

2004 USA INDOOR COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS



University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

**EVENT DATES:
March 6-7, 2004**

ENTRY BOOKLET

ENTRY INFORMATION

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ENTRY PROCESS: November 24, 2003 – February 16, 2004

MEET DIRECTOR: Dick Moss - 770-941-6792; email: dechep@juno.com

FACILITY HOST: Dennis Craddock, Head Coach of Men's & Women's T&F

COMPETITION SITE: Eddie Smith Field House

Track: Mondo - 200 meter, 6 x 42" lanes, 69' radius, flat floor

Field: Mondo - long jump and pole vault runways exceed 150'

Throws: Shot putters may throw indoor implements ONLY.

AIRPORT: Raleigh-Durham International – 16 miles to University

AIRPORT TRANSPORT: Visit www.rdu.com for airport shuttle information.

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| RENTAL CARS: | Alamo | 800-327-9633 |
| | Avis | 800-331-1212 |
| | Budget | 800-527-0700 |
| | Dollar | 800-800-4000 |
| | Enterprise | 800-736-8222 |
| | Hertz | 800-654-3131 |
| | National | 800-227-7368 |
| | Thrifty | 800-847-4389 |

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| HOUSING: | Best Western University Inn | (919-932-3000) |
| | 1310 Raleigh Road | Ask for reservations |
| | Chapel Hill, NC 27515 | and reference |
| | | USA Track & Field |

Rate: \$80.00 single/double with continental breakfast

*******Cut-off date: Friday, February 14*******

ATHLETES & COACHES MEETING

Meetings will be conducted at the Best Western University Inn in the lobby meeting room. Bib numbers will be distributed during meetings scheduled as follows:

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| Men's Heptathlon | Friday, March 5, 2004 | 8:00 p.m. |
| Women's Pentathlon | Saturday, March 6, 2004 | 8:00 p.m. |

ORDER OF EVENTS & TIME SCHEDULE – Tentative – subject to change

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| Saturday, March 6 | Men's Heptathlon Day 1 | 2:00 p.m. |
| Sunday, March 7 | Women's Pentathlon | 12:00 noon |
| | Men's Heptathlon Day 2 | 2:00 p.m. |

QUALIFYING MARKS

Combined Events qualifying marks may be from indoor or outdoor competitions from **Friday, May 2, 2003** through **Monday, February 23, 2004**.

The following will be contested as championship events:

Women's Pentathlon
Men's Heptathlon

Men's Qualifying Standards

Heptathlon 5450
Pentathlon 3850
Decathlon 7700

Women's Qualifying Standards

Pentathlon 3850
Heptathlon 5215

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

1. Qualifying marks must be made and verifiable in one of the following:
 - a. USATF- or IAAF-sanctioned events
 - b. Collegiate meets
2. Combined Events qualifying may be from indoor or outdoor competitions from Friday, May 2, 2003 through Monday, February 23, 2004.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

In addition to correctly entering the meet and having equaled or bettered the qualifying standard during the stated qualifying period, the following criteria must also be met:

- **For all athletes, a 2004 USATF membership number must be provided or entry will not be accepted.** USATF memberships may be

purchased on-line at www.usatf.org, through your local USATF Association, or by calling the USATF National Headquarters at 317-261-0478 x345. The fee is \$20.

- Athletes wishing to represent a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States must be registered with the membership committee of their local USATF Association.
- Only citizens of the United States who are eligible to represent the U.S. in all levels of international competition are eligible to compete in championship events.

PRIZES & AWARDS

A Gold Medal, emblematic of the Championships of the United States of America, will be given to the winner of each Championship event; a Silver Medal to second and a Bronze Medal to third and fourth.

PRIZE MONEY

For the 2004 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships, USA Track & Field will pay prize money to the first- through third-place finishers. The prize structure is as follows:

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| First Place | \$2,500 |
| Second Place | \$1,500 |
| Third Place | \$ 500 |

Prize money will be distributed after all drug-testing results have become final.

Athletes with **remaining collegiate eligibility** are not eligible to receive this prize money. In these cases, for the Indoor Championships **only**, the next highest placing finisher in that event will be awarded the prize money.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To compete in the Championships, you must complete the entry process as follows:

- A 2004 USATF MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ENTER.
- All entries must be submitted on-line at www.usatf.org (then click on Elite Athletes then USA Indoor Combined Events Championships).
- On-line entry is the only method of entry. No other form of entry will be accepted.

- **On-time entries are those that are completed on-line between Monday, November 24, 2003 and February 16, 2004, 5:00 p.m. ET.** An entry fee of \$25 must accompany the entry.
- A Help Line is available for those who need help with the entry process. For assistance call 317-261-0478 x337 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ET, Monday – Friday.
- The Status of Entries/Declarations web page updates hourly: www.usatf.org
- In order to enter on-line, please have the following information available:
 - a) Your 2004 USATF membership number
 - b) Your USATF membership password (see www.usatf.org/members-only/ for assistance)
 - c) The qualifying mark and qualifying event
 - d) Name, location and date of event where qualified
 - e) Athlete's affiliation
 - f) Coach and/or agent phone number
 - g) An updated athlete location form on file with USADA if you are in the Out-Of-Competition Drug-Testing Pool (OOC).
 - h) Credit card information: **USATF prefers VISA.**
- **Late entries are those that are completed on-line after 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, February 16 through Monday, February 23, 2004, 8:00 a.m. ET.** Late entries must be accompanied by the \$25 entry fee **PLUS A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$50.**
- On-line entries must be paid by credit card. **USATF prefers VISA.**
- All performances are subject to verification.
- Athletes may enter even if they have not yet met the qualifying standard. However, athletes will not be permitted to compete unless they have:
 - a) A 2004 USATF membership
 - b) Completed the entry process
 - c) Met the entry standard by February 23, 2004
 - d) An updated athlete location form on file with USADA if in the Out-of-Competition Drug-Testing Pool (OOC)
 - e) Completed the declaration process

Proof of qualifying performance, if required, must be submitted to USATF no later than 1:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, February 25, 2004. Any submittal received after this date will not be accepted. **Please contact stats@usatf.org for verification procedures.**

DECLARATION PROCESS

Once properly entered, all athletes must complete the declaration process.

- **DECLARATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON-LINE** at www.usatf.org.
- On-line is the only method of declaration. No other form of declaration will be accepted.
- **Declarations begin at 9:00 a.m. ET on Monday, February 23, 2004 and close at 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 24, 2003.**
- A Help Line is available for those who need help with the declaration process. For assistance call 317-261-0478 x337.
- Each athlete or his/her representative must declare whether that athlete will or will not compete in each event they have entered. The person declaring may submit any corrected or improved marks in each event entered.
- The Status of Entries/Declarations web page updates hourly: www.usatf.org
- In order to make a declaration, please have the following information available:
 - a) 2004 USATF membership number
 - b) Your USATF membership password
(see www.usatf.org/members-only/ for assistance)
 - c) Athlete's name
 - d) Athlete's affiliation
 - e) Event(s) declaring
 - f) Event(s) scratching
 - g) Any updated qualifying mark(s) and qualifying event(s)
 - h) Name, location and date of event where qualified, and meet director
 - i) Phone number for call-back questions
- Athletes not declaring by 5:00 p.m. ET, Tuesday, February 24, 2004 will be scratched from the competition.
- Petitions for late declaration will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 2, 2004 and must be accompanied by a late declaration fee of \$100 payable by credit card only. **Petitions may be filed by calling 317-261-0478 x337.** Decisions on late declaration

petitions will be acted upon by a special committee no later than Thursday, March 4, 2004.

DOPING CONTROL

Athletes who participate in this competition may be subject to drug testing in accordance with IAAF Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control or the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code. Drug testing, and the adjudication of positive findings, will be carried out by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Athletes found to have committed a doping violation will be disciplined according to the USADA Protocol and suspended, if appropriate, according to applicable IAAF rules. Such penalties may result in a period of ineligibility as well as disqualification from the event. Any substance taken by an athlete is at his/her own risk and may result in a positive sample. **(This includes cold medicines, nutritional supplements, and some over the counter medicines).** Information on drugs and medications and about drug testing may be obtained by calling the USADA Drug Reference Hotline at **800-233-0393** or visiting the USADA website: www.usantidoping.org.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE TIME NECESSARY FOR PROVIDING A SAMPLE AND PROCESSING PAPERWORK AT THE END OF YOUR EVENT WHEN MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

ENTRY/DECLARATIONS QUESTIONS & PROBLEMS

Call the USATF Indoor Championships Help Line at 317-261-0478 x337

ATHLETE ISSUES

Call Mike Conley at the USATF National Headquarters at 317-261-0478 x333 or email: michael.conley@usatf.org

CONDUCT OF COMPETITION QUESTIONS

Call Meet Director Dick Moss at 770-941-6792 or email: dechep@juno.com

WHAT'S MY USATF PASSWORD AND WHERE DO I FIND IT?

If you joined by paper application, it's:

- in the confirmation e-mail you received after registration (if you provided your e-mail address)
- on the membership card mailer (the backing your card was attached to when you received it in the mail)

If you joined online, it's also:

- on the confirmation webpage displayed after registration
- the password you chose during the registration process

If you cannot remember your password, you can retrieve it by:

- visiting www.usatf.org/members-only and clicking on "Don't know your password?"
- calling USATF Member Services at 317-261-0478 x345



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IF YOU CHEAT, YOU WILL GET CAUGHT.



ZERO TOLERANCE

For more information or to report cheating, visit
www.usatf.org/zerotolerance
or call

1-866-809-8104

We're making it a level playing field. 2003 USA Track & Field Anti-Doping Campaign.