

2007 National Officials Committee Annual Report

We would like to congratulate all USATF Athletes on their accomplishments this year. *We* believe in you. *We* support you. *We*, who have been with you through High School, College, and National Competitions have seen you grow-up in our sport. *We* know the dedication and integrity you bring to Track & Field. You have remained steadfast in your belief that a Zero Tolerance program is the only way to go. *We* are proud of you.

Your Committee Members have been working hard on your behalf. Jim Flanik, Certification Chair has our new computer program in place. Association Certification Chairs can in-put officials information and send it directly to Jim electronically. George Kleeman, has up-dated certification reviews. Officials that recertify will submit the review (about 50 questions) that pertains to their level of certification only.

Our Awards Chair, Gordon Bocock has done an outstanding job, gathering information and putting together a memorable Awards Program. We will be inducting officials for the first time into our own "Officials Hall of Fame". Sue Polansky and her committee have done an excellent job of establishing a criteria and voting process for selection to the Hall of Fame.

Appeals/Selection Chair, Ray Fitzhugh and Evaluations Chair, Murray Sanford work together with the Selection Committee to see that officials are all treated fairly for selection to meets.

Murray is not part of the Selection Committee nor does he attend the meetings. He does compile all the Evaluations from the previous year, put them in booklet form and make them available to the Selection Committee. The evaluations are kept and used for the entire Olympiad.

This years Selection Committee is as follows:

Officials	Linda Melzer, Chair
Officials	Harold Leonard
Men's T & F	Joe Gentry
Men's T & F	Warren Ring
Women's T & F	Carol Coram
Women's T & F	Sue Polansky
Indoor	Pat Lavelle
Indoor	Laurie Boemker
Indoor Combined	Dick Moss
Juniors	Len Krsak
Juniors	Matt Lydum
Athletes Advisory	Chris Turner
Trials	Mike Reilly

Trials
National Office

Mike Olsen
Sandy Snow

If anyone has questions concerning Selection please contact any member of the Committee.

Great news about our National Uniform Polo,--- Finally---Finally --- we have a company that is in the process of producing a shirt in dri-fit fabric for us. After wasting much time with Marc Promotions and them stringing us along for over a year with excuse after excuse. We found they never had any intention of ordering more shirts for us --- They only wanted to get rid of their inventory. We also found Pro Celebrity who had been doing our shirts for Marc still have 1000 of our shirts in stock. We plan on having samples available at our Annual Meeting.

Affirmative Development Chair, Yvonne Grimes will have a tri-fold pamphlet, concerning recruitment ready for our Annual Meeting. We are aware of our need for younger members and women. Our young people simply cannot afford the time or the money associated with volunteering.

Our Insurance Committee is working to achieve an Insurance package that comes with Membership in USATF --- We will not however demand that for Officials to certify or recertify they must be members of USATF.

Stan Scott is Chair of the committee to bring our Goals and Ethics statements up-to-date. He will be presenting these for your approval at the Annual Meeting.

Our Training Chair, Rex Harvey, and his committee have done an excellent job presenting clinics this past year. Another outstanding series will be available for your participation at the Annual Meeting.

We cannot thank Carolee Stephens enough for the outstanding job with our web-site. She spends many hours keeping it up-to-date. We receive many requests to have information posted on our web. The hits we receive every day are unbelievable.

Thanks, to everyone for all your help. We could not do it without you.

Remember:

We Are As STRONG As We Are UNITED and As WEAK As We Are DIVIDED

Sincerely,
Linda Melzer, Chair
USATF National Officials Committee
October 15, 2007