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Dates to Remember:

Weekend of Feb. 27 is College Conference Weekend
Cancelations/Postponements
USATF Indoor
USATF Combined Indoor
USATF Toyota Jr. Olympics
USATF Master Indoor Championships
World Athletics Indoor Championships
NCAA Division III Championships
Unknown at this time
USATF U20

Links:

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Mike's Laps-Good Day from cold and windy Ohio...just like in Indiana but a tad more to the east. The Recertification process is rounding third and heading for home. Final date for 2021-2024 Certification is March 31, 2021. If you have not recertified by that date...your background check and SafeSport will expire permanently and you will have to redo those items and start the recertification process from the start. Why go through all of that again? We have less than 20 current officials who have not completely submitted all of the requirements needed for this Olympiad's certification. Some have one item left and some have all of them to do. I have been hounding you for 4 months. Can we please step up and "Get-er-done"?

Overall the USATF has a bit over 2000 officials who have completed the recertification process and are marked current on their Profile. There are approximately 875 officials who have a Pending Approval on their Profile. At this pace the number of USATF officials will be down around 1500 officials from last Olympiad total. Be sure to continue to recruit new officials.

Covid has damaged all of us in so many ways. My fear is that the legacy of us that are "staying with the program" will suffer. With that stated, we will be kicking in the Junior Officials Program in an intense manner over the next couple of months. I will be seeking Mentors from our ranks to work with these younger officials and hope to motivate the participants to consider becoming Adult Officials when they reach the age of 18. I will need your help in doing this. If you are interested in pursuing being a mentor...please [click here](#) to go to the mentor Training Video created by the JOP Committee and featuring yours truly. More information will be coming out to you soon. There have been several Indiana officials who have already indicated that they will lend a hand and provide mentorship to the participants. Please consider being a mentor. Contact me for more information. 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 or Dick Boyd at 260 417-2673 email: usatfindianaboyd@gmail.com

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

How much do you know about the history of jumping events?

1. Dick Fosbury is best known for the "Fosbury Flop". But how many Olympic medals did he win? When and Where?
 2. At the 1995 IAAF World Championships in Gothenburg, the world record in the triple jump was broken twice by the same person. Who was the athlete, what was the final record and where was the athlete from?
 3. Bob Beamon was the first athlete to break the world long jump record at an Olympic Games in 1968. Whose record did he break.
 4. When was women's pole vault added as an Olympic event? Who won the gold medal, what year and where was she from?
- Answers found at the end of the newsletter.

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REVIEW IS UP: 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](#) 6-6.2 A new rule now defines a legal jump in the pole vault as being one in which the competitor takes off by planting the pole IN the vaulting box. Commentary: This eliminates the possibility of planting on top of the box.

USATF Rule of the Month Rules book can be found [here](#)
Amend Rule 162.112: regarding commencement of the start—add new Note and renumber current notes “Note 1: An athlete must react to the start signal, not anticipate it; therefore, any start where the Start Information System detects movement before expiration of the limit established in Rule 161.6 or Rule 162.14 shall be recalled, and an assessment made regarding ‘commencement of the start’.
Commentary: This is the first time the rule book make a statement that an athlete cannot anticipate or outguess the starter.

NFHS Rule of the Month: Rule 4-5-5g, 8-6-1e Adds language to clarify that a competitor should not be penalized for helping another competitor who is distressed or injured when no advantage is gained by doing so. Commentary—an athlete should not be penalized for good sportsmanship.

European Athletics Newsletter: Our colleagues in European Athletics have published a newsletter for their officials. You can see the second edition [here](#). It provides helpful information that supplements the valuable content you find each month in our NOC Newsletter.



Get to know Keith Mitchell:

Keith is a HOF official, friend, accomplished educator and a mentor to so many in our Association, as well as officials across the nation. He has officiated for 40 years. He started when the governing body was called TAC. Keith has been a long time member of the USATF Indiana Board of Directors where he has served in many capacities including President, Vice President and Certification Chair.

Awards and Honors for Keith:

- 2019 - NOC Hall of Fame Induction
- 2006 – NOC Andy Bakjian Award – for Outstanding Service
- 2006 – Indiana Association Track & Cross Country Coaches Hall of Fame
- 2005 – NOC Chair Award – Dedication and Leadership to reach NOC goals
- 1997 – NOC Horace Crow – Outstanding Field Event Official
- 1997 – Marshall Goss Award – USATF Indiana – Outstanding Indiana Official

Officiating Resume

- 2000 – 96-92-88 – Olympic Trials Head Shot Put/Discus
 - 1998 – Pam-Am Blind Olympic Games, Spartanburg, SC – Head of Shot Put/Discus
 - 1996 – Olympic Games – Atlanta, Ga. – Head of Throws
 - 1996 – Paralympic Games – Atlanta, Ga. - Head – Shot Put/Discus
 - 1996 - World Indoor Championships, Indianapolis, IN. - Head Discus/Hammer
 - 1990 -Goodwill Games – Seattle, Wa. – Head Discus and Hammer
 - 1983 – Pan-American Games – Head Discus/Hammer
 - 1983- USSR vs. US Meet – 1st meet at Indiana University Track at Indianapolis – Head Dis/Ham.
- Over the past 40 years Keith has worked NCAA, NAIA, USATF & TAC Junior Olympic Championships
Numerous Conference Championships all over the country.
Indiana High School Athletic Association State Track and Field Championships – 40 years

Keith has made such an impact on Officiating Track and Field in Indiana that the Field Event Official of the Year has been named for him. Thank you Keith for all you have done and will continue to do for us.

Congratulations to the following Officials that have been selected for the NCAA Championships: DI East Jacksonville: Sean Bruening Head Starter DII Grand Valley: Larry Henning Umpire, Dave Fry, Dick Boyd Pole Vault, Alf Mendel Head Horizontal, Mike Trego Head Javelin, Stu Goble Hammer/Discus

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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.

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Trivia Answers:

1. One at Mexico City 1968
2. Jonathon Edwards, Great Britain, 18.29 meters first athlete to triple jump more than 60'
3. 8.90 Meters 1968 Mexico City
4. Stacey Dragila 2000, Sydney, 15'1", Auburn, California