USATF ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVES

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2013 ATHLETE REPRESENTATIVE APPLICATIONS

The 2013 Athlete Representative applications are now available here. Please mail, email or fax completed application and applicable fees to:

USATF Authorized Athlete Representative Program
Attn: Legal Department
132 East Washington Street, Suite 800
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Sarah.Austin@USATF.org
(800) 833-1466 (fax)

For additional information or questions, call or email Sarah Austin (317) 713-4653.

2013 USA TRACK & FIELD ANNUAL MEETING

The 2013 USA Track & Field Annual Meeting will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana this year from December 4-8 at the JW Marriott (10 S. West Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204). USATF Athlete Representatives are not required to register for the Annual Meeting; however, you must register in order to attend any Annual Meeting sessions other than the USATF Athlete Representative Educational Seminar and the Athlete Representative Exams. We encourage you to register and attend some of the informative sessions at the Annual Meeting this year.

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL RESERVATIONS

USATF Special Rate: $129 per night + tax and fees.
Parking: Self-parking will be $30/day. Valet parking will be $36/day.
Online Reservations: click here.
Phone Reservations: To make reservations by phone please call 1-888-603-8747, **Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM CST**.
Additional Information: click here.

2013 EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

The **last chance** to attend a required 2013 Educational Seminar will be:

December 6, 2013
JW Marriott Indianapolis
Rooms 203 - 204
1 PM – 5 PM

.US CHAMPIONSHIPS

The National Road Racing Championships will be held on **Sunday, November 17** in Alexandria, VA.
Races offered include:

- **12km Championships Race**
- **USA 12km Masters Championship Race**
- **12km Community Race**
- **5km Family Fun Run**
- **½ mile Kids' Fun Run**

USATF will be providing **$100,000** worth of total prize money.

For more information and to register, go to **http://www.nationalroadracingchampionships.us/Home.aspx**

2013 CERTIFICATION EXAMS

The USATF and IAAF Athlete Representative Exams will be given on:

December 7, 2013
JW Marriott Indianapolis, Room 203

IAAF EXAM 9 AM – 11 AM **USATF EXAM 11 AM – 1 PM**

AR ONLINE DIRECTORY

Any modifications needed to the Athlete Representative Online Directory should be directed to Sarah Austin via email at: Sarah.Austin@usatf.org. The Athlete Representative Online Directory can be viewed at: http://www.usatf.org/groups/AthleteRepresentatives/directory/

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Whereabouts Filing Information

Further to discussions held at the USATF Athlete Representative Educational Seminar held in Des Moines, Iowa in June 2013, below is a synopsis of the communications and efforts made to ensure that all of USATF's athletes in the Registered Testing Pool (RTP) file their Whereabouts Filings in a timely manner.

Every three months athletes in the Registered Testing Pool are required to complete their whereabouts filings through USADA. The filing deadlines are ALWAYS the same date and time every year. Athletes must submit their information no later than 11:59 PM EST on the following dates:

December 31st
March 31st
June 30th
Sept 30th

Athletes are able to update their whereabouts filings through their smartphone using the USADA app, online at www.usada.org/athletes, or via email at update@usada.org.

Knowing that it is the athletes' responsibility to make sure this information is completed, USATF and USADA understand that a little reminder can help these busy individuals. Below is the typical schedule of outreach for all athletes in the registered testing pool.

3 Weeks prior to Deadline	USADA sends a reminder email to athletes
2 Weeks prior to Deadline	USADA sends a reminder email to athletes
1 Week prior to Deadline	USADA and USATF send a reminder email to athletes
1 Week prior to Deadline	USADA makes reminder phone calls to athletes
3 Days prior to Deadline	USATF sends an email to agents and athletes
1 Day prior to Deadline	USATF sends final reminder email to athletes

USATF will also make additional efforts to reach out to athletes, and their respective agents, who run the risk of receiving a sanction and currently have two filing failures leading into a deadline. In most cases, additional emails and/or phone calls are made to the athlete and their agents.

In the case that an athlete receives a filing failure from USADA, the athlete will receive a notification letter via mail. Each athlete has the right to present USADA with an explanation as to why the filing failure occurred. It is important for athletes and their agents to remember, USADA is NOT "out to get athletes." Athletes, when applicable and with the assistance of their agents, should take every advantage of writing an explanation to USADA as oftentimes these explanations result in an overturned decision.

If athletes or their agents have questions regarding filing failures, they can email Talia Mark at Talia.Mark@USATF.org. Additionally, the USOC Athlete Ombudsman, John Ruger, can be reached at John.Ruger@usoc.org or 719-866-5000.

Ultimately it is the athletes' sole responsibility to make sure they complete their whereabouts filings. Additional information can be found at www.usada.org/whereabouts.

NEW PROGRAMS

USATF is excited to announce it has launched several new programs this year including:

- Show Us Your Wings
- USATF.TV
- USATF Future Stars
- USATF iPhone/iPad App Fast Forward