



Information for USA Athletes Entering 3rd World Masters Athletics Championships (Indoors) Clermont-Ferrand, France March 17 – 22, 2008

Entry Procedure for US Citizens

All entries must include the following:

- **Meet Entry form**
 - Name & Address
 - Birth Date
 - Age Category (based on age on March 17, 2008)
 - Events
 - Fee Calculation in Euros.
 - Signature and Date
- **Meet Companion Entry Form** (if applicable)
- **USA Supplemental Entry form**
 - Fee Calculation in US Dollars
 - Uniform Selection and Size
 - Uniform Shipping Address (no Post Office Boxes)
 - 2008 USATF Membership Number
 - Payment information (Credit Card, Bank Check, Money Order, Personal Checks) - **No Refunds**
 - Signature and Date
- **Proof of Age (Required)** regardless of submission for past Championships) Copy of birth certificate or passport only – no driver's licenses

All entries for US Citizens must be mailed to: **USA Track & Field**
Attn: Sherry Quack
One RCA Dome, Suite 140
Indianapolis, IN 46225

Entries must be received in Indianapolis by Friday, January 4, 2008. From January 5 to 25, a late fee of \$75 applies. Absolutely no entries will be accepted after January 25, 2008. Please allow sufficient mailing time to meet this deadline.

Housing Forms are to be mailed directly to Auvergne Tourisme (the meet's official travel agency) at the address on the form.

Confirmation – Please check the Status of Entries page on

www.usatf.org/events/2008/WorldMastersAthleticsChampionshipsIndoor for confirmation of your entry. If there are any errors, contact Philip Greenwald (greenwaldp@att.net) or 212-595-2486 before 9 PM Eastern Time) immediately.

Travel Planning

Please arrange to arrive in Clermont-Ferrand the day before your first event. You are responsible for making your own arrangements for travel and accommodation; including obtaining a passport and meeting any visa requirements.

Competition Information

On arrival in Clermont-Ferrand – please contact the USA Team Managers – Philip Greenwald or Mary Rosado – either at the Team Meetings (see below) or by looking for the U.S. flag in the stands. This is particularly important for those who have not previously attended a WMA championship. As noted below, there are different rules and procedures and it is important to double-check that you have completed all of the steps to be able to compete.

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Rules - This is a large, international meet conducted under IAAF and WMA rules and many of the rules and procedures are different from local and US national meets. USATF is transmitting your entry to the Local Organizing Committee in Clermont-Ferrand and does not administer this meet.

Uniforms – *All athletes in all events must wear an official USA uniform top during competition* (WMA officials have notified us that this uniform top rule will be strictly enforced throughout the competition). Unless you have a uniform top from the WMA Championships in San Sebastian, Linz, or Riccione, you need to purchase one (see supplemental entry form). Uniforms are either an authentic National Team Uniform or newly created replica uniform with the same logos and similar colors. For each size and style, the authentic uniform items will be provided on a first come – first served basis until the inventory is depleted.

Additional uniform tops and supplemental uniform pieces (matching shorts, tights and warm-up clothing) are available and information will be sent to you when your entry is processed. The products are attractively priced and available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Competitor's Handbook - You will receive one when you pick up your packet in Clermont-Ferrand – Please read it and keep it with you. It contains vital information about the competition, i.e.: when and where you must declare your intention to compete in your events; when and where to check in; transportation information, final competition schedules and sites; etc. Additional information is available at the meet website masters2008.athle.com (no www prefix).

Team Meetings - There will be a USA team meeting at 10:30 AM every competition day at the main stadium (the exact location will be posted on the Information Board). Please attend the meeting the day before your competition and, if possible, the day of competition. There is generally important last minute information from the meetings between the Team Managers and WMA and the Local Organizing Committee.

USA Information Board - Check the USA Information Board at the TIC (Technical Information Center) in the main stadium for notices and/or updates. You can also post notes for the team managers or for each other.

4 x 200 Relays

- The relays will take place on Saturday, March 22, presumably in the afternoon.
- If you intend to run the relay, please check the box on the supplemental entry form.
- Philip Greenwald will have relay declaration forms in Clermont-Ferrand. **Please note that if you sign-up and are placed on a team, you are expected to compete; your team-mates will be depending on you.**
- The USATF Masters Committee set the guidelines for the selection of relays. Relay competitors are selected from among the 200 meters dash competitors in Clermont-Ferrand, with some discretion on the part of the Team Manager.
- There will be a relay meeting – check the USA Information Board for the date, time and place.

10K Road Race Walk, Half-Marathon, and 8K Cross Country Teams – There will be team scoring in each age group – details will be explained at the Team Meetings. **If you are registered for an event and decide not to compete, please advise team manager before the event, in order to permit creating mixed-age teams, if needed.**

Protests /Appeals - You can protest any infraction of the rules with the referee. Any appeal of the referee's decision must be by a team manager.

Drug Testing - WMA will conduct drug testing under IAAF rules. It is each athlete's responsibility to know and comply with the IAAF Anti-Doping Rules. Please note that there are many over-the-counter medicines that are prohibited for use by athletes competing in Athletics. Additional information is available at www.world-masters-athletics.org. If you require approval for use of therapeutic medications, please submit a Therapeutic Use Exemption Application to WMA immediately.

Opening Ceremony - The opening ceremony will be on Monday, March 17

Team Managers

Track & Field Team Manager:

Philip Greenwald
212 595 2486 (before 9 PM Eastern Time)
greenwaldp@att.net

Non-Stadia Team Manager:

Mary Rosado
212 758 2104
mvrosadoesq@prodigy.net

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USA Team Uniform Options



Authentic singlet - The only difference between the men's and women's versions is the cut of the pieces, they are tailored towards each gender. The replica singlet (which will include the National Team mark on the front) and shorts are the same "obsidian" (navy blue) throughout, and will not have the light blue or the red color striping on the side or back. **Note: Shorts are sold separately.**



Authentic Throwers Top —Both the Authentic and replica tops will be made of Nike Dri-FIT material. The replica throwers top is the "obsidian" (navy blue shown on the front of the shirt) throughout (no light blue or red coloring) and will include the National Team mark on the front center of chest as shown.



Authentic Unitard — The unitards are offered in both a men's and women's version while supplies last, and all unitards sold will be as shown (no replicas will be sold).



Authentic Women's airborne top — Women's authentic airborne top will be as shown. This is cut to resemble a "sports bra." The replica airborne top is constructed of the same Nike Dri-FIT performance material; however it is the solid obsidian blue with the National team mark in the front center as shown above left. The replica is a different cut; while still form-fitting, the material extends down to the waistline. Both the authentic and replica tops include a sewn-in sports bra.



USA Supplemental Entry Form
3rd World Masters Athletics Indoor Championships
Clermont-Ferrand, France
March 17 to 22, 2008

Name: _____

2008 USATF Membership Number (required) _____
 (2008 USATF memberships can be purchased online at www.usatf.org/membership)

4 x 200 Relay Candidate: Yes No

Entry Fees:

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total</u>
WMA, LOC and USATF fees	\$78.00		\$78.00
Uniform top (not required for San Sebastian, Linz, and Riccione athletes)	\$25.00	_____	_____
Each Individual Event	\$23.00	_____	_____
Pentathlon	\$38.00	_____	_____
Half-Marathon	\$15.00	_____	_____
Booklet of Results	\$15.00	_____	_____
Companion Fee	\$38.00	_____	_____
Late Fee (January 5 to 25, 2008)	\$75.00	_____	_____
Total			=====

Payment Information: NO REFUNDS

Check One: Check or Money Order Enclosed
 VISA – *The ONLY credit card accepted by USATF*

VISA Acct. _____

Expiration _____

Signature _____



Competition Uniform Selection:

	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL
Women's Singlet	R	R	R	A	A	
Men's Singlet		R	R	AR	AR	A
Women's Airborne Top	R	AR	R	A	A	A
Men's Unitard		A	A	A	A	A
Women's Unitard	A	A	A	A	A	A
Men's Thrower Shirt	R	AR	AR	A	A	
Women's Thrower Shirt	A	A		A		A

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****The Team USA Code of Conduct and Waiver must be signed, dated and returned with your entry regardless of uniform purchase.****

Entries will be processed in the order received by USATF. Authentic competition tops (availability at press time is indicated by an “A”) will be fulfilled while supplies last. Once the supply of authentic gear is exhausted, orders will be fulfilled with replica gear. Note that the Replica Throwers Shirt is unisex.

Competition tops will be shipped in February. If the shipping information changes please, contact USA Track & Field at 317-261-0500 and ask for the merchandise department.

Uniform shipping address:

Name	
Address (No PO Boxes)	
City, State, Zip	

Team USA Code of Conduct and Waiver

All Masters Athletes and USA Track & Field (USATF) Delegation Managers are required to adhere to the following Code of Conduct as a condition of competing internationally under the auspices of USA Track & Field:

1. I will conduct myself at all times as a goodwill ambassador for USATF and the United States of America, and I will refrain from any act(s) that may reflect unfavorably upon me, my teammates, the sport of track and field, USATF or the United States of America.
2. I will not intentionally or voluntarily undertake any action that desecrates or disrespects the American flag.
3. I will dress appropriately and respectfully for all official functions, and will wear the designated official USATF uniform top during competition. I understand that I am forbidden from altering or covering up the sponsor logo, if any, on the official USATF uniform top.
4. If I am unable to compete in any event with team awards (4 x 200 relay, race walk, cross country, and half-marathon) due to injury, illness, or for any other reasons, I will notify the USATF Team Managers as soon as I become aware of any condition that may prevent me from competing.
5. I understand that it is my responsibility to be informed about all issues related to the competition, and to provide my own equipment and athletic gear to the extent that these are not provided by the competition organizing committee, USATF or a USATF sponsor.
6. I will read and abide by USATF Regulation 10/Doping Control and IAAF Anti-Doping Rules. I understand that my failure to abide by the anti-doping regulations may result in disciplinary proceedings against me and the imposition of appropriate penalties, suspension or other disciplinary measures.
7. I will not organize activities or raise funds in the name of the US Team or US Athletes (or similar phrases) without prior, written USATF approval

USATF may publish and/or release for publication my entry information (name, gender, age, hometown, events, and marks) in accordance with its Privacy Policy

For and in consideration of USA Track & Field, Inc. (“**USATF**”) allowing me, the undersigned, to participate in the 3rd World Masters Athletics Championships (Indoors) (**the “Event”**), I, for myself, and on behalf of my spouse, children, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns, hereby agree to and make the following contractual representations pursuant to this Waiver and Release of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement (**the “Agreement”**);

1. I hereby represent that (i) I am at least eighteen (18) years of age or older; (ii) I am in good health and in proper physical condition to participate in the Event; and (iii) I am not under the influence of alcohol or any illicit or prescription drugs which would in any way impair my ability to safely participate in the Event. I agree that it is my sole responsibility to determine whether I am sufficiently fit and healthy enough to participate in the Event, that I am responsible for my own safety and well being at all times and under all circumstances while at the Event site.

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2. I understand and acknowledge that participation in track & field, road running, race walking, cross country, mountain, ultra, and trail running Events is inherently dangerous and represents an extreme test of a person's physical and mental limits. I understand that participation involves risks and dangers which include, without limitation, the potential for serious bodily injury, permanent disability, paralysis and loss of life; loss of or damage to equipment/property; exposure to extreme conditions and circumstances; contact with other participants, spectators, animals or other natural or manmade objects; dangers arising from adverse weather conditions; imperfect course or track conditions; land, water and surface hazards; equipment failure; inadequate safety measures; participants of varying skill levels; situations beyond the immediate control of the Event Organizers; and other undefined, not readily foreseeable and presently unknown risks and dangers ("**Risks**"). I understand that these Risks may be caused in whole or in part by my own actions or inactions, the actions or inactions of others participating in the Event, or the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties defined below, and I hereby expressly assume all such Risks and responsibility for any damages, liabilities, losses or expenses which I incur as a result of my participation in any Event.
3. I accept sole responsibility for my own conduct and actions while participating in the Event, and the condition and adequacy of my equipment, and the protection of my private property.
4. I hereby Release, Waive and Covenant Not to Sue, and further agree to Indemnify, Defend and Hold Harmless the following parties: the United States Olympic Committee, USA Track & Field, Inc., its Associations and Sport Disciplines, Sponsors, Advertisers, Coaches, Team Managers and Officials; and each of their respective parent, subsidiary and affiliated companies, officers, directors, partners, shareholders, members, agents, employees and volunteers (**Individually and Collectively, the "Released Parties"**), with respect to any liability, claim(s), demand(s), cause(s) of action, damage(s), loss or expense (including court costs, defense costs and reasonable attorneys fees) of any kind or nature ("**Liability**") which may arise out of, result from, or relate in any way to my participation in the Event, including claims for Liability caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the Released Parties, including with respect to the provision of information regarding rules and scheduling. I further agree that if, despite this Agreement, I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim for Liability against any of the Released Parties, I will indemnify, defend and hold harmless each of the Released Parties from any such Liabilities which any may be incurred as the result of such claim.

I hereby warrant that I am of legal age and competent to enter into this Agreement, that I have read this Agreement carefully, understand its terms and conditions, acknowledge that I will be giving up substantial legal rights by signing it (including the rights of my spouse, children, guardians, heirs and next of kin, and any legal and personal representatives, executors, administrators, successors and assigns), acknowledge that I have signed this Agreement without any inducement, assurance or guarantee, and intend for my signature to serve as confirmation of my complete and unconditional acceptance of the terms, conditions and provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement represents the complete understanding between the parties regarding these issues and no oral representations, statements or inducements have been made apart from this Agreement. If any provision of this Agreement is held to be unlawful, void, or for any reason unenforceable, then that provision shall be deemed severable from this Agreement and shall not affect the validity and enforceability of any remaining provisions.

Date: _____ **Signature:** _____

Printed Name: _____