

## Youth Report 2022 - Bonnie Cizek Youth Chair

The 2021 Cross Country season saw 6 meets, 3 hosted by 402, one by Lincoln Community, Lincoln Youth, and West Omaha. USATF Championships were held at Walnut Grove Park hosted by the Cornhusker Flyers. The National meet was held in Paris, Kentucky. 31 Athletes from the NE association attended with 4 placing in the top 20.

The Awards presentation ceremony was held at Millard North High School, thanks to Monte Sheef, on March 13th, Sunday. Most attendees liked the format. Hopefully we can do that same type of awards presentation without having a banquet. Some people thought the awards were becoming old fashioned so were going to check into another venue for making the awards.

2022 Youth track and field season began on April 24th hosted by Cornhusker flyers. Other successful meets were held by Peak Performance, Wings of Omaha, West Omaha, Boys and Girls clubs (Jaguars) Apollo and Wahoo and North Omaha Bengals. Association meet had 23 teams, 694 athletes and 1,686 Entries. It was held at Millard South. (Multi's at Millard West.) Stipends were given to clubs to help run an event and it worked out well.

2022 Youth outdoor championships were held in New York at Ichan Stadium. 9 Nebraska athletes placed in the top 13 with two national champions and 2 second placers. I would encourage athletes to attend this meet. It is a bit smaller than Junior Olympics and your athletes could experience more success in a less crowded venue.

2022 Junior Olympics championships were in Sacramento, CAL. We had a total of 81 athletes from the NE Association. 29 placed 1-8 and one association record was set by Jaylen Lloyd from Boys and Girls club of Midlands. 7.74 meters (25'04 ") in the Long Jump.

I wrote and received a \$5,000 Grow to impact grant to pay again for timing and to host 4 Sundae Sundays throughout Nebraska to invite potential athletes to join track clubs and encourage membership in the organization.

I want to thank all of the club coaches, parents, and officials for giving their time, effort, and energy to coach these athletes and giving them the opportunity to compete. Without all of you, we wouldn't have the Nebraska Association USATF!