

2008 National Officials Committee Annual Report

The Committee Members have done an outstanding job on your behalf this year.

AWARDS – Gordon Boccock, Chair – and his committee (Val Foss, Kenny Morton, Joanne Mitchell, Charles Ruter, Dan Reynolds, Irene Herman) Did an outstanding job gathering pictures and information putting together a memorable Awards Program. One of the highlights of the evening was the induction of officials to our very own “**Officials Hall of Fame** “ Sue Polansky, Chair and her committee (Dick Connors, Chester Bradley, Dee Jensen, Pat Lavelle, George Kleeman, Gene Edmonds, KenCaouette, Ken Gibson) did an excellent job establishing criteria and voting process for selection to the Hall of Fame. Many hours were spent via phone and e-mail fine tuning an Officials Hall of Fame, that would make officials proud. They most certainly did !

CERTIFICATION – Jim Flanik, Chair

With the new computer program in place, association certification chairs in-put their own officials information electronically. Officials need to *send any changes* address or e-mail *to* their *Association Certification Chair*. We had about 200 Championship Applications returned because of wrong addresses. They were returned to your local Association certification chair.

RULES – George Kleeman, Chair and his committee (Bill Boyd, Carroll DeWeese, Jack Brisacher, Bill Price) as always the Rules Committee is on top of things, up-dates are current. If you need a explanation of any Rule the committee is there to help. Most recent changes are on-line.

EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES – George Kleeman, Chair his committee (Win Eggers, Emmitt Griggs, David Post, David Katz, Bob Springer, Kristine Lung, Denise Hutchins, Tony Wayne) Report available on-line.

TRAINING – Rex Harvey, Chair and his committee (Mike Armstrong, Dave Bowers, Shirley Connors, Tom Hott, Eric Smith) and Secretary, Rob Buzaitis --- have kept us on our toes. Challenging us to be better. Shirley Connors, Clinics -- was responsible for their great success, as attested to by the overflowing attendance. Raymond Pierre, did a outstanding job compiling information for a starters handbook, now on-line. Mike Armstrong, Continuing Education Group – Dave Bowers, Initial Training Group, Tom Hott, Advancement Training Group -- Eric Smith, Outreach Training Group. If you are interested in any of the groups, contact Rex or Chair of the committee.

APPEALS/SELECTION – Ray Fitzhugh, Chair and his committee (Delores Murray, Ron McLean, Alma Jan Price, Stanley Scott) insure officials are all treated fair in selection to meets. Of the approximately 800 applications received to work the Olympic

Trials, 12 letters of concern for not being selected were received. Upon investigation --- Eight (8) letters were returned with an explanation and the committee recommendation that no further action be taken. Three (3) letters with the explanation of the number applied and the number selected with recommendation for favorable consideration. One (1) letter for being removed from the list by Men's Track & Field. By-Laws state Men & Women's Track & Field must approve the final selection.

EVALUATIONS – Murray Sanford, Chair and his committee (Ginger Mulanax, Paul Morency, Doug Winemiller, Audrey Griggs, Al Minturn) compile all evaluations from the previous year, put them in booklet form for the Selection Committee. Evaluations are kept for the entire Olympiad. Other Championships are also evaluated provided 50% or more of the working officials are from outside the host association. The evaluations are for National and Master level officials.

SELECTION – Linda Melzer, Chair

The make-up of the Selection Committee consists of the following---

- i **From the Officials Committee**
Chair or designee
One (1) additional member selected by the executive committee
- ii **From the Championship sites**
Certification Chair of championship site or designee
Meet Director or designee
Note: Both persons shall have a voice but jointly have one vote
- iii **From the two Sports Committees**
The Chair of each committee or designee
One (1) additional member selected by the Chair
- iv **Athletes Advisory**
Three (3) Active Athletes appointed by the **AAC** Chair

The Chair of the Selection Committee shall be the Chair of the National Officials Committee ---

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE MAY NOT SELECT ONE OF ITS OWN MEMBERS TO OFFICIATE ANY EVENT ----

That means no Official, Referee or NTO may volunteer or be appointed to a work a National Championship --- When serving on the Selection Committee

This year the Executive Committee selected Karen Krsak as its additional member. Approximately 200 applications were returned because of incorrect addresses – Eight officials neglected to include their certification or membership number, omission of either number make them ineligible for consideration – attachments were discarded. Since applications were on line, five association level officials applied even though they are not eligible. Three did not sign the application. On-line applications should be copied on the reverse side so only ONE sheet of paper is sent.

COMMUNICATION – Carolee Stephens, Chair

After seven years, Carolee is resigning as Communications Chair. We cannot

thank her enough for all the years of service and the countless hours of dedication at the computer. Without her efforts our web-site would never have gotten off the ground. We've come along way baby! And our BABY has been Carolee !!!!!
Every time you click on www.usatfofficials.com you can thank **CAROLEE !!!**
Her committee (Jimmy Stuart, Mark Heckel, Rob Buzaitis, Jim McKee, Joyce-Hodges Hite) Jimmy Stuart from Southwestern Association will be replacing, Carolee as the Communications Chair. Jimmy designed our web-site.

AFFIRMATIVE DEVELOPMENT -- Yvonne Grimes, Chair

Has developed a tri-fold pamphlet concerning recruitment and mentoring. The pamphlet is available on-line, and can be printed off and used as a guide to assist associations in creating a broader base of officials. A base that reflects diversity of age, gender and race within the USATF organization.

LAW & LEGISLATION – John Bahakel, Chair and his committee

(Tom Hott, Shelby Sharp, Don Berry, Eugene Stemm, Rod Larsen, Barbara Palma, Ken Taylor) have had their hands full with the restructuring process, and the few changes the Officials Committee is presenting for approval at the annual meeting. Restructuring is probably one of the most important issues to come before the USATF Membership. We owe it to ourselves to be informed about all proposed changes.

MASTER REFEREE – Jim Skelly, Chair and his committee (Pat Lavelle, Fred Adler, Ron Althoff, Dee Jensen, Dick Moss, Ken Gibson, Rex Harvey, Stanley Underwood) are in the process of reviewing the tests for Master Referee. The number of Master Referees remain unchanged.

UNIFORMS/MERCHANDISE – Win Eggers/ Keith Mitchell co-chairs and committee (Billy Walters, Jim McKee, Gloria Lewis, Adam Sanford) continue to service officials Uniform needs. When we couldn't find a supplier for our new uniform polo shirt, Billy Walter stepped up to the plate. He did what seemed to be impossible at the time, found a supplier, at a reasonable price and secured the logo, this was not an easy task. Billy spent countless hours getting it all together, because officials requested a dry-wick, fast drying shirt. The shirt looks great and is available on-line (NOW) – at www.usatfofficials.com-- Thanks, again Billy for all your efforts on behalf of officials.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Val Foss, Chair and her committee (Doug Allen Bruce Coleman, Darlene Hickman, Paul Morency, Laurie Boemker, Delores Murray) are busy compiling the slate of officers and preparing ballots.

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

