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USA TRACK & FIELD – ELITE SANCTION ADDENDUM

Check all applicable reasons your event requires an Elite Sanction (see instructions):

- Awards at least one individual prize greater than \$500
- Invites at least one non-resident foreign athlete
- Serves as a National Championship or selection trial for an international team (specify):
- Subject to formal drug testing procedures

Please read the instructions on the back page. Return the form to your local Association with required fees at least four weeks prior to the date of the event. The Applicant Copy will be returned following approval/denial of your sanction application. **In addition to the completed application, you must enclose an additional sheet listing all funds to be awarded based on performance (prize money & bonuses)** – see instructions. All athletic funds based on performance shall be paid to athletes in accordance with this schedule. Compliance with this payment schedule and the Elite Sanction Addendum are integral conditions upon which the sanction is granted. Notice of any changes must be submitted to USATF and no change will be effective without USATF approval.

By initialing this paragraph, the sanctioned event affirms that it will not pay athletic funds based on performance to any ineligible athlete. All qualified athletes finishing below a disqualified athlete shall be moved up one place and shall receive athletic funds based on performance in accordance with such adjusted place finish. Initialing this paragraph is optional, but compliance with the paragraph once initialed forms part of the conditions upon which the sanction is granted. _____ (Organizer initials)

ADDITIONAL SANCTION CONDITIONS

1. Appropriate measures have been taken to protect the eligibility status of athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in international amateur athletics competition.
2. Appropriate provisions have been made for the validation of records which may be established during the competition.
3. Due regard has been given to IAAF requirements specifically applicable to the competition.
4. The competition will be conducted by qualified officials.
5. Upon request, the organizer will furnish to USATF an audited/notarized financial report of similar events conducted within the past four (4) years.
6. If the event is selected for drug testing, appropriate facilities for doping control will be made available. In addition, all entry blanks or related published materials must contain the following language: "Athletes who participate in this competition may be subject to formal drug testing in accordance with USATF and IAAF rules, in accordance with USOC, USADA, or IAAF procedures. Athletes found, after a disciplinary hearing, to be positive for prohibited substances, as defined by the WADA Code and/or IAAF, or who refuse to be tested, will be disqualified from this event and may lose eligibility for future competitions. Any prize money payable to an athlete who has tested positive shall be withheld until the final disposition of all disciplinary proceedings. **BEWARE:** Some prescriptions, over the counter medications, and nutritional supplements may contain prohibited substances. Information regarding drugs and drug testing may be obtained by calling the USADA Reference Hotline at 1-800-233-0393, or www.usantidoping.org."
7. The names and addresses of invited non-resident foreign citizens and the conditions of such invitations are attached. All such invitations must be issued by the National Office to the athlete's national federation.
8. Organizer represents and warrants that he/she or it has fully complied with all Elite Sanction application requirements, including payment of prize money, for USATF sanctioned competitions that he/she or it has conducted within the preceding four year period. Applicants must initial this paragraph to acknowledge understanding and compliance with this provision. Provide an explanation if you cannot initial this paragraph. _____ (Organizer initials)
9. By signing below, I agree to the above conditions and affirm my compliance with all requirements.

Signature _____ Date _____
Event Director or individual responsible for the conduct of the event

USA TRACK & FIELD - ELITE SANCTION ADDENDUM INSTRUCTIONS

The Elite Sanction Addendum must be completed if your event plans to do any one of the following:

- a) Award funds or prizes with a value of more than \$500 for any *individual* performance or participation (note: *total* prizes may exceed \$500 without triggering this requirement but any potential single payment greater than \$500 will trigger the Elite Sanction requirements and regulations);
- b) Competitions which anticipate including five (5) or more athletes who are foreign citizen (excluding national team comp.);
- c) Serves as National Championship and/or trials competition for the selection of USA international teams (other than Youth or Masters); and
- d) Competitions which may be subject to formal doping controls.

The conditions of the Elite Addendum are additional conditions of the sanction that are required due to the nature of these events. Most of them are required by the Ted Stevens Amateur Sports Act of 1998 or by regulations of the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF). The IAAF is particularly concerned with the payments to athletes and extending invitations to non-resident foreign athletes. Your attention and compliance with these procedures are necessary to protect the interests of the athletes. If you have any questions about your responsibilities under the Amateur Sports Act or IAAF rules, please contact the USATF National Office at 317-261-0500 attention: Legal Department.

Note that a schedule of fund payments must be included with this form. This schedule should include all amounts you plan to offer based on place and/or time. A sample schedule would be as follows:

SCHEDULE OF FUNDS: <event name>

Division: Men's Open
1st \$1000
2nd \$500
Course Record: \$500

Division: Women's Open
1st \$1000
2nd \$500
Course Record: \$500

ADDITIONAL SANCTION CONDITIONS

1. **Protecting the eligibility of athletes:** The IAAF has a number of rules regarding athlete eligibility. It is the responsibility of event organizers to understand all relevant regulations. Failure to understand or comply with these regulations can harm the eligibility of participating athletes. (See IAAF Rule 17, USATF Regulation 14 and USATF Competition Rule 146.)
2. **Records provision:** Many organizers want to ensure that performances at their event may be recognized for record or ranking purposes. The requirements vary depending on the event and the type of performance recognition. Contact your local Association or the Road Race Information Center for more details.
3. **IAAF requirements:** Sanctioned events which invite international athletes may be subject to additional IAAF competition and other rules and should consult the IAAF rulebook to ensure compliance.
4. **Qualified Officials:** USATF certified officials are considered qualified officials. In general, officials certified by a state officials group are also qualified. Other officials may be considered qualified provided they have had experience in the conduct of events similar to the one being sanctioned. This does not mean that all volunteers must be similarly qualified. Rather, it means that the event must be supervised by qualified officials.
5. **Financial Statements:** The Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act of 1998 require this provision.
6. **Drug Testing:** USATF sanctioned events are subject to a drug testing program and your event may be randomly selected for testing. If selected, you will be notified of your selection prior to the event and you will be instructed by USATF regarding all material aspects of the drug testing protocol. This includes furnishing of a facility in which to take samples, providing drinking fluids, and assembling volunteers to assist the drug testing crew assigned by USATF.
7. **Foreign Athletes:** Please provide the names and addresses (if known) of the foreign athletes invited. Sample conditions of invitations may include all expenses, airfare only, hotel only, prize money and/or appearance fees. USATF National Office will issue "invitations" to the foreign governing body on behalf of the organizers. Many governing bodies require such notice in order to maintain an athlete's eligibility. Further, this process allows USATF and organizers to identify ineligible athletes.
8. **Attestation:** No future sanction shall be given to any organization which has failed to fulfill its obligation to athletes or to give prizes as stated on its entry forms. **Organizers must initial this section.** _____ (*Organizer initials*)