



### USA Olympic Team Trials 2021

USA Track and Field has rescheduled its Olympic trials for June 18-27, 2021, at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

### USA Paralympic Team Trials 2021

Rescheduled dates and locations are yet to be determined.

### World Athletics Championships Oregon22

The World Championships has also been rescheduled for July 15-24 2020. Track Town will be the host of the meet. 190 + countries will be represented at the World Championships.

### USATF Master Outdoor Championships

The last event left on the schedule has now been canceled for 2020.

#### Dates to Remember:

September 26 Certification Meeting Notre Dame

#### Links:

Indiana Officials  
USATF  
Indiana Gear:  
USATF.org  
Indiana.usatf.org  
NCAA.org/playing-rules  
Best Practices  
USATF Rule Book  
NCAA Rule Book  
Paralympic Rule Book

**Mike's Laps-** Good Day to you all. As the days' wear on without meets, sometimes it hard to get motivated. Well, motivation has reared its head...USATF Connect. With the change of the USATF.org "mother ship" ...we all have to reconnect to move our current information over to the new site. Dick Boyd has included in this issue of the monthly newsletter the process for reconnecting. Please take the time to log in, fill out your profile information, check through the information that was transferred, (especially your Background check and SafeSport certification) to make sure that all of your information is correct. I still have not figured out all of the list and table buttons to create list and the like, but I can go in and check your information as a certification chair. The process and getting around on the site is going to take some time to get use to...but I am working to be able to produce our usual needed lists of dates and membership expirations, etc.

**If you have not done so yet...set-up your new profile and get your information loaded.** Originally, USATF indicated that they will send you an email of when to log onto the new site. Please do not wait for the email and proceed to log on. I am trying to get answers to the questions that you have sent and slowly but surely we are getting through this "speed bump" on the road to compliance. The sooner your information is in...the sooner that I can check it to make sure there are no mistakes or problems with your certification.

Also in this newsletter is the announcement that all of our Association meets are cancelled.

Stay safe and stay healthy and I will see you on the Cross Country circuit come this fall.

Mike

**Association Meets Canceled.** Another result of this pandemic will be the cancellation of this year's Association meets along with the regional meet. With the closure of campuses throughout the state, athletes not having a place to practice, the Hershey Junior Olympics being canceled and the unknown policies from the state this difficult decision was made. It is unknown at this time whether the region meet will be held in Indiana or Illinois.

Visit **the Indiana Track & Field & Cross Country Hall of Fame Museum**. Terre Haute. One Great Experience. Visit their website at by clicking HOF.

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If you would like to learn more about becoming certified to officiate Paralympic Track and Field events following the following link: Click

<http://www.usatf.org/usatf/files/7b/7b7884d5-9712-4e90-9c70-add9a9ea813f.pdf>



**Torrent Rain Jacket**  
\$55.95  
**Rain Pants Black** \$55.00

**NCAA Rule of the Month:** Are hats/caps allowed to be worn during a competition? The rule book states that athletes must wear school issued uniform and a hat would not be issued as part of the uniform. Items on the head, hands and feet do not fall under rule 4-3.1 and 4-3.2, therefore head coverings are allowed

**USATF Rule of the Month: Receiving physical support from an official or other person designated by the Games Committee to recover to a standing position or to access medical assistance is not considered illegal aid.**

**NFHS Rule of the Month:** “Due to the cancellation of most spring sports seasons at high schools across the country, as well as the financial hardships many of our state associations are experiencing, the NFHS has made the decision not to publish rules publications for the spring of 2021. Specifically, the NFHS will not print rules publications in the sports of baseball, softball, track and field, girl’s and boy’s lacrosse. Competition for these sports in the spring of 2021 will be administered and officiated utilizing the 2020 rules publications. There are, however, two exceptions, the NFHS Baseball Umpires Manual and the NFHS Track & Field/Cross Country Officials Manual. These two-year publications will be published, printed and available for purchase.

9. Once you complete the training you will be issued a PDF certificate. Please save this certificate for your records. Click the “X” button once you are finished.

SafeSport training is completely free to USATF members using your USATF member number and will take roughly 90 minutes to complete. A *SafeSport Trained* PDF will be available for download once you complete the training, and your USATF membership profile will be automatically updated to reflect your new training date.

## What is USATF Connect?

USATF is in the final steps of updating their web site. A part of that is call USATF Connect. Essentially what it is how your profile is going to be stored on the USATF database. Every member of USATF must help transfer the data over to the new system. Below is the process to do that.

Everything that you would need to know about your official’s profile will be kept here. Data such as your certifications, SafeSport, background check, the picture used for your credentials, etc. USATF National Evaluations will eventually be stored in this location as well. You will be able to update your email, picture, address, phone, etc. Another good thing about USATF Connect is that you won’t have to remember your membership number to login. You will be able to do that with the use of your email once it is setup. Memberships will be renewed here and you have the opportunity to select automatic renewal. A lot of good things will be available for us.

Process you need to follow:

Visit the new site at <https://usatf.sport80.com/login>. To get set up, on the right hand side of the screen just below the “Sign Up” button, click on “Recover Account from Previous System?”. If you don’t remember your password contact “[membership@usatf.org](mailto:membership@usatf.org)” to let them know they need a password reset for the new system.

A video to help through the process can be found at <https://vimeopro.com/user44435707/usatf-connect-member-tutorials/video/407603944>.

## USATF SafeSport Online Training Steps From Roger Burbage USATF Vice-Chair Certification

1. Log in to [USATF Connect](#) using your email address and password.
  1. *\*Note: If you have one or more accounts linked to your USATF Connect profile, please select your personal account.*
2. Click “View” on your profile card.
3. Select “Center for SafeSport Training” in the menu to the left.
4. Click on the blue “Add Center for SafeSport Training” button.
5. Here you will see the training course options. Select the type of training you wish to complete (please note, you will not be able to add any of the Refresher courses until your Core training is completed).
6. Once you have added the appropriate course, you will see a pop-up box with additional information to review. Click the “Add” button at the bottom of the screen.
7. Once you click “Add”, you will see a pop-up window with a link to click to begin the course.
  1. Click the “Start Training” option in the pop-up window.
8. You will enter the SafeSport training program where you will complete the training.
  1. The course(s) will remain in a “Pending Approval” status until you complete the training. You may start a course, stop, logout and come back to your account to complete at any time.

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## Plan Ahead

2021 USATF Masters Indoor Championships  
The Armory  
New York, New York  
March 19-21, 2021

2021 WMA Indoor Championships  
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
April 6-13, 2021

2021 USATF Masters Outdoor Championships  
Sacramento State University  
Sacramento, California  
July 15-18, 2021

2021 NCCMA Outdoor Championships  
Exact Location TBA  
Spokane, Washington  
July 29 – August 1, 2021

2021 National Senior Games  
Ansin Track Complex  
Miramar, Florida  
November 5-11, 2021

2022 USATF Masters Indoor Championships  
Spokane, Washington  
March 18-20, 2022

2022 USATF Masters Outdoor Championships  
University of Kentucky  
Lexington, Kentucky  
July 14-17, 2022

2022 WMA Outdoor Championships  
Gothenburg, Sweden  
August 17-27, 2022

## ***USATF Masters Track and Field Adds 25-29 Age Group***

At the USATF Annual Meeting in Reno last December, the MTF Committee agreed to amendments and other changes to the Committee's Operating Procedures. Among them was the addition of a 25-29 age group to our Indoor and Outdoor Championships as well as the Indoor and Outdoor Combined Events Championships and the Throws Championships. The idea for this change was originally raised at the 2017 USATF Annual Meeting.

Research by Vice Chair Robert Thomas revealed that there are over 600,000 athletes participating countrywide in track and field athletes at the high school level. There are 28,000 at the NCAA Divisions 1, 2, and 3 levels, and another 7,150 in the NAIA. Looking at those high school numbers and subtracting the college athletes, there are 564,846 athletes who once participated in the sport but no longer do.

We, at the Masters level, have a good chance of keeping such athletes involved. We can offer them something to train for and look forward to once they come of age to participate in our events. These athletes are also the ones to look to as we seek to replenish our dwindling officials and coaching ranks.

An examination of participation in masters track & field reveals that generally numbers are down at both the regional and national levels. There are notable exceptions at recent Combined Events and Throws Championships, but overall fewer athletes currently participate in the age 30-39 divisions than 20 years ago. Therefore, the MTF Executive Committee recommended the change to the Operating Procedures in Reno and it was adopted. The expectation is that numbers in the 25-29 age group initially will be quite small, but the hope is that they, along with numbers in the 30-34 age group, will grow over time, injecting new life into our sport.

The following documents are new to [Best Practices Library](#):

**Horizontals** – Wind Gauge Setup & Operations

**Starting** – Start Information System

**Throws** – Javelin Warm-up Procedures

**Umpiring** - Head Official Protocols

The following documents in the [Best Practices Library](#) were recently updated.

**Clerking** – Head Official Protocols

**High Jump** – Head Official Protocols

**Pole Vault** - Pole Vault Officials Duties; Pit Boss Reference Card; Head Official Protocols; Event Preparations

**Throws** – Throws Officials Duties; Throws Officials Assignment Sheet