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Dates to Remember:

December 3,4,5,6 Annual Virtually

December 12-13 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship @ Paris, Kentucky

Links:

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

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Mike's Laps- As the process for recertification unfolds, with the speed of a tree sloth...I must remind you to have your current USATF membership for 2021 paid, your background check up-to-date, your SafeSport up-to-date, a current photo downloaded into your USATF Connect Profile, a Recertification or New Certification form completed, a passing score on the Basic Rules Review (90%), and your current Certification Fee submitted to the Certification Chair. See this list at [2021-2024 Olympiad Certification Information](#). A process has now been figured out how to pay your dues without breaking the bank. More on that below.

Also, a reminder, if you want to have your current credentials posted on your Officials card...Please see the NOC Dashboard...click on the above link...and look for those rules review for whatever extra credential that you wish...including Implement Inspection, Referee, Race Walk, LDR, etc. For a complete list of disciplines can be found by going to the [NOC Dashboard](#).

I have had some recent questions posed as to the requirements attaining official levels and upgrading to new levels in the new Olympiad (2021-2024). Your current level is being transferred over into the new Olympiad. If you are currently an Apprentice, Association, National or Master level official...that will be your level entering the Olympiad. To retain or upgrade to a new level you will need to follow the stated requirements that have been posted in the recent Newsletters, as well as this one at the end. The new requirements go into effect on January 1, 2021. Please see those requirements for the path to your level. If you have any questions, please contact any of the Indiana Association Officials Committee: myself, Dick Boyd, Stu Goble, Alf Mendel, or Keith Mitchell.

Hopefully, we will have an Indoor Season in January and we can get back to life as it should be... all of us working track meets and living the dream. I will be sending out information on the new Junior Officials program asking you to consider being a mentor to help educate younger USATF participants to consider becoming a Junior Official. Look for that very soon.

See you at the Ring! Mike

Update on Official Dues: are due by December 31. There are two parts this year because of the design of the USATF Website. We are sorry to say that the \$20.00 that goes to the National Office will need to be paid online. This will be done on USATF Connect. The \$30 for the Indiana Officials Association, (that covers clinics, awards, speaker, speakers, etc.) should be sent to Mike Trego. Checks made out to USATF Indiana. Mike's address is 54125 Club Island Road Celina, OH 45822. If you have any questions contact any of the Officials Committee.

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NCAA Rule of the Month. For the 2021-22 seasons there are about 25 rules change proposals. The 2021-22 rule book will be used for the 2020-21 season as well. There has been a delay from the printer to getting these books out. It is expected to be released within the next few days.

There was a change in Rule 1-9.f in the hammer cage in the 2019-20 rule book. Cage configurations that are more restrictive than the minimums set forth in this rule may be used. They took out the words that stated there needed to approval from the coaches.

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 184.7 Distance Measurements of the Horizontal Jumps: (This was a major point of discussion at our rules interpretation meeting.) The measurement of each jump shall be made immediately after each valid trial or immediate oral protest from the nearest break in the landing area made by any part of the body of the competitor, or anything that was attached to the body at the time it made the mark, at a right angle to the take-off line or the take-off line extended. The mark in the landing area, for each attempt shall be preserved until removal is authorized by the Chief Judge for the event.

NFHS Rule of the Month: Version of measuring the Horizontal: Rule 6.9.9 Each legal jump shall be measured perpendicularly to the foul line or its extension and from the point in the pit touched by the person or apparel of the jumper which is nearest the foul line or its extension

Minutes of Uniform Committee

Several things you should know that came out of the Annual Meeting of the Uniform Sub Committee. 1st all new officials will receive a new shirt with the certification. The NOC wanted to give all officials a new shirt to start the Olympiad, but because of Covid 19 and the cut backs to all areas of USATF this has been delayed for a minimum of one year. Their hope to be able to accomplish this next year.

Shoes must be Nike or unbranded shoes. The color requirement has been removed. Also, Nike owns Converse, so the brand Converse can be worn.

A National Rain Suit will soon be available off the USATF Officials site. More to come on this later.

The hope having discounted official's equipment online is in the works. The goal is to have this available by the spring season. This would consist of flags, watches, weather writers, etc.

A Booney hat is hoped to be available by the spring season as well.

Association Cross Country Meet.

Thanks to everyone who worked the Association Meet. It was a huge success, especially given the current situation. Randy Stafford and his club needs to be commended for the organization and work going into this meet. The number of athletes was not that far off from the normal average. Everyone was very appreciative of all of your efforts.



2021 Championship Meet Applications: The window to apply for the 2021 USATF Senior and U20 Championship meets closed on October 15 with 280 officials applying. The Selection Committee will be meeting virtually on December 1 and 2 to select officials for these championships. Selected officials will be announced at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting. Lists will be posted on both the NOC website and the USATF Officials website. Emails will be sent to applicants as well.

Remember to: renew your USATF membership. Officials can renew for 4 years at a savings. Renew your official's certification. Check your SafeSport and background check. Take your rules review. Pay our dues. Contact Mike with any questions.

Refer to the October Newsletter for specifics about how to do all of this.

If anyone is interested in being a part of a group order of the USATF Indiana Face Mask contact Dick Boyd by November 30th. usatfindianaboyd@gmail.com

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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.