

Report on the activities of the USATF National Officials Training Sub-committee For the 2009 period

There has been a lot of activity this year by the Training Sub-committee. Each of the five working Groups that make up the Sub-committee has been active under the day to day direction of Sub-committee Secretary Rob Buzaitis. Sub-committee conference calls for status reporting and interim planning were held in March and in September.

Convention/Championships Clinics Group held no clinics at the Outdoor Championships in Eugene, OR because of 4 day, meet schedule was very packed with competition. Seven instructional clinics are planned for the annual convention in Indianapolis in addition to the certification chairs clinic to be conducted by the National Certification Chair. Friday's clinics will be Intro. to Disabled Athletics Officiating, Combined Events Officiating, and Safety Aspects of Officiating. Saturday's clinics will be International Officiating, Starting, Umpiring, and a report of the United Kingdom Officials Exchange. Convention Championships Clinics Group Members:

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The Initial Training Group finalized the introductory Training Module for new officials. ; It is scheduled to be released very soon. Work on a second module; "Umpiring and Marshalling is well underway. Volunteer specialist Janice Berkebile, a Florida certified official, with a background in instructional design has been very active and valuable in this effort.

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The Continuing Education Group has drafted the 2010 NCAA Rules Update and it will be released in first half of December. The 2010 USATF Rules Update will be drafted after the convention.

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The Advancement Training Group has its initial publication, "Starter's Case Book," available in multiple formats including book form. The Group is currently working on recommendations for certification advancement criteria by preparing a report on a survey of associations that was conducted. They also started a Referee Training project but currently have it on hold for the other activities.

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The Outreach Training Group organized an official's exchange with Great Britain again this year. Three officials from Great Britain came to the US for the National Master's Outdoor Championships that were held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin in July. They were all very pleased with the experience. Two US officials, Jo Burrows and George Adams, were selected by a process that included written applications, then group recommendations to the Executive Committee for final approval. They went to England in September for the UK Young Athletes' League Finals and will be reporting on their experiences and what they learned that would be of value to our own program in one of the Clinics scheduled for the National Convention in Indianapolis. The Officials Committee, Training Sub-committee and the Officials Executive Committee needs to decide upon continuation of this program. This Group also worked with the National Federation of High Schools (NFHS) for the second year to release the 2010 NFHS Pre-Meet Notes on November 19. It is available for download on the NFHS website (www.nfhs.org).

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