



### National Scholastic Athletics Foundation Outdoor Championships

Originally scheduled for July 30 to August 2 has now be canceled due to COVID-19.

Dates to Remember:  
September 26 Certification Meeting Notre Dame

#### Links:

- Indiana Officials
- Indiana Gear:
- USATF.org
- Indiana.usatf.org
- NCAA.org/playing-rules
- Best Practices
- USATF Rule Book
- NCAA Rule Book
- Paralympic Rule Book

**Mike's Laps-** Good June to you all! Had any meets lately? **ME NIETHER!** Driving me Batty!

With the implementation of the new USATF Connect Website...we have some work to do to get us ready for the upcoming new 2021-2024 Olympiad. There are four essential tasks that Associations are responsible for within USATF Connect. **1). Approving clubs (which I do not do), 2). Verifying and approving a member's date of birth, 3). Approving officials' certification statuses and 4). Approving officials' memberships-(Since we added a one-year and a four-year official's membership, they need to be validated and approved as officials for the Association. If they are not approved by the association leadership, their membership will stay in a "pending" state.)** I am tasked with numbers 2, 3, & 4.

Under this new structure, multiple roles within an Association may receive an email notification indicating an action is required. This is to ensure that essential tasks are never overlooked. Through the email notification, I have to take action to accept or reject the request or login to your profile to do additional research if needed. These notifications come to my email address that I have set up in my USATF Connect profile (**mikeogert@gmail.com**). USATF Connect is being designed to be a one-stop shop to manage everything USATF. I have the ability to manage it all through one portal. **(YOU CAN DELETE THIS PARAGRAPH IF YOU NEED ROOM)**

With that being stated, it appears that many of you are having trouble "signing in" to the membership site and establishing your username (your email address that is on file with USATF through your official's membership) and your password (whatever password that you created for your previous account).

**This is your starting point:**

<https://vimeo.com/user44435707/usatf-connect-member-tutorials/video/407603944>

Please take time to follow these steps as requested. This is also the best time to enter your Emergency Contact information into the system. You can also attach your picture in this process. I also have the ability to enter in your emergency information and a picture that I have from the past or a picture that you send me. We need to have everyone complete this process as soon as possible. Please read over this newsletter completely. Dick Boyd has information from a Town hall meeting of Cert Chairs and has important upcoming news of what is happening for the new Olympiad. Thanks to All of your cooperation. Mike

**From Max Siegel, USATF CEO; USATF Board of Directors**

**USATF stands in solidarity with all people, including our athletes and members, who are affected by the egregious racist and violent acts in our country. As a federation, we condemn the violence against black men and women in our country and we stand against all forms of racism, bigotry and violence.**

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

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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

<http://www.usatf.org/usatf/files/7b/7b7884d5-9712-4e90-9c70-add9a9ea813f.pdf>



**Torrent Rain Jacket**  
\$55.95  
**Rain Pants Black** \$55.00

**NCAA Rule of the Month:** Rule 4.3.1. When engaged in competition, each competitor must wear an official team uniform with components governed by these rules or be subject to disciplinary action. Competitors who are not in proper uniform compliance shall not compete until a compliant uniform is worn. The competition will not be delayed to accommodate compliance with the rule. Wearing any part of the official team competition uniform illegally (that is, top off or intentionally shortened, shoulder straps lowered) while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning by the nearest official and a report of uncorrected violations shall be made to the games committee, referee and offending competitor's coach.

**USATF Rule of the Month: Rule 170.5 Check Marks:** When all or the first portion of a relay race is being run in lanes, a runner may place one check mark on the track within his/her own lane, by using self-adhesive tape, maximum 5cm x 40cm, of a distinctive color which cannot be confused with other permanent markings. For a cinder or grass track, the runner may make a check mark within his/her own lane by scratching the track. In either case no other check mark may be used.  
**NOTE:** For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.2(f).

**NFHS Rule of the Month:** Rule 6.9.5 The length of a long jump/triple jump pit constructed after 2019 shall be at least 23 feet. If built prior to 2019 be sure the facility is safe.

6. The rules review for the new Olympiad will be online. There is one review everyone will need to take and then if you wish to certify in special areas there (like weight and measures) there would then be another. Regular events on the track and field events will be covered by the general test. Then to advance from one level to another will be dependent on you accomplishing the tasks that have been sent to you from the Officials Committee. (found following)  
7. As of this newsletter, New Officials in 2020 will not automatically be rolled into the new Olympiad. This is being looked into and may change.

USATF Connect?

**USATF Connect:** You have received many emails from Mike and also an email from USATF introducing USATF Connect. This new website is designed to give **YOU** access to your information in the USATF database, including your USATF membership, SafeSport, Background Screen, and Officials Certification. National official's evaluations will also be available here. The new site is a step forward and will continue to improve. Please be sure to migrate your information over to USATF Connect. As you check your profile, please let Mike if there are things that do not look accurate. Only about a third Indiana officials have completed the migration. Be sure to get on this ASAP.

Process you need to follow:

Visit the new site at <https://usatf.sport80.com/login>. To get set up, on the right hand side of the screen just below the "Sign Up" button, click on "Recover Account from Previous System?". If you don't remember your password contact "[membership@usatf.org](mailto:membership@usatf.org)" to let them know they need a password reset for the new system.

A video to help through the process can be found at <https://vimeopro.com/user44435707/usatf-connect-member-tutorials/video/407603944>.

Once you login the next screen will have you select "Personal Account"; then you can navigate through various screens to see your membership, certification, SafeSport, and background screening information.

Town Hall Meeting hosted by USATF National Office Personnel: Robin Beamon Director of Outreach, Grassroots and Officials Liason, Luke Fimreite Manager Constituent Services, Scott Galbreth Technology Director and James Hill Senior Technician:

Last week there was a 90-minute town hall meeting for Certification Chairs and Official Chairs. Most of the meeting dealt with material meant strictly for the chairs and how they can use USATF Connect to make their job easier. However, there were several pieces of information that all officials need to know. So here we go:

1. There has been many years since USATF has raised their membership dues. Starting in 2020 Memberships dues for adults has increased to \$40 and youth athletes (18 and under) \$25. USATF has shown their appreciation to officials by allowing you to renew for 4 years at \$35 dollars a year. So when you go to renew in USATF connect officials will have their choice of \$40 a year or \$140 for 4 years.
2. Also it has been many years that the official registration fee has been \$30 for the Olympiad. It has been decided to raise this fee to \$50. This will help defray the cost of official shirts, pins, id's, id holders, clips, etc. To help defray this raise the Indiana Annual Officials Clinic will reduce the fee for the clinic. Final amount has not been approved at this time. Don't forget that one college meet you would have this paid and more and the \$60 is for the Olympiad.
3. All officials will receive an officials shirt and pin once your certification process has been completed and approved by Mike.
4. If you are a new official and have a USATF approved background check you will not have to have the official's background check until you have to renew.
5. If you fall out of compliance USATF connect will send you an email informing you. They will also send an email to remind you of compliance that is coming up.

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1. All Officials need the four-step certification. Background Check/SafeSport/Membership/Officials Dues
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 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA in the 2 years
    - ii. Minimum of 4 Association meets in 2 years selected from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad
  - c. Work as many different areas as possible to find an area you like to specialize in
  - d. Attend 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual meeting per year
  - e. 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, is currently a National Level
  - b. Minimum number of meets to upgrade
    - i. Combination of minimum of 10 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA over the Olympiad
    - ii. Minimum of 2 meets must be outside of the Indiana Association over the Olympiad
    - iii. Minimum of 8 Association Meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad
  - c. Attend 1 meeting from the following: Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
  - d. Have 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
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
    - ii. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
    - iii. Minimum of 10 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad
  - c. Attend 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 with 90% or more
  - f. Have 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 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
    - ii. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
    - iii. Minimum of 10 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad
  - d. Passed the Rules Review with 90% or better

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## USATFIN Advancement Checklist – June, 2020 2021-2024 Olympiad

| Check off | #         | Criteria   | Date Completed |
|-----------|-----------|--|----------------|
|           | <b>1.</b> | <b>All Officials need the four-step certification.<br/>Background check/SafeSport/Membership/Officials Dues</b>  |                |
|           | a.        | Background Check   |                |
|           | b.        | SafeSport  |                |
|           | c.        | USATF MEMBERSHIP   |                |
|           | d.        | Officials Dues   |                |
|           | <b>2</b>  | <b>Apprentice to Association Advancement</b>   |                |
|           | a.        | Have been an Apprentice Level for 2 years  |                |
|           | b.        | Minimum number of meets to upgrade.  |                |
|           | i.        | Combination of minimum of 8 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA.  |                |
|           | ii.       | Minimum of 4 Association meet in 2 years selected from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad |                |
|           | c.        | Attend 1 Rules review selected from Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual meeting per year.   |                |
|           | d.        | Have 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.   |                |
|           | <b>3.</b> | <b>Association to National Advancement</b>   |                |
|           | a.        | Have been an Association Level for 2 years or if maintaining, is currently a National Level  |                |
|           | b.        | Minimum number of meets to upgrade   |                |
|           | i.        | Combination of minimum of 10 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA.   |                |
|           | 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 Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad.                   |                |
|           | c.        | Attend 1 Rules review selected from Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual meeting per year.   |                |
|           | d.        | Have 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..   |  |
|  | ii.       | Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad   |  |
|  | iii.      | Minimum of 10 Association meets Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad.     |  |
|  | c.        | Attend 1 Rules review selected from Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual meeting per year.   |  |
|  | d.        | Pass the Rules Review with 90% or more.  |  |
|  | e.        | Have passed the Rules Review during the Olympiad with 90% or More.   |  |
|  | <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 1 Rules review selected from Rules review, USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, USATF 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   |  |
|  | ii.       | Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad   |  |
|  | iii.      | Minimum of 10 Association meets from Indiana Master Indoor or Outdoor, Youth Association Track & Field, Association Youth Cross Country, Association Master Cross Country, Region VII Cross Country or Region VII Outdoor Track & Field Championships meet over the course of the Olympiad |  |
|  | d.        | Pass the Rules Review with 90% or More   |  |



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## 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 it's 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, failure by any Indiana Association Official to not have not met the criteria as stated above to maintain their current level will be demoted to the previous level of Official status that was earned. 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.

## Appeals – Section 16 USAFT Certification Handbook

In accordance with the NOC's Operating Procedures, any official denied an up-grade 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.