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Dates to Remember:  
September 20 USATF Indiana Annual Meeting and Elections.

### 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

Congratulations to Mike Trego for his nominations for the James Grey Award. The National Award for Outstanding Leadership.

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

### Mike's Laps-

All of a sudden USATF got busy...wrapping up the Junior Officials Program (JOP) materials of which I am the Co-Chair. We will be soliciting some of you to act as discipline mentors in the near future to help train the JOP's from Indiana. More about that in the future. Congratulations to Dick Boyd who was nominated for the National Horace Crow Award for the Outstanding Field Event Official in the country this year. Good Luck Dick!

In just a couple of weeks we have our Indiana Association Board of Directors and Officers elections. Please consider running for a Board Seat...we need you to help represent the membership of the Association. There are 5 Board seats open. Sunday, September 20, 2020 at Noon – The Bridgewater Club, 3535 E. 161<sup>st</sup> St. Carmel, IN 46033 – Plug into your GPS. Masks will be required and we have ample room for the 6' social distancing requirement. I hope to see you there. All officer positions are open...we need you to attend and vote.

The Rules Review for Certification is now available at the link listed below in Dick's Rules Review article. The other discipline reviews are very close to being produced and made available. We will keep you posted as they are available.

Congratulations to all...we are in the top-five Associations in the country for having our adult membership SafeSport trained.

We are planning our "clinics" for this year...we are not sure what they will look like...but know we will be hosting them statewide.

I hope everyone is safe and healthy...this can't last forever!

Mike

### SafeSport Trained Top-5

SafeSport at USATF encourages *all* members to learn how to recognize and respond to abuse in sport by completing the U.S. Center for SafeSport's SafeSport training. In an effort to encourage the completion of SafeSport trainings, SafeSport at USATF will be highlighting the top-five Associations who have the highest percentage of their adult membership SafeSport trained.\*

Congratulations to these *SafeSport Trained Top-5* Associations: West Virginia, Dakotas, Border Iowa, Indiana

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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**  
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**Rain Pants Black** \$55.00

**NCAA Rule of the Month:** Cross country teams that start at least five runners and have fewer than five runners finish the race will be assigned a team place. Teams that start with at least five runners declare their intent to finish as a team. Incomplete teams would be listed alphabetically in the last position of the official team results as "Did Not Finish." Tiebreaking procedures for incomplete team finishes will not be applied.

Officials are required to be present for all indoor and outdoor field event warmups. Meet management will establish the warmup time. Previously, it was recommended that officials

**USATF Rule of the Month Rule 162 A** competitor, after assuming a full and final set position, shall not commence his/ her start until first receiving the sound of the starting device. Commencement of the start is defined: (a) In races where starting blocks are used, as any motion by a competitor that includes or results in one or both hands losing contact with the ground or one or both feet losing contact with the foot plates of the starting blocks. (b) In races where a standing start is used, as any motion resulting in one or both feet losing contact with the ground not attributable to 'accidental overbalancing'.

**NFHS Rule of the Month:** Rule 8.1.1 The cross country course shall be 2,500 to 5,000 meters (1.5 to 3.1 miles) in length as determined by the meet director or game committee. Measurement shall be along the shortest possible route a runner may take on the prescribed course. The course shall be clearly marked using one of the following: a. boundary lines both inside and outside, natural or artificial boundary markers c. signposts with directional arrows

## Rules Review new Olympiad Is Now Available

**Purpose:** This is NOT A TEST. It's a REVIEW. It's meant to make you familiar with the Rule Book, what's in it and how it's set up. It evaluates your ability to read a rule and correctly interpret it. To save you a significant amount of time, the specific rule numbers are given. Hopefully, after taking the Review, you will feel that you are a much more knowledgeable official.

**Your Certification Level:** Your Certification Level (e.g. Association, Masters, etc.) as well as Your Areas of Competency (e.g. Umpire, Throws, etc.) shouldn't be based on your ability to take an "open book" review. Beginning in 2020, the emphasis will focus on 1) Your Application, 2) Your background, 3) Meets you have attended and worked, 4) Your References, and 5) What your Association requires and what the Association Chair knows about you or has been able to find out. Rules Review applies for T&F, LDR and Combined Events. Indiana Association requirements can be found at the end of the newsletter. For specific questions contact the certification chair Mike Trego, or the certification committee of Stu Goble, Keith Mitchell, Alf Mendel or Dick Boyd.

**Instructions Use:** The Answers and Rule Numbers cited in this Review are based on the 2020 USATF Rule Book, <https://www.usatf.org/governance/rule-books>. Enter your answers on this Rules Review and send it to your Association Certification Chair for scoring. The paper version can be found at this [link](#). If you take the review online,

<https://www.flexiquiz.com/SC/N/2124rulesreview>, instructions will be listed.

If you are interested in special certification, ie EDM, EDR, Implement Inspection, Race Walk let Mike know and he will let you know what needs to be done.

In lieu of Face to Face clinics this year, the clinics may be held either on Zoom or Google Meet. The dates and times have not been determined at this time. More information on this will be coming out shortly. Remember that for maintaining your level or advancing to the next level you must attend a meeting of your choice from the following: USATF Indiana Meeting, Officials Clinic and Awards meeting, USATF Annual Meeting or the New Olympiad Rules Clinic.

## 2020 USATF Indiana Annual Meeting

Sunday, September 20, 2020

Start Time: 12:00 PM

The Bridgewater Club

Carmel, IN

This is a very important meeting. There will be elections to fill 5 board member seats as well as the elections of all officers. You can find the position descriptions in the bylaws under article 10. The bylaws can be found at [Indiana.usatf.org](http://Indiana.usatf.org) under the about tab. If you are interested in running for a board seat or an officer position please let Stu Goble known. Stu heads the election committee.

**Para Update:** Information and updates on USA Paralympics Track and Field can be found at the following website: <https://www.teamusa.org/usparatrackandfield/about-para-track-and-field>

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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
	<b>1.</b>	<b>All Officials need the three-step certification. Background check/SafeSport/Membership</b>	
	a.	Background Check	
	b.	SafeSport	
	c.	USATF MEMBERSHIP Paid	
	d.	USATF INDIANA OFFICIAL DUES Paid	
	<b>2</b>	<b>Apprentice to Association Advancement</b>	
	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	
	<b>3.</b>	<b>Association to National Advancement or Maintaining an already achieved National Level</b>	
	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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	<b>4.</b>	<b>National to Master Advancement</b>	
	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.	
	<b>5.</b>	<b>Maintaining Master level</b>	
	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.