

# Official News

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## Dates to Remember:

USATF has canceled the USATF Toyota Indoor Champions and the USATF Combined Championships

Weekend of Feb. 27 is College Conference Weekend

World Athletics has announced the postponement of the World Indoor Championships to 2023 which were to be held in China.

USATF Master Indoor Championships have been canceled

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**Mike's Laps-** So Happy New Year to you all...we are a couple of weeks into the New Year and the hope that track meets will be happening all over the country. I am sure your schedules are filling up and, in my case, you are getting excited that we will be on the track sooner rather than later. That is the Good News...the bad news is that many of you still have not been certified for the 2021-2024 Olympiad yet. Why? I have no idea how to answer that. We have offered resource upon resource to accomplish the recertification process and still many of you have not completed the task yet. Here are our numbers to date: **38** officials were **validated** yesterday as **fully certified**. Congratulations to you who have completed the process. **50** officials have yet to send in their **Association Dues**, **37** officials have yet to turn in their **Recertification Forms**, **41** officials have yet to **pay their NOC fees**...remember, these fees are paid online, **35** officials have yet to **submit a log of their last three years of meets**, and the most telling, yet importantly...**36** Officials have yet to take the **Basic Rules Review**. You are probably tired of me hounding you to complete these tasks. We have sent out, since at least last October, many reminders and primers to help you through the process. We have spent hours on the phone and countless emails with you to walk you through the process. Do we mind doing that...not in the least. We want to help you get through the process and work to refine it to make it more user-friendly in the future. This is January and January is moving quickly...I would hate to have you not be fully certified when the meets start back up in January, February, and March of 2021. What are you waiting for...make the commitment to get this done within the next two weeks. I love being a part of USATF/Indiana Association. It is my second family and I more than enjoy working the meets. My biggest reward is spending time with you on and off the track. If I did not enjoy that, I would not work so hard to bring you all on-board. Can you please help me to finish this task as Certification Chair. I need you to step up and get this done in the next two weeks. Contact me with any questions or concerns

See you at the ring, oval office, or the start line! Mike

**Recertification Process:** If you having difficulty with any part of the recertification/certification process be sure to Contact Mike Trego at 765 664-1645 email: [mikeogert@gmail.com](mailto:mikeogert@gmail.com) or Dick Boyd at 260 417-2673 email: [usatfindianaboyd@gmail.com](mailto:usatfindianaboyd@gmail.com)

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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 [HERE](#)



## Mask Up

You may purchase at Officials Gear \$10 for 1 if more than 1 \$9. Also comes in black.

**NCAA Rule of the Month.** New rule updates and rule books are now available for download and/or purchase. [Go Here](#)

Rule 8.4 f Warm-up approaches, in all jumping events, shall only be run in the direction the event will be conducted. Rule 16.4 f is the same but include javelin.

**USATF Rule of the Month** Rules book can be found [here](#)

Throws 187.1 (a) Does not start from a stationary position inside the circle,

**NOTE:** The intent of the rule is to negate competitor advantage or momentum from a motion that began outside the circle. There is no restriction on how, or from which direction, an athlete may enter the circle. The relevant requirement is that once inside they must adopt a stationary position before commencing their trial. Entry from the front half of the circle, or making contact with the stop board, before establishing a position at the rear of the circle generally satisfies the condition of being stationary. All that is needed is a momentary stop or pause inside the circle before starting the throw.

**NFHS Rule of the Month:** 6.2.4 a Tie in verticals: Modifies language regarding jump-offs in vertical jumps to add metric equivalents for the raising or lowering of the bar. (Along with 2019 change to allow metric measurements in the long throws, another move toward using metric measurements.

**Focus on Brittany Wright:** Brittany has a Master's degree from Indiana University and took a job with the State Department of Sanitation in Ohio. She now lives in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and has been an IHSAA official for the last five years. She is interested in taking her officials career to the next level...so she has joined the Indiana Association this year. Please welcome Brittany to the fold. You can reach Brittany at: [nwrightb@gmail.com](mailto:nwrightb@gmail.com)



**Focus on Richard Leonard:** Richard has recently moved to Bloomington, Indiana from Colorado Springs, Colorado where he was a member of the Colorado Association. He has transferred his Colorado membership, and has joined the Indiana Association. His fathers' family is from Van Wert, Ohio. He ran track and CC at Rose-Hulman. Please welcome Richard to our Indiana Association. Richard can be reached by email at:

**Congratulations to USATF Indiana Treasurer Robert Thomas.** Robert was selected as the Vice-President of the USATF Masters Track and Field Committee for a four-year term at the recent Annual Meeting. Robert was also re-elected to a four-year term as one of the MTF delegates to the WMA General Assembly. Robert is a 400 meter World Champion.



## NCAA Championships Official Selections

An announcement from the NCAA that the Championships for Division I, II and III official selections have been made for the indoor championships. Congratulations to the following:

DII in Birmingham: Ted Bowers Finish Line

D III at Spire in Geneva, OH: Dick Boyd Pole Vault, Bob Flott, Pole Vault, Dave Fry High Jump, Alf Mendel horizontals, John White Umpire

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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.