

Presidents Report from the 2018 USATF Annual Meeting.

SafeSport:

-On January 3, 2018, nearly unanimously, Congress passed "Protecting Young Victims from Sexual Abuse and Safe Sport Authorization Act of 2017." President Trump signed the bill into law on February 14, 2018. The new federal legislation mandates certain protections for young athletes, especially in cases of sexual abuse accusations.

-USATF has a three step procedure to help insure our athletes are protected from predator abuse.

To be a club coach/volunteer for a USATF Nebraska sponsored club, you have to:

1. become a member of USATF
2. pass a background check
3. be SafeSport approved; watch the SafeSport video and pass an information test

-Implications for USATF Nebraska Clubs

1. All volunteers working directly with children at club practices have to be SafeSport approved.
2. Occasional volunteers at Association Championships have to present a photo ID and sign a SafeSport Waiver.
3. Volunteers at club meets do not have to be SafeSport approved.

-Information to digest in this "new age" of protecting our children from abuse.

1. Only four percent (4%) of abuse perpetrators are the "Stranger Danger" characters, ninety-six percent (96%) are someone you know and trust, someone who looks and acts like you; relative, friend, neighbor, coach, teacher, priest/minister, daycare worker.
2. Grooming begins with the adults, then moves to the children. The perpetrator first works to earn the trust of adults responsible for the care and safety of the victim.

Coaches Registry:

-The Coaches Registry is a list of USATF coaches who have attained a minimum level of coaching education. Club coaches do not need to be on this list in order to coach. The advantages of being on the Registry are free entry at Regional and National meets, and access to coaching areas at these meets.

Region 8 Track & Field Championships

- 2019 Fargo, ND
- 2020 Nebraska

PARA ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

The Paralympics have always been a stand-alone entity, much like the deaf and hard of hearing community or Special Olympics. However, there is a push by the para athletes to be included with USATF. In order to "introduce" themselves to the USATF community they asked to be able to hold workshops at the Annual meeting. With this being granted, , a small select group of people attended two workshops at this year's annual meeting to engage, learn, promote and educate attendees. The para community along with interested attendees sat in two workshops to create the Para athletes sport committee's mission statement, vision statement and determined the committee's core values. I attended both of these workshops as well as the workshop on officiating Paralympics.

There is a need for more Paralympic officials in USATF. There was a course given in one of the breakout meetings. The course is a PowerPoint presentation which gives a link to the open book test (25 questions). You may take this test on your own, as long as you are at least an active Association level official. The link to the PowerPoint is: http://www.atfusa.org/OFFICIALS/2017_2020/Officials%20Training_2017-2020-%20Version6_6.pdf (the test link is on slide #61).

Following is the Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Core Values:

MISSION STATEMENT FOR THE PARA ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Promote awareness, provide education and opportunities by fostering an inclusive environment for Para athletes.

VISION STATEMENT

Increased opportunities in achieving athletic excellence for Para Athletes

VALUES

Integrity, Respect, Collaboration and Advocacy
Track and Field for EVERYone.

Respectfully submitted:

Suzie Pierce

Nebraska Association Secretary

2018 Annual Meeting Attendee/Delegate

USATF Convention – November 2018, Columbus OH

I attended the officials meetings – below are the highlights:

Law and Legislation – this was an off-year so there was not really anything to change this year. The Board of Directors is focusing on making sure that bylaws are not changed on a whim because of anyone's personal agenda.

Also discussed regulation 21 on grievances – bottom line is that all associations need to make sure that they have a clear grievance policy.

Officials Training – they have created officials training videos to be stored in an online library for all to use. Videos will range from introductory lessons, to refresher courses to advanced training. The project is pending approval from the USATF attorneys regarding licensing and branding (and has been pending for about 2 years). If the process is delayed too much longer, they may remove branding and just upload them to Youtube..

Also new in this area is the proposal of safety training for all officials. It will become part of the certification process and done similarly to the safe sport training.

Quick reference guide (QFG) flip books were handed out. The pdf's are online as well for associations to have copied at their own expense if they choose.

Para – Athletics – all states should have officials take the online training and be prepared and knowledgeable as associations and meets become more inclusive.

Testing – Rules review and testing is going to move to be online rather than using a paper test. Paper will still be available for those who choose it. Tests up to Masters level will be autoscored and sent to certification chairs. Master level tests will have some questions that cert. chairs will have to manually check and approve. Process should be ready by July 2020.

Rules – no big changes this year, just a few to help align with NSAA. New rules books will be out in March.

Other info: They are assigning national meets. Average age of officials participating is 61.2, which is 2 years younger than a year ago. They are working on developing consistencies at all levels for officials (Pay, rules, etc).

Officials have submitted a proposal to have a separate website from USATF so that they can upload their own info quicker and have more control over the officials database.

Respectfully submitted – Molly Lloyd

2018 Annual Convention Men's & Women's Track and Field Report

The largest area of change to Men's & Women's Track and Field is to the IAAF ranking system for athletes to qualify for world and Olympic competition.

<https://worldrankings-staging.aws.iaaf.org/world-ranking-rules/basics> This link provides insight into how the rankings are now devised.

Since the 2018 Annual convention, there has been considerable push back to the IAAF, that the ranking system is not equitable in how points are awarded to meets. The USA's argument is that the NCAA Division DI Championship meet regularly produces exceptional marks more so that marks from meets in a host of countries outside the United States borders. The problem is that under the current IAAF ranking system, an athlete would be given fewer total points with the same mark at the NCAA D1 championships versus the total points given for the same exact mark at a country's national championship meet. The USA athletes' opinion is that the proposed IAAF system will need adjustments to be equitable. The goal of the new system is to reward athletes that compete at a high level of competition at several meets of high caliber versus an athlete that has one outstanding mark at a lower caliber meet.

In 2018 the IAAF dissolved all 15 committees to centralize their system. The current IAAF model now has four committees. The author believes that the IAAF will end up with 5-6 mainline committees before 2020.

Additional funding was announced at the annual meeting for Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier 3 and Post college athletes from USATF. In addition, Rose Monday reported in Women's Track and Field that Tier 1 level women athletes will receive USATF support through pregnancy and the follow year after pregnancy.

IAAF 2019 world standards for DOHA

<https://www.athleticsweekly.com/news/iaaf-announces-qualifying-standards-for-doha-2019-world-championships-1039919293/>

USA outdoor championships will be held in Des Moines Iowa July 25-28th. Generally, this meet is held 4-5 weeks earlier. The reason that the 2019 championships are late summer is to accommodate the late start date for the DOHA world championship meet. For more information the this years USA outdoor championship please go to:

<http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2019/USATF-Outdoor-Championships.aspx>

Sincerely

Jim Clark USATF Nebraska Treasurer
2018 Annual Convention
Men's & Women's Track and Field Delegate

Masters Track & Field Report From The National Convention – Columbus, Ohio

Meeting started with David the USATF lawyer talking about the case with Vin's suspension.

Karen Krsak and Chris Pascoe gave their speeches for why they should be elected to the board.

Willie Banks and Stephanie Hightower gave their pitches to be elected to the IAAF board.

Winston Salam, NC gave their report on upcoming indoor national meet.

Ames, IA gave a report on hosting the masters outdoor championships.

Elected Carrol Deweese as MTF rep and selected 5 alternates also.

Discussed 9 new rules items and voted to pass, vote down, or table them.

Took bid from The Armory in NY to host next years national indoor meet for masters. Passed as they were the only bid.

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Discussed a task force for a Code of Conduct to rule on clubs.

In all, 3 general meetings that lasted a total of 7 hours.

100% of masters delegates voted on elections.

Board noted that Max gave masters \$300,000 and Aretha of USATF uniforms gave another \$350,000 to masters for new uniforms.

Sincerely;

Bill Scarborough
Maters Rep for NE



USATF Nebraska Secretary <secretary@nebraska.usatf.org>

Convention

1 message

Marc Cizek <mcize@aol.com>
To: secretary@nebraska.usatf.org

Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 12:14 PM

Law and Legislation

Report

This was the "off" year for L&L at convention, however the Committee did convene to handle a very confidential matter regarding a high level executive's actions and accusations. We were advised by our Chair Judge Jim Murphy that the material covered was under the strictest secrecy and NOT to be discussed outside of the Committee. I was assigned as a voting member by the Youth Chair and empaneled by the L&L Chair. There also was some corrective verbiage inserted on some documents that will effect procedures in the future, but voting approval has to wait till the data is presented to the voting quorum at next years convention. I also represented the Youth Committee as the National representative to the Officials committee and attended several meetings there.

Respectfully submitted

Marc Cizek

Sent from Marc's iPhone

Accreditation

Nine Standards:

- Individual Members (National Database)
- Organizational Members (National Database)
- Sanctions (National Database)
- Championships (Submitted by Association)
(Race Schedules for sanctioned events)
- Officials (National Database)
- Fiscal Solvency (Submitted by Association)
(Bank statements)
- Communications (Reviewed by Regional Reps)
- Association Documents (Submitted by Association)
 - * Articles of Incorporation
 - * Bylaws
 - * Form 990
 - * Association's Last year's annual minutes
- Representation (National Database)

Accreditation Dates 2019 - Process and dates

- 1/7/2019 - Online portal for uploading is available to Associations
- 1/31/2019 - Items from Associations due to Accreditation Subcommittee
- 2/28/2019 - Preliminary 2018 statistics sent electronically to all Associations for review
- 3/25/2019 - All questions/changes from Associations should be submitted to Accreditation Subcommittee
- 4/1/2019 - Official 2018 Statistics sent to all Associations and Regional Reps electronically
- 7/1/2019 - All required PFIs due to Accreditation Subcommittee
- 7/1- 31/2019 - Accreditation Subcommittee reviews PFIs
- 8/1/2019 - Accreditation Subcommittee reviews status of all deficiencies
- 9/1/2019 - Updated Accreditation letters with accreditation level assigned sent to all Associations and Regional Reps electronically
- 11/15/2019 - Update on PFIs due
- 12/4- 12/8/2019 - Annual Meeting - all Accreditation information reviewed by Subcommittee

Changes being implemented this year

1. Officials and Representation criteria changed in 2017 to progressive population based standard only criteria
2. Two "Newsletters" to membership documented with Accreditations (Newsletter may be issued via email or put on the website as one document available to all members.)
3. Year over year review of PFI's to document improvement (may be considered for future requirement)

Championships - When a meet director sanctions a championship meet, make sure they check the box (it makes it easier to track on the calendar) All Championships must conform to USATF requirements

Officials – Keep an eye on the number of fully certified officials (they are the only ones that count) so make sure that the Officials are maintaining their memberships, current background check, and SafeSport



USATF Nebraska Secretary <secretary@nebraska.usatf.org>

Convention report

1 message

TammyRa' Jackson <trjtalented1@gmail.com>

Mon, Dec 31, 2018 at 7:40 PM

To: USATF Nebraska Secretary <secretary@nebraska.usatf.org>, Scot Rainbolt <cornhuskerflyers@gmail.com>

Suzie and Scot

Happy Holidays. Here is my report.

Zonal Rep. Report

2018 USATF ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

USATF Youth & Outreach Seminar

Meeting started at 8:28

Safe Sports

Opening by Tricia Meyers

Federal Legislation S.534

Mandatory Reporting 226 of Victims of Sexual Abuse Act of 1990

Everyone is mandated to create policy and follow.

Coaches are the most likely to commit a predator act.

Parents and athletes need to become aware. (ie Stranger Danger)

Thursday, November 29, 2018

Insurance and Safe Sport

Review of USATF Sanctioned Event Liability

Recruitment for Student Athletes

Allin Award info

Please visit www.usatf-allin.com

USATF IT Program

Functional Improvement

Athletic.net Presentation

Review of Team Management

AthleticLive

Review of Mission & Background

Presentation

General Session

Introductions

Acceptance of minutes

Vice a Chair of Administration elected

Rules Review

Speakers from Championship

*Coaches Association meeting

Change in Level 1 (2013 or later) it will count

Any Coach that has worked International meets they count

What are the benefits to being on the Coaches Registry?

This is listed on the website.

Discounts for premiere seminar and programs

Friday, November 30th

I. Officials Meeting

Reading and approval of 2017 meeting minutes

*Para Athletics speaker

Review rules and issue when necessary. (updated rules)
Need to get more officials certified in para. Send invitation out with info.
Email will go out with schedule and should be posted.

Chair reports

More electronic technology
Online training
Young Officials Grants and training (40 and under)
Referee Shadows program
Implement Inspector
Quick reference guides
PDF online and available.
14-17 year old Officials Program
Selection of Officials were made for all Championships

*Awards

*NCAA Officials Championship Coordinator
Selections have been made.

*Certifications

5467 approx. Certified Officials
EDM Certification
Contact Scott Rose
Joe Barrows.

*Elections

*Discussion of Committees and Sub-Committees
Safety Sub-Committee

II. Safe Sport for Associations

What is it and when was it created.

Officials what do you need? This will be on the USATF homepage.

*Youth Meeting

Nominations for awards. Voting will take place later today.

Presentations from Tallahassee and Kentucky for the 2020 USATF National Cross Country Championship bids.
Kentucky was awarded the meet.

*2018 Pending Youth Records

Paper passed out.
One missing and he was written in.

*IAAF candidates gave speech.

Winner of Frank Sevean - Barbara Smith
Winner of Bill Hargrove - North Carolina

Update on Drug & Health Issues for Athletes Report
by Alma Jan Price

Sub-Committee Reports
Associations

Wisconsin Association gave report about 2019 Cross country meet

Saturday, December 1, 2018

*Voting

*Breakfast and Awards

Coaches Education

New Coaches Education Requirement

Starting 1/1/2019 all coaches will have to do education standard

Two paths to get certified.

Path 1 - Level 1 if you took level 1 after 2013 your good

Learn by doing clinic

NFHS online course

Coaches will need to be on Registry to get into meets.

Path 2

International Coaches Staff

Part of any of the big 3

Elite tech coach

Hall of fame coach

Coach of the Year

Natl. head or asst. for NCAA, NAIA

10 year scholastic coach

Get the level 1 Grant for females

Apply for grant after 1/1/2019

Process 2/1/2019

Must be on coaches registry.

Youth coaches Association member and/or NFHS

Q&A

*2019 Youth Indoor Nationals at Ocean Breeze update

March 15-17, 2019

Youth meet 2/22-24, 2019 Qualifier.

*Youth Records - revisions made

Send the records in!!!

* Standards John Martin

Handouts

2019 Youth Outdoor Performance Guidelines

2019 Junior Olympic Combined Events Performance Standards

*Officials meeting

14 certified instructors to have clinics

Class for para Olympics - online

Certification of Officials up 19%

Junior Officials 14-17

*Division Updates

Hershey update - Youth Indoor Nationals

2703 participants - 2017

2731 participants - 2018

Number of events per athlete 1.4 to 1.99

Boys & Girls 9-10 to 13-14 double and or tripled in events

Limitation on entries and or groups

2018 Junior Olympic Greensboro

8881 participants

To request a break down contact Quentin by email

Qwilson@verizon.net

*The vote for Youth Chair on the executive board had to be redone due to numbers (63 signed in and there was 76 votes) all electronic.

Explanation of the re-vote

*Mens Track and field

No World championship this year

USATF Outdoor Championship same as Youth

New electronic start same as IAAF uses, will be used at all championship. Youth has an exception.

Juniors/High school focus group. Has taken a stands and following the top ten athlete that will be invited to the U20.

*Calendars

Calendar expires 2018 and there will be a meeting for USATF/AAU

*Mens/Women's Track & Field

IAAF ranking system

Placed not only at meet, but type of event.

Comes out Second week of December.

*Women's committee

Team selection and verifications

Coaches to be groomed

Tier athlete

Concerns of selection of Coaches - more females international teams

Standards for teams

U20 July 7-12, 2019. Maybe a conflict with New Balance

*Rules update

Can be found in the document library

*National Office Report

Asking people to vote

*Youth Chair Awards

Conclusion.

December 2, 2018

*Closing Ceremony

Thank you,

TammyRa'

Midwest Zone Representative