

Youth Workshop & USATF Annual Meeting Minutes

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Friday, 12/01/2017 – Youth Meeting

-USATF National JO XC Championships – Reno / 5K course

-Award Nominations:

Bill Hargrove: West Texas, Maine, Missouri Valley, New Mexico, Illinois, Georgia Association.

Frank Sevine: Linda Phelps, Dion Keeton, Cindy Long, Bob Shore, Jackie White

-2018 Youth Outdoor Championships: USATF Niagara is excited to host.

-2019 bid presentations for National JO XC: Madison, WI (Winner) and St. Louis, MO

-2019 Youth Outdoor Championships – Durham, NC – only bidder so they won.

-Rules – 3 items:

Item #23 – Rule 144.3 F – If someone goes down, another competitor, certified official or meet personnel can help them up but can NOT assist them to the finish. This will go into the rules as a youth exception.

Item #45 – Rule 170.3 – 4x1, 4x2 – exchange zones include the fly zone now. The fly zone becomes part of the exchange zone...the beginning. This change is from the IAAF. Colleges will implement this change in 2019. High schools will review and discuss it. This does NOT affect the 4x4 relay. Passes.

Item 52A – Field events – Combined event pole vault, instead of 1 minute, you get 30 seconds to jump once you are called into the ring. IAAF suggested this. This FAILED, will stay at 1 minute. Will ask for an exception for youth only.

Item 57 – Rule 187.1 – If doing the shot put and you skim the back of the foul plate while spinning, it is NOT a foul because you got no propulsion from it. This applies to all throws.

-Law & Legislation:

Youth proposal: Regional Coordinators as representatives.

Board will review suspensions immediately to see if they are valid.

-Transgender statement is on the website. USATF is trying to be inclusive. However they self-identify is acceptable. Complaints can be filed at the event. It varies by state what documentation needs to be presented. Know your state policy. If the birth certificate says female and they want to compete as a male, they can.

-Association Championships -> Regionals -> Nationals: If you qualify as a male then you compete/move on as a male. You can't change and decide to compete as a female at a different level. The National Athletics Board of Review, NABR, hears complaints.

-Records Report / handout with pending records from Outdoor Nationals. There are many records but not all of them are submitted. This report was accepted with additions to a couple unattached athletes to include where they are from.

-Health Report / handout.

-Coaches registration – After April 1, 2018 you can change your profile. You must prove 10 years of coaching to be a coach. Some coaching education will also be required.

-Sub-committee Reports:

-William Valerie – Ethics: Training – USATF Code of Ethics...are you covered? Every association should have a code of ethics and a conflict of interest statement. Call the USATF hotline with questions.

New Business:

-Seeding – National Youth Outdoor

-Meet management issue – will seed based on what is submitted.

-Protest forms / process – page 53 rule clarification.

-Rubber tip javelin – instead of a metal tip javelin. Allow at least at the association level? Consider it for regionals and nationals.

-2019 is a rules change year.

Saturday, 12/02/2017

-2019 USATF Hershey National JO – Sacramento, CA = winner (only bidder).

-Sub Committee Reports:

-Ethics – Grievance vs Ethics; code of conflict and conflict of interest templates are online.

-Standards Report – see handout; they are guidelines, not standards.

-USATF President – Vin Linanna:

-Youth portion of USATF = strongest portion / outstanding.

-He has done 24 listening tours with different associations.

-2021 World Championships will be in the U.S.

-Celebration * Transformation * Renaissance

-Youth Chair Awards – group effort/collaboration:

-Mr. John Derrick Thompson – coach

-Ms. Terri Bizzel – coach

-Mr. Joseph McGonickie – coach

-Mr. Norman Tate – coach

-Mr. Kenneth Abney – coach

-Mr. Art Madrick – coach

-Mr. Robert Kern – coach

-Mr. Byron Turner - coach

-Mr. Paul Gilmer - coach

-Mr. W. Chip Farrell - coach

-Ms. Angela Harris - coach

-USATF Illinois Association

-Ms. Brenda Kimbrough - coach

-Ms. Jacqueline White - coach

-Mr. Quinten Wilson - coach

-Sub Committee Reports:

-Equipment & Facilities Committee Report:

-Rules change – Aerojav diagram changed (weights & measures)

-Thermal imaging – weight...impact point in competition.

-Infrared / Thermal images detect temperature differences which are very accurate.

-Starting devices – 209 primer pistols = sound between a .22 and a .32. These are acceptable and may be submitted for approval next year. They are less expensive; may need to be cleaned more often.

-Laser engraving does not impact the implement.

-Newsletter 2x a year.

-Historical Advisory Committee (New):

-Understanding of where we have been and why some things have changed. Example: Why were entry fees set at \$6.00.

-News Letter Committee (New):

- Celebrate successes as a division of USATF.
- Who needs to be honored throughout the year.
- Zone Reps will be on this committee.

-Data Management Committee – previously computer information.

- Data driven decision making.
- Questions – local/national on membership #'s, finances, etc.

-Officials Committee:

- Officials clinics are outstanding.
- Roger Burbage – certification chair - rec'd an award.
- Need young officials.
- Grant money is available to work at the JO meet...must be under the age of 40 to be eligible for one of the grants.

-International Competition Committee:

- Coach Alternate – selections are done but must be approved before being announced.

-Women's Committee:

- Under 20 – January 16-18.
- Drug testing: American Record - testing at the meet. International record – within 24 hours.

-Division Updates:

- 2018 JO Track and Field Committee increased the entry fees by \$2.00. Do at the discretion of your association.
- Youth administrators Guide will be available soon.
- Rule book – youth exceptions are the 300's.
- All zone meets are canceled; go directly to indoor championships.

-William Shooters out of Chicago – they only sell wholesale. Shells for starting pistols are cheap. Robin will check with them to see if USATF Nationals can work with them so associations/teams can order at cost.

-Zone Rep Nominations / Voting: Winners listed below

- Midwest Zone – TammyRa Jackson – Zone Rep; Yolanda Freeman – Alternate.
- Northeast Zone – David Rinehart – Zone Rep; Oronde Shariff – Alternate.
- South zone – Inez Finch – Zone Rep; Linda Ellis – Alternate.
- Southwest Zone – Jackie White – Zone Rep; Toni Nichols – Alternate.
- West Zone – Dion Keeton – Zone Rep; Lance Miller – Alternate.

-Last week of September into October = World Championships. July 24-28 = Senior Meet - same time as National JO's.

-Diversity & Leadership – New Chair

- Men's team will have 2 women coaches.
- LGBT – Thinking of ways to support these athletes.

-National Youth Track Coaches Association:

- 80 members in attendance.
- Ron Jackson and Sam Smith = no longer with us.
- Sat with the National Youth Chair of AAU.
 - Offered them a membership in this association if they are USATF members.
 - Will offer them 4 zonal awards for their national championship.

- Only 3 zonal awards issued / coach of the year.
 - James Smith – West Zone
 - Kevin Foster – South Zone
 - Doug McClure – Midwest Zone
 - Need more coaches nominated. All zones should be awarded.
- Will give 5 coaching enhancement grants...level 1.
- Members received writing pens.
- Coaches Advisory Elections: same except for new secretary (Richard Marcode)
- Youth Advisory Council Meeting – reestablish what this committee is for.
- Coaches Advisory – Coaches Mentoring Network
 - Online – will be implemented.
 - Local/Regional/National
 - Anyone can be mentors

-Coaches Advisory / Coaching Education:

- Come up with a standard to be on the coaches registry.
- It is a start...can/will be changed.

-If you want your team coaches to have credentials for national meets, list them with your club memberships. Money from gate entries goes to the LOC...not nationals.

-Calendar Report – see handout.

- 4 people from USATF / 4 people from AAU – started in 2010.
- Let them know if you see any conflicts. There should be no conflicts between the two organizations.

-2016 to 2017 there was an increase of 3% with memberships. Continue to try to increase memberships.

-Get more athletes to regionals and nationals. The highest national meet was in 2017 with around 2,400 athletes.