



Dates to Remember:

January Master Association Indoor site TBD
February 23 USATF Indiana Board Meeting 12:00
March 31 SafeSport Long Program Due
June 20 Master Association Outdoor site TBD
June 13-14 Youth Association Outdoor site TBD
July 9-12 Region VII site TBD



Torrent Rain Jacket
\$55.95

Rain Pants Black \$55.00

Links:

Indiana Officials [Web site:](#)
USATF [Indiana Gear:](#)
[USATF.org](#)
[Indiana.usatf.org](#)
[NCAA.org/playing-rules](#)
[Best Practices](#)
[USATF Rule Book](#)
[NCAA Rule Book](#)
[Paralympic Rule Book](#)

Don't forget to check your USATF membership renewal and background check. This can be done at [USATF.org](#) in your profile.

Minneapolis has been selected as the site for the 2020 **Paralympic Trials** which will be held from June 25 to 28, 2020. Up to 400 athletes are expected to compete for a chance to represent Team USA at the 2020 Paralympic Games in Tokyo, which will run from August 25 – September 6, 2020 with nearly 4,250 athletes from 160 expected countries. No details are yet available for selection of officials that wish to help officiate the Paralympic Trials.

If you would like to learn more about becoming certified to officiate Paralympic Track and Field events following the following link: [Click](#)

Mike's Laps- I hope you have made it through the holidays safely and are ready for the indoor season. We had a great Clinic and Awards presentation on December 15, 2019 at Indiana University. Many thanks to **Jay Arther** for hosting our festivities in the IU Fieldhouse.

The following officials earned their Electronic Distance Recording (**EDR**) and/or their Electronic Distance Measuring (**EDM**) at the clinic sessions: **EDR – Alan Bronnenberg, Alf Mendel, Anietra Butler, David Fry, David Harriman, Doyle Lucas, Eric Jackson, Holly McCammack, Jayson McCammack, John Fuhs, Lawrence O'Neal, Paul Sargent, Richard Boyd, Sean Bruening, and Stu Goble.** Two officials from the Ohio Association came over and earned their EDR also...**Patty and Brianna Mitchell.** Three Officials were certified in **EDM Grade 1...Eric Jackson, Paul Sargent, and Stu Goble.** Congratulations to all.

A list of the recent award winners is located on our Officials Association Website. I will be sending out the awards that were not picked-up at the awards lunch. **Special Note...** Congratulations to **Larry Henning** who received the Charles Ruter Award from the National Officials Committee as the Outstanding Track Official in the Nation for the 2019 year. **Mike Padfield** received the David Bowers Outstanding Track Official for 2019. **Richard Boyd** received the Keith Mitchell Outstanding Field Official for 2019, and **Mike Trego** received the Marshall Goss Outstanding Indiana Track Official for the 2019 season.

As the last year of the Olympiad (2017-2020) is now upon us... August-December 2020 will be the time to renew your Certification with USATF and USATF Indiana and attend a Rules Review Clinic. Clinic Dates around the state will be forthcoming. You will need to take the rules review for your level of Officiating (Apprentice, Association, National, Master) as well as any of the other disciplines that you would like to have listed on your credential card that includes: Referee, Combined Events Coordinator, Technical Manager, Para-Athletes, Inspector of Implements, Fully Automatic Timing, Race Walk Judge, LDR-Off Track, etc. More info forthcoming.

The Officials Committee, based on state-wide discussion and clinic feedback, created a minimum Indiana Officials Requirement that all officials must achieve in order to retain their current Level discipline. In keeping with the premise of keeping the newsletter to a maximum 2 page length, I will be sending this document out directly to all current officials for their knowledge and information. Please look for it in the very near future.

Have a great indoor season and I will see you at the ring. Mike

SafeSport

Everyone must complete the long SafeSport Training by March 31, 2020. Then the 1/2 hour yearly refresher course for 2020 will need to be completed by December 31. Go To: [SafeSport](#)

Officials: Across the United States we have 4,903 certified officials of which 910 are over 70. The number of officials are down nearly a 1000 from the previous Olympiad, contributed to various reasons. The good news is the average age is down to 57. In Indiana we currently have 124 officials, which is staying constant. This is the year we need to renew our certification, take the rules review, attend a rules meeting, etc. beginning after the Olympics has completed. You will be hearing more from Mike about the process as we get closer to July. Let's get out and recruit and be a Mentor.

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OFFICIAL NEWS

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NCAA Rule of the Month: NCAA Rules Corner ~ Rules Interpretations The newest rules clarifications and interpretations (2019-2020). at https://ncaaorg.s3.amazonaws.com/championships/sports/crosstrack/rules/2019-20PRXTF_MonthlyInterps.pdf.

NCAA – the 30 second clock remains in force! The NCAA may revisit this issue with the 2021-2022 rule book, but for now the rule is unchanged.



Long Sleeve Polo
\$29.00

EDR and EDM Training

Everyone got their certification



NFHS Rule of the Month 6-2-6 Clarifies that it is illegal to run backward or in the opposite direction (non-legal direction) on a horizontal jump, pole vault or javelin runway.

USATF Rule of the Month: 170.17 If during the race a competitor takes or picks up the baton of another team, his/her team shall be liable to disqualification. The other team should not be penalized unless an advantage is obtained.

New Rule Book is online. You can find it by going to usatf.org, choose programs, choose officials, choose rulebooks.

Don't Miss Renewing Your Background Check: The required Background Screens for officials are good for two years. You will receive email reminder 30-days before your screen expires. Be aware, however, that though it may come from "coaching@usatf.org" and may be addressed to "Coach" it still applies to officials. If your Background Screen expires, your certification becomes invalid. If you have questions about when your Background Screen is set to expire, contact Mike.

2020 USATF Membership: Please make sure that your USATF membership is renewed for 2020. A current membership is needed for certification, along with a current background screen and SafeSport certification.

New USATF & Indiana USATF Websites: The new USATF website is up and running. As with any change, it'll take some getting used to, and it definitely has had some growing pains.

For the basic USATF website, go to www.usatf.org, for Indiana go to Indiana.usatf.org. For officials' matters, in the menu bar at the top of the page, select "Programs", then scroll down and select "Officials". There you'll see three rows of icons depicting the major sections of our pages. Click on the one you want and get more detailed information on the succeeding page(s). And, when you can, click through the other sections to see what content is there. For Indiana Officials click on the directional menu that says Officials.

Best Practices: You can navigate to the Best Practices library as indicated above, or at [this link](#). **Note:** On the Best Practices page there are six major field buttons. After you click on any of them, you'll get a screen with several blue banners; click on a selected banner to bring up a "booklet" with all of the individual Best Practices & Resources documents.

Check out the following items which have been updated in recent months:

- [All Field Events](#) – Flight Coordinator Activities
- [Pole Vault](#) - Officials Duties
- [Safety](#) – Training Outline
- [High Jump](#) – Rules Comparison; Instructions to Athletes
- [Certification](#) – Upgrade Application; Cert Chair Guide
- [Throws](#) – Instructions to Athletes - - Throws, Ultra Weight
- [Evaluations](#) – Evaluation Guidelines; Evaluation Forms
- [Officials' Coordinators](#) – Championship Planning; Pre-Meet Notes

Thank you Randy Stafford for all you have done in the past years, especially for our youth association meets. We get comments from parents and coaches of our association as well as from Illinois how well organized the meets are and how well they are run. Your shoes will be hard to fill.

The Indiana Association was the talk of the Annual Meeting in two ways. Other associations can't believe the number of athletes we get at our Cross Country Meets. Most associations struggle to get 1/2 the number Indiana has. Also Indiana's social media platform was used at the Annual Meeting as the way to emulate. The website, Facebook, Twitter accounts were 3 that were used to show the attendees how Indiana is promoting themselves. Congratulations Andy Martin on a job well done.



Congratulations Larry Henning
NOC Charles Ruter Award Winner 2019