



USATF ELITE DEVELOPMENT CLUBS



The Elite Development Club (EDC) Program is intended to support the efforts of USA Track & Field and the USATF Club Council to develop and support nationally and internationally competitive athletes by increasing the number of year-round training environments available to U.S. athletes once they leave our school-based programs. By increasing the number of promising athletes who continue to compete in our sport following their high school and college careers, we enlarge the talent pool from which our future stars will emerge. The "Elite Development Club" designation identifies clubs that have demonstrated the commitment, resources, and record of developing athletes to the elite level. The "Elite Development Club" designation is also intended to enhance the ability of high level USATF Clubs to marshal community and corporate support for their mission of elite athlete development.

Elite Development Clubs – FAQ

When did the EDC program begin?

The EDC program was initiated in the spring of 2004 when more than a dozen USATF clubs were selected for "Elite Development Club" designation.

What is USATF looking for in a club candidate for EDC designation?

The Elite Development Club (EDC) Program is aimed at creating a comprehensive national network of high-quality, year-round, club-based training environments that serve the development needs of "open athletes" wherever they live. Clubs whose mission includes a commitment to developing highly competitive athletes and teams, have shown they possess the resources to support such athletes and teams, and have demonstrated a recent history of success in open-level USATF Regional and National Championship competition are good candidates to become USATF Elite Development Clubs.

Can there be more than one EDC in the same geographic area or population center?

Yes. Large metropolitan areas with large numbers of talented athletes can support multiple Elite Development Clubs within a relatively small geographic area. That said, USATF is also aware of the need to protect currently successful EDCs in small and medium-size population areas from a dilution of resources and athletes that can result from EDC saturation.

When can clubs apply for EDC designation?

Clubs can apply for EDC designation at any time. Applications are reviewed immediately upon being received by the USATF Club Council.

Why is there an application fee?

Clubs applying for Elite Development Club designation are required to pay a non-refundable \$100 application fee for several reasons. The primary reason for the application fee is to help to offset the costs associated with administering the EDC Program. In addition, requiring an application fee helps to limit applicants to clubs that are truly serious about seeking the designation and have the resources to be an EDC.

How long is the designation valid?

EDC designations expire at the end of each 4-year Olympic quadrennium.

Do EDCs have to re-apply every four years?

Yes. Even Elite Development Clubs with stellar records of success in the most recent Olympic quadrennium are required to re-apply for designation as an EDC during the next quadrennium. Clubs that miss the application deadline for EDC renewal, or that are denied EDC designation for the next quadrennium, must pay the application fee if they wish to re-apply

Can a club have its EDC designation revoked within the current quadrennium?

Yes. USATF may revoke EDC designation for reasons that include, but are not limited to, failure to comply with USATF membership requirements, rules of competition, operating regulations, and/or violations of municipal, state, or federal laws.

USATF Elite Development Club

APPLICATION FORM

2009-2012



CLUB INFORMATION

Club Name: _____

USATF Club #: _____

Club Director: _____

USATF Membership # _____

Head Coach: _____

USATF Membership # _____

Club Mailing Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Club Web Site: _____

The primary factor in determining whether a USATF Club should receive "Elite Development Club" designation is whether it has demonstrated success in developing athletes who have qualified for our USA Track & Field Championships and/or performed at a high level in our Cross Country and Road Running Championships.

NATIONAL QUALIFIERS

Please list your club members who have qualified for the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships:

2005

2006

2007

2008 Olympic Trials

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALISTS

Please list your club's men's and women's team finishes & individual medalists at the USATF National Club Track & Field Championships:

2005

2006

2007

2008

USA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS PARTICIPANTS

Please list your club's top place-winners at the February USA Cross Country Championships (U.S. World Championships Team selection meet):

2005

2006

2007

2008

USATF CLUB CROSS COUNTRY MEET PARTICIPANTS

Please list your club's team finishes and individual place-winners at the December USATF National Club Cross Country Championships.

2005

2006

2007

2008

USA ROAD RACE CHAMPIONSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Please list your club's top place-winners in USA Road Race Championships at 5 km, 8 km, 10 km, 10-Mile, Half-Marathon, 20 km, or Marathon distances:

2005

2006

2007

2008

SUPPORT FOR POST-COLLEGIATE ATHLETES AND USATF CLUB-BASED COMPETITION

Please state your club's mission and its philosophy regarding the importance of developing athletes after leaving our school-based programs and fielding competitive teams of open athletes in local, regional, and national events.

Describe your club's success in achieving its mission over the past 4-years?

How many athlete members were listed on your USATF Club roster for 2008?

What will be the goals of your club for the 2009-2012 Olympic quadrennium?

What is the average annual dollar amount your club has spent for entry fees and travel expenses to competitions over the past four years?

Briefly describe the types of development and competition support that your club provides for its members:

Coaching

Training Groups

Access to Training Facilities

Competition Opportunities

Medical/Physical Therapy Services

What fees or membership dues are club members required to pay in exchange for any or all of the above?

SPONSORSHIP

Please list your Club's sponsors and include a letter of support from each of them.

CLUB COACH(ES) INFORMATION:

Executive Director:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Formal Education:

Coaching Experience:

USATF Coaching Certification:

Years with the club:

USATF Membership #:

Head Coach:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Formal Education:

Coaching Experience:

USATF Coaching Certification:

Years with the club:

USATF Membership #:

Assistant Coach:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Formal Education:

Coaching Experience:

USATF Coaching Certification:

Years with the club:

USATF Membership #:

Assistant Coach:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Formal Education:

Coaching Experience:

USATF Coaching Certification:

Years with the club:

USATF Membership #:

Assistant Coach:

Mailing Address:

E-mail:

Telephone:

Formal Education:

Coaching Experience:

USATF Coaching Certification:

Years with the club:

USATF Membership #:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please list any additional information and considerations would you like the USATF Club Council to know in evaluating your club's interest in receiving "USATF Elite Development Club" designation

Please forward this evaluation form via email to:

Andy Martin, USATF, Director of Grass Roots Programs - Andy.Martin@usatf.org

Please mail your \$100.00 application fee, made payable to "USA TRACK & FIELD" to:

**USA Track & Field, Elite Development Club Program, Attn: Andy Martin, 132 E Washington, Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204
Tel (317) 713-4675 Fax (888) 829-6926 Email: Andy.Martin@usatf.org**

PLEASE NOTE: Applications for Elite Development Club designation will be reviewed immediately upon receipt.