

Operating Regulations: Mountain & Ultra Trail Council

Per Regulation 13.D.2 of the USATF Bylaws and Regulations the Mountain and Ultra Running Council was established and instructed to function as follows:

REGULATION 13 LONG DISTANCE RUNNING DIVISION D. Councils

1. Mountain/Ultra/Trail Running Council:

a. Duties and responsibilities: The Mountain/Ultra/Trail Running Council shall:

- i. Championships: Have jurisdiction over the national championships and regional championships— where regional coordinators are appointed—in its discipline, and institute, conduct, and manage these championships under Regulation 18;
- ii. Membership: Represent/promote the interests of MUT runners within USATF;
- iii. IAAF member organization representatives: Recommend individuals to serve in the International Association of Ultrarunners (IAU) and World Mountain Running Association (WMRA) under those organizations' constitutions and bylaws;
- iv. Awards: Coordinate the selection of the discipline's Runners of the Year and Contributor of the Year awards; and
- v. Establish and maintain qualification standards for Mountain, Ultra and Trail U.S. National Teams and approve selections to such teams within specified guidelines.
- vi. Miscellaneous: Promote and develop activities related to its discipline.

b. Makeup: The Council's makeup, which shall be reflected along with the sport committees in the exhibits section of this handbook, shall be as follows:

- i. Association members: One (1) member to be appointed by each accredited Association that has conducted a championship in one of the Council's disciplines in the previous twelve (12) months. Representatives of Associations that have not conducted a championship in one of the Council's disciplines in the previous twelve (12) months may attend Council meetings in a non-voting capacity. If two Associations merge, the two incumbent representatives on the committee may continue to serve. When at least one incumbent no longer serves on the committee, the merged Association's representation shall revert to one committee member.
- ii. Elected chair: The person elected by and from the Council to serve as chair;
- iii. Elected vice-chair: The person elected by and from the Council to serve as vice-chair;
- iv. Sport committee members: Three representatives each from the Women's Long Distance Running, Men's Long Distance Running, and Masters Long Distance Running Committees. Of the three representatives from each committee, one shall represent mountain running, one shall represent ultra running, and one shall represent trail running;
- v. At-large members: Up to four at-large members to be selected by the chair; and

vi. Athletes: If the number of Active Athletes in the discipline of mountain, ultra, or trail running on the Council is less than twenty percent (20%) of the total membership, additional Active Athletes shall be appointed to bring the number on the Council to at least twenty percent (20%) of the total membership. The Active Athlete members shall be selected by those registered attendees at the meetings of USATF who are Active Athletes engaged in the discipline of mountain, ultra, or trail running;

c. Executive committee: The Council shall establish an executive committee to perform its duties between annual meetings. The membership of the executive committee shall be at the discretion of the Council as a whole. The committee shall include at least twenty percent (20%) Active Athletes in the discipline of mountain, ultra, or trail running.

2. USATF membership: In order to participate as a USATF Committee member, an individual must be a member of USATF.

3. General Provisions: Per Regulation 11.A.6, the Committee shall hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the USATF annual meeting. The Committee may hold special meetings if called by the chair, at his or her own initiative, or by twenty percent (20%) of the committee's membership, upon thirty (30) days written notice. There will be a published agenda available at least 24 hours prior to the committee's first scheduled session. Additional items added to the agenda shall not include any item where action of the committee is necessary, unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the group then present agree. All meetings of the Committee and its Executive Committee, board, or task group shall be open to all USATF individual members. No part of any meeting shall be closed unless seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of the group then present agree to close the session. A quorum for any committee meeting shall consist of twenty-five percent (25%) of its members.