

AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA

NEW ASSOCIATION RECORD HOLDER

Any USA Track & Field (USATF) Nebraska Association member athlete or relay that breaks or ties an existing Nebraska Association event record will be recognized, provided the record has been certified and approved by the Nebraska Association.

GEORGE ANDERSON JUNIOR OLYMPIC SPRINTER OF THE YEAR

The highest-placing male and female medalists in a sprint event (100, 200, 400) at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, regardless of age division. If there is not a male or female medalist in any age division, then no award will be given.

KIP McEWEN JUNIOR OLYMPIC RACE WALK ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The highest-placing male and female medalists in a race walk event at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, regardless of age division. If there is not a male or female medalist in any age division, then no award will be given.

RUSS WHITE JUNIOR OLYMPIC COMBINED EVENT ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The highest-placing male and female medalists in a combined event (triathlon, pentathlon, heptathlon, decathlon) at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, regardless of age division. If there is not a male or female medalist in any age division, then no award will be given.

JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The highest-placing medalist in an individual event at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in each age division. If more than one athlete in an age division tie for the highest place, each will receive an award. If there is not a medalist in a particular age division, then no award will be given in that age division.

NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK & FIELD RELAY MEDALIST

All members of a Nebraska Association relay team that place in the top eight (8) at the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships will be recognized.

ALL-NEBRASKA TRACK & FIELD TEAM

1. The athlete must not have already been selected as a Junior Olympic Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Sprinter, Race Walk, and Combined Event Athletes of the Year are eligible, but only for their non-sprint track & field accomplishments and not for their combined event, race walk, or sprint event accomplishments.
2. The 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12, or 13-14 athlete must have participated in at least two (2) USATF-sanctioned non-Junior Olympic meets. The 15-16 or 17-18 athlete must have participated in at least one (1) USATF non-JO meet.
3. The athlete must have achieved at least one (1) of the following during the 2016 USATF track & field season:
 - a. Breaks or ties an existing Nebraska Association event record
 - b. National Junior Olympics (Sacramento) medalist
 - c. National Youth Outdoor (Millersville) medalist
 - d. Regional Junior Olympics (Mankato) champion
 - e. Association Junior Olympics (June 16-19 @ Omaha Burke H.S.) champion

Note: Only the athlete's individual-event (i.e. track, field, race walk, combined event) performances will be considered for eligibility criteria. Relay-event performances will not be considered.

4. Must have a nomination form completed by a USATF-sanctioned Nebraska Association club coach and submitted to the awards committee by the established deadline.

JIM KINDIG JUNIOR OLYMPIC CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

The highest-placing male and female medalists at the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships, regardless of age division. If there is not a male or female medalist in any age division, then no award will be given.

NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CROSS COUNTRY TEAM MEDALIST

All members of a cross country team that place in the top three (3) at the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships will be recognized.

ALL-NEBRASKA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

1. The athlete must not have already been selected as a Junior Olympic Cross Country Athlete of the Year.
2. The athlete must have achieved at least one (1) of the following during the 2016 USATF cross country season:
 - a. National Junior Olympics (Hoover) medalist
 - b. Association Junior Olympics (November 13 @ Walnut Grove Park) champion