



Mask Up

Dates to Remember:
September 26 Certification Meeting Notre Dame
Canceled

Links:

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

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

Mike's Laps- No meets to go to...I have cleaned out my Track Box 32 times in the last 4 months...Just got word from IU that the Cross Country meets are cancelled for the CC season...BUT...this is a busy time for Certification Chairs ...5 months before the NEW Olympiad (2021-2024). By now you should have connected to USATF CONNECT and have completed all of your information to get you up-to-date. If you haven't...contact me as so as practical. A couple of Memberships out to renew...a couple of background checks...and a couple of SafeSports to be completed. Let's wrap those up so we can start afresh with the New Olympiad. Many of us...about 85%...have our memberships up on 12/31/2020. Check your profile on the Connect site to verify your renewal date. I will be getting information out to you in a couple of months to remind you of this date. Why so early? I have found that about 80% of you complete tasks within a month or so and some of you take 3-4 months to respond. Just trying to keep our Indiana Officials up-to-date. My guess is that we will hopefully see meets return in January 2021. I want us to be ready and complete before that time so we leave no one standing at the train station when the train pulls out. We have upcoming elections, clinics, rules reviews coming up starting in September 2020. We are working on ways to make that happen...maybe, Zoom...maybe Google Meeting...maybe in person. Who knows at this time? I do want to mention that all of the officer positions within the Association are open seats. President, VP, Sec, Treasurer are all open. If you have any interest in running for any of these offices...Please contact me and I can give you needed information that you may require. We need you to help keep the Association going in the positive manner. Think about it.

Mike

Rules Review and Clinic for the new Olympiad.

The pandemic has not affected the planned presentations of the rules review and clinic for the new Olympiad. Many changes have been occurring such as masks, social distancing and washing your hands. Many universities are now limiting visitors on campus. Thus the cancelation of the Notre Dame clinic. The plans are now to do the rules review and clinic virtually. Look for more about this to come out in the near future.

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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: The use of technology to view video during track and field competitions has been approved by the NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee, among the new rule changes, but yet to be posted. Competitors could view the video with their coaches provided they did so in a specific area designated by meet management. The area would have to be in a location that does not interfere with other ongoing competition. If video is viewed outside of the designated area, it would result in a warning, and a second violation would result in a disqualification for the coach and competitor. The NCAA has also adopted a run back. I have not seen the wording on this yet.

USATF Rule of the Month: USATF has a yearly concentration of either Rule or L&L. Even number years the concentration is on rules. With that being said 2020 is a rules year. 2020 is a year to consider Competition Rule Amendments. The procedure for submitting these amendment is set forth in Article 21-E. Please send your ideas for amendments to Mike or Dick. We will review them and submit them to the Rules Committee. The **deadline to submit proposed rule changes** to be considered by the USATF Rules Committee is Tuesday, September 1, 2020. Keep in mind that procedures could change because of current conditions.

NFHS Rule of the Month: 6-2-3-b-4 Breaking a tie for first. If the tie remains after applying (1) and (2) and: (a) It concerns first place, the competitors tying shall make one more attempt at the height at which they failed. If no decision is reached, the shall be lowered in increments of 1 inch (2 cm) in the high jump and 3 inches (7 cm) in the pole vault. The change is the metric equivalent may be used. **Editorial comment: Keep in mind that the pole vault increment is not the same as college or USATF. Also, metrics can be used to measure in high school. It is a misconception that measurements could only be done in imperial. This would be a games committee or referee's decision.**

SafeSport Update:

Members who are required to complete SafeSport training will receive an email notification in advance of their SafeSport training expiring. **If you receive these email notifications, please make sure you are renewing your SafeSport training directly on USATF Connect** by [following these instructions](#). Since the launch of USATF Connect, members no longer need to access safesport.org to renew their training. Training must be completed on USATF Connect. If you have recently renewed your training on safesport.org and don't see your training posted to your USATF Connect account, please reach out to USATF using the Support feature on USATF Connect.

Being USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant is the best way to ensure you're able to participate in various roles including as a coach, official, or volunteer with USATF. Being USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliant means having:

1. A current USATF [membership](#)
2. A current USATF [background screen](#) (valid for two years)
3. Current [SafeSport training](#) (renewed annually, must be completed within the past 365 days)

To view USATF's recent communication on how to track your USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliance within USATF Connect, please [click here](#).

Resources and Opportunities from the U.S. Center for SafeSport

- **COVID-19 Resources:** The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all our daily lives, particularly in the sports community. Online communication through messaging and email apps is a safety risk, so be sure to read the Center's online safety guides below geared towards keeping your athlete safe during this challenging time.

[Full Safety Guide](#)
[Guide for Parents](#)
[Guide for Coaches](#)
[Guide for Athletes](#)

Related information: access USATF's [COVID-19 resources here](#).

- **Podcasts:** The U.S. Center for SafeSport has a variety of [monthly podcasts](#) that include valuable information, shareable tips and helpful resources on how to keep our sport safe. Whether you're a parent, athlete, or coach, you can find the podcast that fits your needs.

Report a SafeSport Concern

Participant health and safety is of paramount importance and is something that USATF takes very seriously. As always, you should report any instances of sexual misconduct to the U.S. Center for SafeSport via their online reporting form [here](#). Please report misconduct relating to bullying, hazing, harassment, and physical or emotional misconduct to USATF via our online reporting form [here](#), by emailing safesport@usatf.org, or by calling (317) 713-4688.

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Upgrade Levels for USATF Indiana Officials 7/27/2020

- 1. All Officials need the three-step NOC certification** (Background Check/SafeSport/Membership) and Officials Dues Paid.
- 2. Apprentice to Association**
 - a. Have been an Apprentice Level for 2 years
 - b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
 - i. Combination of minimum of 8 meets which are from the following: USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA in the 2 years. Official Coordinators for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
 - ii. Minimum of 4 Association meets in 2 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.
 - c. Work as many different areas as possible to find an area you like to specialize in
 - d. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual meeting per year
 - e. Submit positive written recommendations from 1 Master or 1 National Official
 - f. Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More
- 3. Association to National or to Maintain National Level**
 - a. Have been an Association Level for 2 years or if maintaining a current National Level Officials Certification
 - b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
 - i. Combination of minimum of 10 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA over the 4 year Olympiad. Official Coordinators for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
 - ii. Minimum of 2 meets must be outside of the Indiana Association over the Olympiad
 - iii. Minimum of 8 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.
 - c. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
 - d. Submit 2 positive recommendations from either National or Master Level Officials plus names of 3-5 officials who have worked with you in meets that are on your resume submitted to the Certification Chair.

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- e. Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More

4. National to Master

- a. Have been National Level for 2 years
- b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
 - i. Combination of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad. Official Coordinator's for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
 - ii. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
 - iii. Minimum of 10 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois or a USATF Championship.
- c. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
- d. Have served as a head in your defined specialty in either the Indiana Association Meets, Region VII Meets, National Meet or NCAA/NAIA Conference Meet
- e. Pass the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or more
- f. Submit 3 positive recommendations from Master Level Officials of which at least 1 is from outside the Indiana Association. Also submit the names of 5 officials that you have worked with in meets that are on your resume.

5. Maintaining Master Level

- a. Work minimum of 1 National Championship per Olympiad or 4 NCAA or NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana
- b. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
- c. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
 - i. Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.
 - ii. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
 - iii. Minimum of 10 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.
- d. Passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or better

- 6. **The Officials Committee reserves the right to approve an officials request for an upgrade under extenuating circumstances.**

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USATFIN Advancement Checklist – March 17, 2020 2021-2024 Olympiad

Check off	#	Criteria	Date Completed
	1.	All Officials need the three-step certification. Background check/SafeSport/Membership	
	a.	Background Check	
	b.	SafeSport	
	c.	USATF MEMBERSHIP Paid	
	d.	USATF INDIANA OFFICIAL DUES Paid	
	2	Apprentice to Association Advancement	
	a.	Have been Apprentice Level for 2 years	
	b.	Minimum number of meets to upgrade.	
	i.	Combination of minimum of 8 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. College and Universities coaches see Addendum #2.	
	ii.	Minimum of 4 Association meet in 2 years selected from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association, Cross Country or Region VII meet.	
	c.	Work as many different areas as possible to find an area you like to specialize in	
	d.	Attend minimum 1 Rules review selected from USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, or area Rules Review Clinic per year.	
	e.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.	
	f.	Submit positive written recommendations from 1 Master or 1 National Official	
	3.	Association to National Advancement or Maintaining an already achieved National Level	
	a.	Have been an Association Level for 2 years or if maintaining a current National Level Officials Certification	
	b.	Minimum number of meets to upgrade	
	i.	Combination of minimum of 10 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. College and Universities coaches see Addendum #2	
	ii.	Minimum of 2 meets must be outside the state of Indiana.	
	iii.	Minimum of 8 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association, Cross Country or Region VII meet..	
	c.	Attend a minimum of 1 Rules review selected from USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, or area Rules Review Clinic per year.	
	d.	Submit 2 positive recommendations from either National or Master Level Officials plus names of 3-5 officials who have worked with you in meets that are on your resume submitted to the Certification Chair.	
	e.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.	

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	4.	National to Master Advancement	
	a.	Have been National Level for 2 years	
	b.	Minimum number of meets to upgrade	
	i.	Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA.. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see addendum #1 below. College and Universities coaches see Addendum #2.	
	ii.	Minimum of 10 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association, Cross Country or Region VII meet.	
	c.	Attend a minimum of 1 Rules review selected from USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, or area Rules Review Clinic per year.	
	d.	Have served as a head in your defined specialty in either the Indiana Association Meets, Region VII Meets, National Meet or NCAA/NAIA Conference Meet	
	e.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.	
	f.	Submit 3 positive recommendations from Master Level Officials of which at least 1 is from outside the Indiana Association. Also submit the names of 5 officials that you have worked with in meets that are on your resume.	
	5.	Maintaining Master level	
	a.	Work minimum of 1 National Championship per Olympiad or 4 NCAA or NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana	
	b.	Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year	
	c.	Minimum number of meets to work	
	i.	Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad. Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #1 below. Coaches for Colleges and Universities see Addendum #2 below.	
	ii.	Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad	
	iii.	Minimum of 10 Association meets in 4 years selected from any combination of the following: Indiana Association Master Indoor or Outdoor, Indiana Association Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championships, Indiana Association Youth Cross Country Championship, Indiana Association Master Cross Country Championship (if ran separately), Region VII Youth Outdoor Field and Track Championship or Region VII Youth Cross Country Championships either in Indiana or Illinois.	

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	d.	Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More	
	6.	The Officials Committee reserves the right to approve an officials request for an upgrade under extenuating circumstances.	

Addendum #1 – 7/2020 – Officials Coordinator for Colleges and Universities, or USATF meets, can supplement any meet they have been Appointed to be the Officials Coordinator, and also worked at that same meet, one of the meets n sections.

Addendum #2 – 7/2020 – Coaches that are certified officials, due to the nature of the meet schedules and coaching responsibilities, will find it hard to comply with the minimum number of meets to establish an upgrade resume. However, by officiating the required number of USATF meets you will be able to maintain your current level. To move from apprentice to association level however, would be at the discretion of the Certification Committee.

Notes:

- Taking on more responsibility at Association Meets to develop leadership capabilities on the Association, Local, Regional, National, & International levels is a responsibility that we take serious. The USATF Indiana Officials Committee wants to avail the opportunity to all of its officials to work the different leadership roles to gain valuable experience and knowledge. This includes being event heads, referees, etc. at any meet if needed. A Master level official needs to be able to take control of a crew and manage a cohesive unit of officials that present a safe, positive, rule oriented and successful event and environment to the athletes in attendance.
- At the arrival of the new Olympiad (2021-2024) failure by any Indiana Association Official to have not met the criteria, as stated above, to maintain their current level will be demoted to the previous level of Official's status for the Olympiad (2025-2028). Ex. (Master to National, National to Association, Association to Apprentice, Apprentice to Apprentice.)
- NO Advancements to the next higher official level will be considered until all criteria listed above has been achieved.
- All upgrades and the maintaining of level credentials are reviewed for merit case-by-case by the Certification Committee, who has the authority to approve an officials request for an upgrade under extenuating circumstances.

Appeals – Section 16 USAFT Certification Handbook

In accordance with the NOC's Operating Procedures, any official denied an upgrade under the requirements contained with this document may appeal to the National Vice-Chair of Certification. To begin the appeals process, the individual shall contact the Vice-Chair in writing expressing their desire to appeal and then will be provided instructions sand documentation requirements by the Vice-Chair.

Additionally, an Association Certification Chair may appeal to the National Vice-Chair of Certification in limited and exceptional circumstances for a waiver of any requirement contained herein as they apply to a current or prospective certified official. The authority to waive any requirements in this document shall remain with the National Vice-Chair of Certification, the NOC Chair and/or the NOC Executive Committee.