450	$ 39,300	$ 55,300
Committees			
Youth			
Administration			400
Meetings/Convention (now included in Admin cost)	-	-	-
	$ -	$ -	$ 400
Other			
Equipment			600
Rebate for Level 1 Coaching Certification (Coaches budget 2026)	-	-	-
	$ -	$ -	$ 600
Excess Revenue (Loss) - Summer JO Qualifier Meets	$ 3,930	$ 2,700	$ (190)

Pacific Foundation - Youth Initiatives

Pacific Foundation - Youth Initiative

- Separate legal entity (www.usatfpacificfoundation.org)
- Several 2025 donations earmarked for Youth JO travel grants
  - 10 Youth JO travel grants made
  - Qualified based on combination of national ranking and family income criteria
- PA Board of Athletics voted in March 2026 to donate $250,000 to Pacific Foundation for permanent Youth JO Travel Grant program
- 13 Youth JO Travel Grants made in 2026
  - Set 2 National Records (Archer Gorelik Boys 9-10 Mini Jav; Xavier Johnson Boys 11-12 100m)
  - Finished 1st in 6 events = 6 National Championships
  - Earned 16 medals (finished in the Top 8)

Clubs do not need to apply for club meet grant. Grant only applies for Track & Field currently

Paralympic / Combined Events

2026 Recap: Paralympics / Combined Events

105 Athletes competed

Track & Field

2026 Recap: PA Region 14 Jr. Olympic Championship (Top 5)

1,343 Athletes (85 clubs, 99 unattached)

Monterey Peninsula College

41 Officials

Race walk improvements

Feedback Received

Positive:

Location. This location had much better weather than previous regional event locations.
Knowing when my daughter was going to run.
I thought the schedule was fine
That all the officials ,came except a few
Schedule was provided online and PDF
It was easy to follow and I appreciate that for the most part, the meet was on time.
Timed schedule was helpful to reduce the overall waiting time
Location and check in
Packet pick up and clerking
Free entry and location had plenty of parking
Triple Jump
Javelin, the actual running of the event went well I think
Clear event calls - check in by the warm up area.
The starter's did a very good job

Negative:

One thing is that the 4x100 happened during girls high jump and it is distracting to the jumpers with frequent guns going off as they are focusing to jump.
Boys and girls javelins had the same start time even though girls went first and it was still a few hours before they started boys
Events not being held at the same venue.
Discus competition the zone was not even.
Shot put, parents were complaining that the volunteers were coaching their athletes.
Need to have parents who are available for volunteering ahead of event
No coaching boxes.
Officiating lane violations. We witnessed multiple athletes well outside of their lanes in the 400m on Friday.
The awards system needs to get better, or have more volunteers/staff members. The official results were clearly on athletic.net, but the award volunteer didn't "receive" them yet from the officials, and it took very long.
Healthier eating options for the athletes (for purchase).
Should have a coaches meeting each day for clarification.
Should have information table for issues that arise.

Suggestions:

Would be great to have a track announcer who can create more excitement and get the spectators more involved. Have written rules for volunteers. Do's and don't. live events would be really helpful for field events. Get more volunteers prior to the meet. Have coaching boxes. Earlier start would have been good for some of the field events on Saturday and Sunday. Get a facility that has everything for the meet.

Kolette suggested that the PA secure room blocks in advance

2027 Important Dates

- AAU Region 22 in Oakdale: June 10-13
- Nike Outdoor: June 17-21
- ***USATF Region 14 Meet (Top 5): June 25-27***
- AAU West Coast Nationals in Reno : July 4-6
- ***USATF Region 14 Combined Events: July 10-11***
- USATF Jr. Olympic Championship: July 26 - Aug 1
- AAU Jr. Olympic Championship: July 31 - Aug 7

* Dates not yet confirmed

The possibility of combining region 14 track and combined championship has been floated. As of now, no decision has been made, although most members appear to prefer the separate meet formats

New Goals

- 1 new official to sign up per club team

Meet Bids for 2027 Season

March 20 - Flying Jaguars (@ DVC)

March 27 - Easter Eggstravaganza

April 4 - Learn by Doing Meet (10 & Under)

April 24 - Burning Batons Relay Carnival

May 29-30 - Tom Moore Classic

June 13 - Superhero Youth Championships (10 & Under)

For more meet bids, please contact Meia Tezeno flyjagtc@yahoo.com

Q & A

1. Comment: Racewalk needs front & back bibs going forward at championship meets

Next Meeting

Sunday Feb 21st

Diablo Valley College

2-5pm

FH - 101

Meeting adjourned at 3:03 PM