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#### Dates to Remember:

Indiana USATF Master TBA possible date second weekend in June

Indiana USATF Youth Association Meet possible date 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June

Olympic Trials June 18-27 Eugene, OR

Paralympic Trials June 17-20, Minneapolis

USATF Master Outdoor TBA Sacramento, CA

USATF Hershey Junior Olympics July 26-August

1 University of North Florida

Cancellations/Postponements

USATF Toyota Jr. Olympics Indoor

USATF Master Indoor Championships

World Athletics Indoor Championships

NCAA Division III Championships

U20 Championships

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**Mike's Laps-** Good Day to you all. First of all, let me thank you for your thoughts and prayers for my Son Jake and his wife Roz. On March 3, 2021, Jake was diagnosed with Stage IV Colon Cancer and had some spots on his liver. He is now home waiting for a port installation and will start his chemo on March 17<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your prayers, donations, and support. Family at this time, is everything and you are all certainly part of my family. Keep the prayers coming!

On to the Officials part of my LAPS... To date we have 83 Certified Indiana Officials and 18 officials who have not completed their recertification process. I have tried for the last 4-5 months to plod, push, and help those **MIA (Missing In Action)** officials into some sort of action to complete the process. I am at a loss as to why they are not finished yet. Some are close with 1-2 items to finish-up and others have not even started. I ask them to contact me for help, but I have not heard from them. I cannot just write them off...so I will pursue them until March 31, 2021. This is the date that USATF has established for completion of the recertification process. Starting April 1, 2021, all officials will have to start any Certification process from the beginning...Membership, if not expired, New background check, New SafeSport full course, New NOC fees, etc. Many of our current **MIA's** have most of these done and are current...they have not yet taken the Basic Rules Review, paid their NOC fees, or have not paid their Indiana dues for the Olympiad. I have sent reminders, materials, forms, primers, and videos...but the completion of the recertification process has not yet been completed. I cannot complete the process for you...the ball is in your court...shoot the ball or at least make an attempt...do something to help the team.

**Recertification Process:** Currently in the US there are 2506 Officials certified and another 600 pending. Indiana has 83 certified and 18 pending. 2400 officials across the country did the BASIC Review online. If you are 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).

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

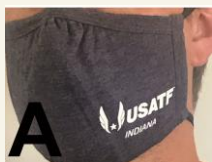
How much do you know about the history of jumping events?

1. In July 1999, with what time did Morocco's Hicham el Guerrouj break the existing world record for the mile run?
2. 2005 New York Marathon men's winner Paul Tergat is from which country?
3. Who broke Bob Beamon's long jump record?
4. How were the American track stars Florence Griffith Joyner and Jackie Joyner-Kersey related?
5. Who is the only female to run under 22 seconds in the indoor 200 meters during the twentieth

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**PARA 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](#). Currently there are 71 officials certified in the country.



## 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](#) 4-2.4.b Athletes are now allowed to view (outside competition area) video images of their previous attempts recorded by individuals not in the competition area. Viewing devices cannot be taken into the competition area. A Note with this new rule specifies that Meet Management shall identify an area for viewing video that does not interfere with the ongoing competition.

**USATF Rule of the Month** Rules book can be found [here](#)  
Rule 184.2.5 Eliminates the requirement for the use of plasticine indicator boards in the horizontal jumps, instead recommending the use of video technology to assist the board judge. If video assistance is not available, the plasticine indicator board may still be used. If the plasticine indicator board is used, the plasticine shall be at an angle of 90 degrees (instead of the current 45 degrees). This rule change will go into effect on November 1, 2021.

**NFHS Rule of the Month:** Rule 5.3.3 & 4, 5-10-6 thru 11 Add language to extend the exchange zone for the 4X100m and 4x200m relays (and any other relays with less of 200m or less) to 30 meters. (All other relay exchange zones, such as 4x400m and 4x800m, shall remain at 20 meter meters in length.

**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.

**Certification Cards** are starting to be printing. We should be getting them shortly from USATF.



**Meet Darrin Shook:** Darrin is a new-to-Indiana official who has transferred from OHIO. Darrin is looking forward to serving on the USATF Indiana Officials team. Darrin resides in Ansonia, Ohio and is an Association level official. Darrin works high school and college meets and is looking forward to getting involved with our Indiana Association meets. Welcome to Darrin.

## Friendly Reminders for all Officials

**USATF Background Screening:** USATF background screens are eligible for renewal 60 days before expiration, with email notifications sent to members at the 30-day mark. USATF's background screen provider, NCSI, is still experiencing court closures happening in parts of the country. As a result, you may experience some delays in receiving your background screening results. While court closures are out of USATF and NCSI's control, please know that NCSI is doing all they can to return screens back to you as soon as possible. To view a list of current court closures, delays, and limited accesses around the country, please click [here](#).

USATF encourages members to renew their background screen at the onset of the 60-day renewal window in order to give NCSI maximum time to process their background screen. Members only need to complete **one** background screen type in order to be eligible to participate in a role that requires USATF 3-Step SafeSport Compliance.

**SafeSport Training:** SafeSport training (Core training and Refresher courses) need to be completed directly on USATF Connect. If training is completed outside of USATF Connect (such as on [safesport.org](#) or through another national governing body), USATF will not receive record of the completion. In these situations, training certificates need to be sent in to USATF for upload to the USATF Connect account. If training is completed directly on USATF Connect, the member's training will be recorded automatically.

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, Curtis Donley Clerk, Alf Mendel Head Horizontal, Barry Poole Utility, Mike Trego Head Javelin, Stu Goble Hammer/Discus, John White Alt DII Greensboro, NC Fred Kem

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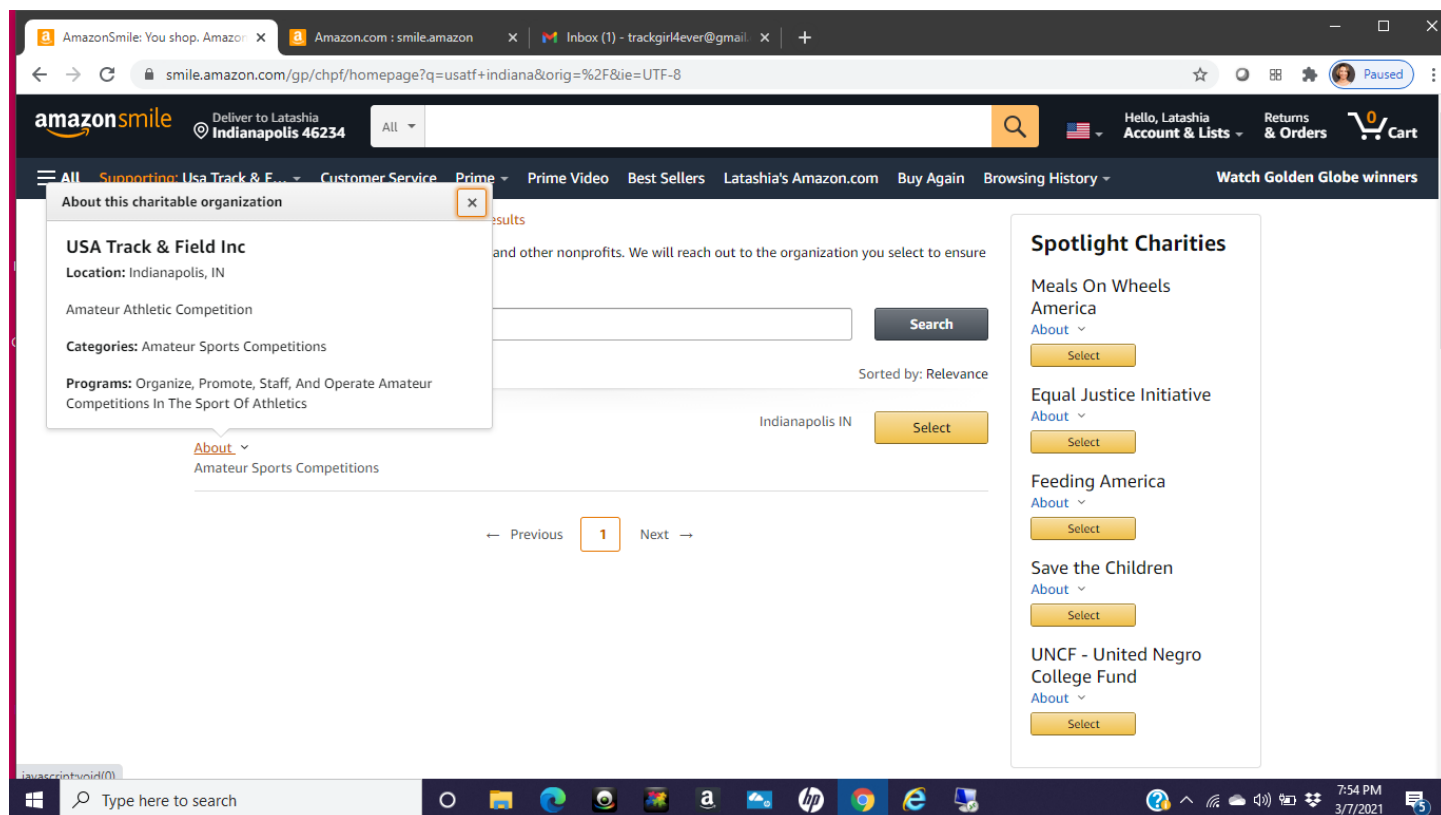
**Amazon Smiles** is more than just a logo. It is a program developed through the Amazon foundation that donates thousands of dollars annually to charities and nonprofits. Do you shop at Amazon? If you do you could help USATF Indiana financially by joining Amazon Smiles and choosing USATF Track and Field Inc. as the nonprofit for Amazon Smile donation. They will donate \$5.00 for every accumulated \$100 spent. There are hundreds of worthy nonprofits to choose from. If you are an Amazon shopper choose a nonprofit to help financially and consider USATF Track and Field Inc. which is USATF Indiana.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the Amazon Smiles homepage. The address bar shows the URL: `smile.amazon.com/gp/chpf/homepage?q=usاتف+indiana&orig=%2F&ie=UTF-8`. The page header includes the Amazon Smiles logo, delivery location (Latastia Indianapolis 46234), a search bar, and user account information (Hello, Latastia). Below the header, there's a navigation bar with links like 'All', 'Supporting: Usa Track & F...', 'Customer Service', 'Prime', 'Prime Video', 'Best Sellers', 'Latastia's Amazon.com', 'Buy Again', 'Browsing History', and 'Watch Golden Globe winners'.

The main content area shows search results for 'usاتف indiana'. The results list 'USA Track & Field Inc' as the only result, located in Indianapolis IN. Below the result name is an 'About' link and the text 'Amateur Sports Competitions'. To the right of the result is a 'Select' button. The page also features a 'Spotlight Charities' sidebar with a list of charities: Meals On Wheels America, Equal Justice Initiative, Feeding America, Save the Children, and UNCF - United Negro College Fund. Each charity has an 'About' link and a 'Select' button.

The bottom of the screenshot shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 7:50 PM on 3/7/2021.

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After signing up shop Smiles.Amazon.com This will need to be done on each device that you use to shop Amazon. It is device specific. If you have any questions, contact any member of the official's committee.



## **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.

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## Trivia Answers:

1. 3:43.13 in Rome
2. Kenya
3. **Mike Powell** who leaped 8.95m in his legendary dual with **Carl Lewis** at the 1991 World Championships in Tokyo.
4. Flo Jo married Al Joyner brother to Jackie Joyner-Kersey
5. 21.87 Merlene Ottey (Jam) Feb 13, 1993 Lievin