

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, and their mark is not surpassed by a different athlete/relay during the same season, 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 current USATF track & field season:
 - a. Breaks or ties an existing Nebraska Association event record
 - b. National Junior Olympics medalist
 - c. National Youth Outdoor medalist
 - d. Region 8 Junior Olympics champion
 - e. Association Junior Olympics 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 current USATF cross country season:
 - a. National Junior Olympics medalist
 - b. Region 8 Junior Olympics champion (if contested)
 - c. Association Junior Olympics champion