



The 2020 Olympic Games to be held in Tokyo has been postponed until 2021. At this time no specific date has been met. Along with this the United States Olympic Committee has postponed the Olympic Trials until such time as a date has been selected for the Olympic Games.

In the meantime, there is discussion of hosting a Senior Open Outdoor Championships for the Athletes. This has not been finalized but is a possible option for our athletes to look forward to.

These moves will also effect the World Championships that were to be held in the United States. The LOC in Eugene is working with World Athletics find a date for the Championship in 2022.

These are uncharted times. Continue to have all effected people in your thoughts.



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Dates to Remember:

March 31 SafeSport Long Program Due
June 20 Master Association Outdoor site Ball State
June 13-14 Youth Association Outdoor site Ball State
July 9-12 Region VII Ball State

Links:

Indiana Officials
USATF 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- It has been a busy "Indoor" season...but only a few weeks left and we are transitioning to the Great Out of Doors. I hope you have had a productive and enjoyable indoor season. As we look to the Outdoor season there are a few dates to keep in mind...June 13-14, 2020 is our Junior Olympic Meet at Ball State University and our JO Regional Association Meet is July 9-12, 2020 also at Ball State. I will be soliciting officials for their commitment to work either, or both of these meets, in the next few weeks. We need a quality crew for both events.

With the nationwide medical problems, we are currently experiencing...interesting things are happening. Many NCAA conference meets have been canceled and in terms of March Madness...it just didn't happen. The Tokyo 2020 Olympics has been postponed. We just have to wait and see how this all shakes out.

We will forge ahead until something happens.

New policies are being developed by a committee of officials across the state, (and one out of state), that will define the criterion for an official to advance to the next level. See page 2 for a look at the initial plan. For any questions be sure to contact me.

It is also time to finish your SafeSport renewals and re-up any background checks and memberships that need to be updated. You have until **March 31, 2020** to take care of your SafeSport training. I have pelted you with emails over the last months to inform you of your status and need to comply. We still have about 23-25 people who have not taken care of their SafeSport Training. The urgency of your submitting a copy of your SafeSport certificate is upon us. Please do not lose your credentials. Re-admittance is a process that takes extra time to reinstate you into the system. Please send me a copy of your SafeSport course completion or renewal certificate post haste. I am sending them to the National Committee within the next two weeks. Thanks to all who have complied so far and thank you in advance to those who finish up.

Take care and enjoy your house arrest, stay healthy, mentally and physically. Mike

Don't forget to check your USATF membership re newal and background check. This can be done at USATF.org in your profile.

Updated Indiana Official Requirements

With the new Olympiad fast approaching the Indian Officials Committee along with officials across the state have clarified advancement requirements for Indiana Officials. Besides being 3 step compliant (USATF, Background and SafeSport) the following is a brief list of requirements for each level. For complete details see the web site or contact Mike Trego.

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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The 2020 Paralympics has been postponed. Currently it appears that the Paralympics in Tokyo will be held in 2021. It has been announced that the USA Paralympic Trials in Minneapolis will also be postponed. No date has been announced. At this time the official's application has been removed until more information is finalized.

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>

SafeSport

Everyone must complete the long SafeSport Training by March 31, 2020. Then the 1/2 hour yearly refresher course

NCAA Rule of the Month: I was asked by a coach this questions. Is it a requirement that the pole vault standards be anchored/fixed to the ground in order to be compliant with the NCAA Rules for competitions? I told the coach that it would be ok not to anchor them. But to be sure I posed the question to Mark Kostek, NCAA rules interpreter. This was his comment. Located on page 36 of the current rule book, Rule 2-7.3, Standards addresses the question. "Any style of uprights or posts may be used for the Pole Vault, provided the style is rigid and supported by a base not more than 10 centimeters high above the ground. Cantilever uprights are recommended." To clarify, the rule does not require the base of the standards or base to be fastened to the ground. Of the many facilities that I have visited most have portable standards to allow for easy moving if wind conditions change.

NFHS Rule of the month: Rule 5-12 When a race is run in lanes, competitors are expected to run the entire race in their assigned lanes. Competitors who inadvertently run out of their lanes on a straightaway or in the lane to their outside on a curve are not in violation provided they do not interfere with another runner. A competitor shall be considered to be out of the lane when: a. without being fouled and while running around a curve, steps on or over the inside lane line or curb for three or more consecutive steps with either or both feet b. While running on a straightaway, runs in an adjacent lane and interferes with another competitor c. While running around a curve, runs over the outside lane line and interferes with another competitor d. He/she does not finish the race in the assigned lane, or if while a member of a relay team, does not make the pass in the assigned lane. E. He/she takes one or more steps inside the assigned lane line at the break line.

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
 - 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
 - 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.
 - e. Have passed the National 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

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USATF Rule of the Month: 4. In all field events other than the High Jump and Pole Vault:

(a) No competitor shall have more than one trial recorded in any one round of trials of the competition.

(b) When there are more than eight competitors, each competitor shall be allowed three trials. The eight competitors with the best performances (or nine if nine lanes are used around the track) shall be allowed three additional trials, unless the entry material provides otherwise. Ties for the final qualifying position for additional trials shall be broken by applying Rule 180.17.

(c) When there are eight or fewer competitors (or nine if nine lanes are used around the track), all shall be allowed six trials, unless the entry material provides otherwise. Competitors failing to achieve a valid trial during the first three rounds of trials shall compete in any subsequent rounds of trials before those with valid trials, and in the same relative order according to the original draw, excepting paragraph (f).

(d) In the competition proper, in a Championship competition, if there are resident and/or non-resident aliens among the leading competitors after the completion of the preliminaries, American citizens in order of placement equal to the number of full lanes around the track, but not to exceed nine (9) shall advance for any subsequent additional attempts.

(e) In all competitions, the order of competition for all subsequent rounds of trials shall be in reverse order of the best performance in the first three rounds of trials. The entry material may specify that the competing order be changed again after any further round of trials after the third. When the competing order is to be changed and there is a tie for any position, those tying shall compete in the same

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 and 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.

iii. 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.

- a. Attend a minimum of 1 meeting from the following: Rules review,
- b. USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards, Indiana Association Meeting or USATF Annual Meeting per year
- c. 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
- d. Pass the Master Review with 90% or more
- e. 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. 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
 - iv. Combination of, minimum of 12 USATF Indiana, USATF, NCAA, NAIA during the Olympiad
 - v. Minimum of 2 National Championship or NCAA, NAIA Conference Meets outside of Indiana during the Olympiad
 - vi. 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. Have served as a head at a National Championship or a NCAA/NAIA Conference Meet
- e. Passed the Master Rules Review with 90% or better

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, failure by any Indiana Association Official to not have 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.