



### Dates to Remember:

- November 9<sup>th</sup>, Association Cross Country Meet  
Cerland Park in Columbus
- November 17<sup>th</sup> Region VII Cross Country at Eagle Park  
in Little Nashville
- Dec. 4-8 USATF Annual Meeting-Reno
- Dec. 15 USATF Indiana Annual Officials Clinic site  
TBD
- January Master Association Indoor site TBD
- 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.**

Do you know of a recent high school or college athlete that would like to give back to the sport? USATF Indiana has instituted a new program for young athletes that would help defer some cost. Contact Mike if you know of someone.

If you would like to learn more about becoming certified to officiate Paralympic Track and Field events following the following link:

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

**Mike's Laps-** Well, it's that time of year to start digging out your warmer clothes and getting ready for those Fall Cross country events. I look forward to standing in the woods and the rain at Eagle Park in November...how about you?

There is much going on in the next couple of months. The NCAA will announce the officials selected for their Championships, USTAF has posted open applications for the Big Four (selections to be made at the Annual Meeting in December) and the usual championship meet. Getting ready for our clinic and awards presentations in December is in high gear. There is much to do to get us ready for the new year. 2020 is the last year of our current Olympiad. 2021-2024 is the new Olympiad which happens in about 15 months. New rule reviews, new upgrades, new renewals, new rules are on the horizon. The official's committee is prepping to provide you with the needed clinics and presentations to help you hone your skills and become a more effective official than you already are. This is exciting stuff to me!!

I am looking forward to creating a cadre of mentors to help guide our new officials and as the Junior Officials Program is nearing completion. This program will be launched in Indiana as one of the pilot associations.

The Officials Committee is also working on some changes in our policies concerning attendance at Association meets and the upgrading of officials. There will be more information forthcoming and posted on our website.

Please take time to become acquainted with our new website. Much of the "new" information and meets needing officials, etc. will be posted for your FYI. (see page 2)

Make sure you are meeting deadlines if you are applying for any of the NCAA or USATF meets. The process is has never been more organized, by the National Officials Committee (NOC). Deadlines are strictly enforced.

Good luck to all of you who are applying for any of these meets. Once you apply for any of the USATF meets I am sent your name and information and then I fill out an evaluation on you and submit this evaluation to the selection committee. The evaluation is based on skills, attendance at Association meets, and the established evaluation criteria set forth by the NOC.....See you at the ring.

NCAA Rule: The application process for officials to express interest in working any of the 2020 NCAA Track & Field Championships opened in late August. Information about the application, selection process and a link to the application portal can be found in the Officiating section of the [NCAA Playing Rules Page](#). Any official that has applied in the last 2 years should have received an email on August 26th with your log in information. Any official that has not applied in the past 2 years should register as a new user. Questions can be directed to Nathan Smurdon, NCAA National Officials Assignor, at [ncaaofficials@gmail.com](mailto:ncaaofficials@gmail.com).

Congratulations to Sean Bruening as he was elected to serve a term on the USATF Board of Directors. All so congratulations to Stu Goble and Dick Boyd on being reelected to the Board of Directors for a second term.

# OFFICIAL NEWS

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**SafeSport Update:** There have been some recent updates regarding SafeSport. These updates have come to USATF from the US Center for SafeSport. Here is some information that applies to our officials:

- Your SafeSport Certification is valid through the 2020 Olympiad
- SafeSport has developed an annual Refresher course. This course is not required at this time.
- New SafeSport Certifications can only be completed online. The use of the DVD in group settings is not currently allowed. The NOC is working to try and re-instate the group option.



Long Sleeve Polo  
\$29.00

**2019 Annual Officials Clinic and Awards Ceremony** will be Sunday December 15, 2019. Scott Rose will be our special guest. It looks as though the NCAA will be going to a certified EDR as early as next year at all championships events. Scott has agreed to come and certify all officials that would like to become certified. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity. Site is to be determined by the end of the month.

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- USATF National Youth Outdoor Championships - June 23-28, 2020 - Miramar, FL
- USATF Hershey National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships - July 27-August 2, 2020 - Jacksonville, FL

NFHS Rule of the Month: **5-3-3 & 4, 5-10-6 thru 11:** Clarifies that in the 4x100-meter relay and 4x200-meter relay, and other relays with legs of 200 meters or less, each exchange zone will be 30 meters long. All exchange zones for races in excess of 200 meters will remain at 20 meters.

**New website being populated.** We are excited to announce that the USATF Indiana web master is working on an official site for the Indiana Officials. Many resources will be placed here for you, including previous newsletters, how to become an official, official resources from the NOC, plus much more. One of the areas we are excited about is the Meets that Need Officials. This is an area official coordinators can place their meets and how to contact them. There is a plethora of meets currently there. However, keep in mind some of them would now be filled. But, it would not hurt to check with the contact if you are interested in a certain meet. We do know that the GLIAC in Michigan is still accepting applications for both the indoor and outdoor championships. Contact Mike Trego. The MAC outdoor championships at Western Michigan is accepting applications. Contact Ned O'Doherty. Their contact information can be found on the website. So be sure to visit the site at: <http://www.indiana.usatf.org> and choose the Official link at the top. Keep in mind this is a good start and is not the finished product. Looks will continue to change along with the content. So visit often.

**USATF Rule:** The Officials Application for 2020 USATF Track and Field championship meets are now available. Please navigate to [noc.mach2k.net](http://noc.mach2k.net) to find the link to the application. The window for applying will remain open until midnight (Pacific) on Oct. 15. <http://noc.mach2k.net/>

**ALL MASTER AND NATIONAL LEVEL OFFICIALS** may apply for the four meets listed below. Competition officials for these meets will be chosen the USATF Selection Committee on Dec. 2-4, 2019. These meets are:

- USATF Indoor Championship - February 14-15, 2020 - Albuquerque, NM
- USATF Indoor Combined Event Championship - Date/Site TBD
- USATF U20 Championship - June 12-14, 2020 - Miramar, FL
- US Olympic Track & Field Trials - June 19-28, 2020 - Eugene, OR

information will be forward to the respective Officials Coordinators for these meets. Competition officials will be selected by those meets. They are:

- USATF Hershey Youth Indoor Championships - TBA
- USATF Masters Indoor Championships - March 13-15, 2020 - Baton Rouge, LA
- USATF Masters Outdoor Championships - July 9-12, 2020 - Greensboro, NC

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