

2016 Annual Report
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The Race Walk Officials Handbook is completed. It's waiting to be placed in the Race Walk section of the USATF.org page.

The Planning Outline for Race Walk Championships/Trials was completed late-April and sent to Rod Larson and Ron Daniel. This should be available to all who consider hosting a championship or trials race. Not sure if this has been posted to the website, but should be available with event bid forms. Anyone wishing a copy, please let me know.

There will be a new survey going out to all race walk chairs, of which there have been some recent changes. The list of race walk chairs, youth regional chairs, and youth chairs was used for a mailed to all regarding the implementing of the pit lane at the Junior Olympics, with only four emails returned from a list of 145 names.

This survey will hopefully solidify those wishing to take on the regional coordinator positions. Since the regions are quite large in area, it may be better to offer co-regional coordinators who can share the position by areas. Currently the solid regional representation is in the Southeast (7) and Midwest (8) North.

The survey should be completed by annual meeting, giving the race walk community a picture of what is happening throughout the country; i.e. programs in effect, clubs, numbers of athletes in youth, open and master. What assistance is needed, and how that can be implemented. Note: a bit behind on this due to months of studies and exams and week-long session to complete Coach level 2, and traveling with athletes this season.