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Dates to Remember:

November 7, USATF Master and JO CC Meet
December 3,4,5,6 Annual Virtually

November 8 7:00 Virtual Rules Review Meeting

November 15 7:00 Virtual Situation Questions for Master and National

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 HOF.

Mike's Laps- The word **laps** seems to be a fine descriptor every November and December in the year of a new Olympiad for Certification Chairs. I just keep circling the oval and there is no right turn to get me off the track!

A word on the JO/Master Association CC Meet on November 7, 2020 at Ceraland Park in Columbus, In. We were limited in the selection of officials to work the meet by a number of Covid 19 restrictions and Public Health Care mandates. I did not send out an all-call for officials for the meet. I did send out a specific form to specific officials. Some of those officials accepted the assignment and some did not, based on their Covid feelings as well as other commitments. I then replaced those officials with other officials who also had to make a concrete decision on whether to attend or not. We did finally settle on 17 officials who did commit to work. I apologize to those of you who wanted to work the meet but were not so assigned. It was basically an executive decision on my part to proceed in the manner that I did.

Again, Covid19 has rained havoc on our schedules and may yet in the future. I sincerely apologize but I did have to make a decision one way or another.

Basic Rules Review, Separate Discipline Rule Reviews, Situational Questions for National/Master level officials, Recertification/Certification, Background Checks, SafeSport, Membership Renewals, New databases to work with, triple the emails with direct notification of officials results...and on and on....I love it! Hang in there with us as we navigate the rapids of process and right the boat on a calm sea! (Do I sound like a sailor?)

New, exciting news...USATF Indiana will be participating in the new Junior Officials Program (JOP) that is launching in January 2021. I will be sending out materials concerning this new program over the next few weeks. We will be looking to train some mentors from our ranks to help work with the 14-17 year old adolescents who sign up for the program. The average age official in the USATF is 59-61 years old. We have to build our ranks to build our legacy. Who will sing your song when you are gone? I can't wait to share this program with you. Mike

It is now the TIME

To maintain your certification every Olympiad we must go through the re-certification process. This process has started even through there are some parts that cannot take place until November. Officials have until March 31, 2021 to become recertified. The NOC encourages everyone to complete your recertification by December 31, 2020.

It has been decided that anyone who became certified for the first time during 2020 will continue to be certified until 2024, as long as your SafeSport and Background check continues to be current.

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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>



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\$55.95
Rain Pants Black \$55.00

NCAA Rule of the Month: Rule 6 Section 1 b. A pass is used to forgo an attempt within the preliminary or final rounds of an event, or at a height, and is not a trial. How do you interpret this? My interpretations if a person passes an attempt they may make the next attempt if desired. Ex long jump passes attempt 1 but takes attempt 2. High jump passes 2nd attempt at a height but takes the 3rd attempt. This is different than USATF.

USATF Rule of the Month This is a rules year for World Athletics and USATF. There are near 100 rules change proposals. These will be decided on at the annual meeting. We will have a Zoom meeting in December to introduce the changes that have been approved.

Rule 185 Take-Off Board

1. It is recommended that the distance between the take-off board and the end of the landing area shall be at least 10 m.
2. The take-off board should be not less than 1m or more than 3m from the landing area.

NFHS Rule of the Month: Rule 5.7.4 Starting violations which constitute a false start include:
a. Failure to comply with the starter's commands. b. having any part of the body in contact with the starting line or running service beyond the line, when the starting device is fired. c. failure to remain motionless after assuming the set position prior to the starting device being fired. d. failure to place starting blocks within the respective competitor's lane. e. repeated use of disconcerting acts.

It is now the Time

Speaking of SafeSport don't forget to stay current you must take the refresher course every year. Many are coming due in November and December be sure to check your USATF connect to see when yours is due and this is also where you will need to go to take the refresher course.

What you need to do to Re-Certify. Here is your Check List

- **You Must Have A USATF Connect Account**
 - This is essential since many of the steps are accessed through your Connect Account. The Officials Committee and in particular Mike has been working hard at making sure everyone has an active Connect Account. [Click Here](#) to establish an account. [Click here](#) to watch a video on how to establish an account. [Click here](#) for a FAQ on Connect. If all else fails, get a hold of Mike.
- **Be sure your USATF Membership is Current.**
 - Check your Connect for your USATF membership renewal date. This should not be done until after November 1, 2020 if possible. Officials only are able to renew for 4 years at a reduced membership cost of \$35 per year down from \$45. Be advised an administrative fee (\$2.93) is charged for renewal by card.
- **Submit the Officials Recertification form**
 - [Click here](#) for the Recertification form. This can be done anytime. It is an online form, however you can download it and send it to Mike if you wish. It will ask for a picture so have a digital picture available. Should you need help let Mike or Dick know.
- **Acknowledge that you have read and agree to the Code of Ethics and the Officials Performance Guidelines.**
 - These are a part of the online Recertification form process. If you are downloading this form you need to download and submit these 2 documents as well.
- **Submit a photo**
 - This is a part of the recertification form as well. A head and shoulder shot of you only.
- **Submit your recertification fee**
 - Make a check out for \$50.00 to USATF Indiana Officials and submit it to Mike. 54125 Club Island, Celina, OH 45822
- **Score 90% or better on the rules review**
 - This can be found by [clicking here](#). National and Master level officials must also do the situational questions. 3 for National and 5 for Master. These would be found in the same place.
- **SafeSport and Background check must be current**
 - You can check this by going to your USATF Connect.
- **What if I want to update my certification level?**
 - Contact Mike as to what would specially would need to be done. Indiana process is included with this newsletter. Starting on Page 3.

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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.