

Official News

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Dates to Remember:

Indiana Association Cross Country: November 13
Site to be determined

Region VII Cross Country: November 20 or 27 @
Shelbyville Stay tuned

NCAA Championships

Indoor

Division I Indoor T&F: March 11-12, Birmingham, Alabama

Division II Indoor T&F: March 11-12, Pittsburgh, Kansas

Division III Indoor T&F: March 11-12, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Outdoor

Division I Outdoor T&F East Prelim: May 26-28, Bloomington, Indiana

Division I Outdoor T&F West Prelim: May 26-28, Fayetteville, Arkansas

Division I Outdoor T&F Finals: June 8-11, Eugene, Oregon

Division II Outdoor T&F: May 26-28, Allendale, Michigan

Division III Outdoor T&F: May 26-28, Geneva, Ohio
NAIA Championships

Indoor March 3-5, Brookings, SD

Outdoor May 25-27, Gulf Shores, AL

Mike's Laps- Fall is upon us, so get out your raingear and bigger coats and head outdoors for the fall Cross Country Season. The rest of October and November look to be filled with meets.

If you are interested in working the Association Cross County meets they are on November 13, 2021 (JO) at...TBD and on November 20, 2021 at Shelbyville (Region 7)... Please send me your intention to work these meets. We are trying to nail down a site for the JO's and should have that very soon. I will send out an all call for officials for these two meets.

This is also the time of the year to be applying for the NCAA Championships and the USATF Championships, as well as the World Athletic Championships in Eugene, Oregon in June of 2022. The deadline for NCAA meets was Sept. 30, 2021 and the deadline for USATF Championships meets is October 15, 2021. You can find the USATF Applications on the NOC website at www.noc.mach2k.net. You must be a National or Master Level Official to apply for the USATF Championships. Note: we just heard that the U20's and the Senior Championships will be held together this year.

Thank you all for your prayers and support of our son Jacob. This week he has his 10th Chemo treatment out of 12. He has been a 'trooper' through this process and your support, good wishes, and prayers have been a rock to stand on. My family thanks you.

The Annual Meeting is coming up on December 1-5 in Orlando, FL. This will be a virtual meeting with some committees and people on site in Orlando.

Links:

[Indiana Officials](#)

[USATF](#)

[National Officials Committee](#)

[USATF Indiana](#)

[NCAA Track & Cross Country](#)

[Best Practices](#)

[USATF Rule Book](#)

[NCAA Rule Book](#)

[Paralympic Rule Book](#)

[TFO Training Associates](#)

[Junior Officials Program](#)

From Mike Armstrong: Annual Meeting Update

Because of continued health concerns, USATF will hold a hybrid Annual Meeting in 2021. The dates will be December 2-5 and the site is Orlando, FL. The Executive Committees of the various USATF Committees, including the NOC Executive Committee, will be able to attend in person, but all others will take part virtually. Bizzabo will again provide the online virtual meeting service, as it did in 2020. The registration fee will be \$125.

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

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.

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Help out USATF Indiana by signing up for Amazon Smiles, if you already have not signed up. The instructions can be found on the following pages.

Certification Cards: The second round of cards have now been sent out. Be sure to look over your card and if you find something that is incorrect be sure to contact Mike. They are coming in waves so if you don't have yours be watching our mail.

Officials Gear store is temporarily closed. There has not been a time line set for reopening. We will keep you posted. Hopefully it will reopen

Track and Field Trivia

- Who was the fastest woman of 2006?**
- How many hurdles are in a standard hurdles race?**
- Who in 1988 broke the women's 100m record with a time of 10.49 secs?**
- Answers found on the last page.**



Rainey Named Interim Vice-Chair for Certification

The NOC Executive Committee has appointed **Jamero Rainey** of the Illinois Association as the Interim Vice-Chair for Certification. An election will be held at the

Annual Meeting to fill that spot for the remaining year of Roger Burbage's term. Any member of the NOC is eligible to run for this position. Those wishing to run can contact the Chair of our Nominating Committee, **Valaree Foss**, at metrkfld@gmail.com. Nominations for this position must be submitted to her by October. 18, 2021.

USATF Championship Meet Applications

Applications for USATF Senior and U20 Championships will be available from September 15 through October 15. The application is online and available on the NOC Dashboard (<http://noc.mach2k.net>). The application includes the meets listed below. The application is open to National and Master Level officials. Selection of officials will be made by the Officials Selection Committee and announced in December during the USATF Annual Meeting.

- USATF Senior Indoor Championship (Feb. 25-26 - Spokane, WA)
- USATF Senior Outdoor Championship (TBD)
- USATF U20 Outdoor Championship (TBD)
- World Athletics World Championship (July 15-24 - Eugene, OR)

Applications for Youth and Masters championships meets (that are open to all officials) will become available through the Fall and Spring, but officials can express their interest through the application website. USATF just announced the U20 and Senior Outdoor Championships with be hosted together.

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

Rule 21.6.3.c Cross Country Team Score: Teams that start with at least five runners declare their intent to finish as a team. Incomplete teams, teams starting with a minimum of five runners but not finishing a minimum of five runners, shall be listed alphabetically in the last position of the official team results as Did not finish (DNF). Tie breaking procedures do not apply in this case

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

Rule 300.1e Note: When, as determined by the Referee, there is an insufficient number of competitors reporting within an age group for a track event, such that separate races eliminates the element of competition, a mixed age group race of the same gender may be authorized. The finish order within each age group shall be separate for all scoring and awards.

NFHS Rule of the Month: Cross Country Advancement taken from 2021 Fall Bulletin Page 10. Regionals – The top 10 individuals from non-advancing teams and the first 5 qualifying teams from each sectional shall advance to designated regionals. C. Semi-States – The top 10 individuals from non-advancing teams and the first 5 qualifying teams from each regional shall advance to designated semi-states. D. State Finals – The top 10 individuals from non-advancing teams and the first 6 qualifying teams from each semi-state shall advance to the state finals.

Officials working the regionals, and possibly the semi state, need to keep in mind it is a possibility that 5 or more competitors, from one team, may advance from sectionals as individuals and would not count as a team in the team score.



Meet John White: John, better known as Jay is one of veteran officials that lives in the Portage area, South Haven, IN. John is starting his 38th year as a Track and Field, Cross Country coach. He has also coached basketball for 12 years. John is an educator in the Portage school system. He is very involved in high school track & field working as a starter/umpire/referee at many Sectional and Regional meets and has worked the IHSAA State Track meet every year (minus Covid 2020) since 2004. He currently serves as the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches President from 2021-2023. John has worked over 80 major meets since 2016 including the NCAA DI & DIII cross-country Nationals and Regionals, Big 10, Missouri Valley Outdoor Championships and the USATF Youth National Meet. John is a Board member for USATF IN Association.

High School Rule Changes Announced

The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) recently announced rule changes for high school track and field and cross country for the 2022 season. Changes include two rule revisions involving the competitor's uniform, along with procedural changes in several field events designed to reduce the risk of injury. [Go here](#) read all the changes.

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Amazon Smiles is more than just a logo. It is a program developed by the Amazon foundation that donates thousands of dollars annually to nonprofits. Do you shop at Amazon? If you do you could help US financially by joining Amazon Smiles and choosing USATF as the recipient of your Amazon Smile donation. They will donate \$5.00 for every accumulated Amazon Smile donation. 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 the Amazon Smile interface. At the top, the navigation bar includes the Amazon Smile logo, the delivery location (Latashia, Indianapolis 46234), and links for Account & Lists, Returns & Orders, and a shopping cart. Below the navigation bar, there are links for 'Supporting: Usa Track & Field Inc.', Customer Service, Prime, Prime Video, Best Sellers, Latashia's Amazon.com, Buy Again, and Browsing History. The main content area is titled 'Your Account > Change Your Charity > Search Results'. It instructs the user to 'Choose from almost a million charities, schools, and other nonprofits. We will reach out to the organization you select to ensure it is ready to accept donations from Amazon.' A search bar contains the text 'usatf indiana' and a 'Search' button. Below the search bar, it says 'Showing 1-1 of 1 Results' and 'Sorted by: Relevance'. The search results list 'USA Track & Field Inc' with the location 'Indianapolis IN' and a 'Select' button. There is also an 'About' link for this charity. To the right of the search results is a 'Spotlight Charities' section 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 in the spotlight section has an 'About' link and a 'Select' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray showing the time as 7:50 PM on 3/7/2021.



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

7. 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.

8. 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:

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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	

	<p>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.</p>	
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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. **Sherone Simpson**

She ran 10.82 and 22.00, which makes her the fastest on both the 100 and 200.

2. **10**

The standard hurdles races are (for men) 110m and 400m. For women, they are 100m and 400m. 50m, 60m, 80m, 200m, and 300m hurdles are not standard races.

3. **Florence Griffith Joyner**

She started her career at the age of 7.