



USATRACK&FIELD

General Liability Insurance Program

This brochure has been prepared for USA Track & Field (USATF) for the exclusive use by its members. Its purpose is to describe and explain, in a summary manner, certain insurance policies USATF maintains for the protection and benefit of its clubs and sanctioned events. It is intended for informational purposes only and is not a contract. Only the insurance policies referred to herein can state the actual terms, coverages, amounts, conditions, and exclusions. Should there be any discrepancy between statement(s) contained in this brochure and the provisions of the insurance policy, the terms of the insurance policy will prevail.

INTRODUCTION

General Liability insurance is an important benefit USA Track & Field provides to its member clubs and sanctioned event organizers. This insurance applies to specific activities of member clubs, sanctioned events, and their organizers. Since the national sanctioning and club membership fees incorporate a charge for insurance, there are no additional costs or premiums. USA Track & Field has provided this brochure for your information. Included within this brochure is a summary of the USA Track & Field General Liability insurance, information about how to request certificates of insurance, instructions about how to report incidents and claims, and answers to commonly asked questions.

SANCTIONS

USA Track & Field issues sanctions that approve and, in effect, license the holding of a track and field, long distance running, or race walking competition in the United States. A sanction is issued only for events complying with USATF rules and regulations (those authorized by the Ted Stevens Olympic and Amateur Sports Act).

USA Track & Field sanctions are obtained by filing a completed USA Track & Field sanction application with the local USATF Association and paying the appropriate sanction fees. Sanction applications can be obtained at www.usatf.org/events/sanctions or by calling either your local USATF Association or the USATF national office.

CLUB PRACTICES

Each year, member clubs conduct practices (training sessions) to prepare their athletes for competitions. Upon submission and approval of the required paperwork (information available at www.usatf.org/clubs) required for sanctioning by USATF, these practices will be covered by the USATF General Liability insurance policy.

Have more questions, looking for forms?

Visit

www.usatf.org/events/sanctions (Event Directors)

or

www.usatf.org/clubs (Clubs)

GENERAL LIABILITY BENEFIT SUMMARY

(Revised December 2009)

Who is the Insurance Carrier for the USA Track & Field General Liability Policy?

AXIS Insurance Company
A.M. Best Financial Rating: A (Excellent)
Financial Size Category: XV (\$2 billion or greater)

Who is an Insured under the USA Track & Field General Liability Policy?

- USA Track & Field, Inc. (USATF)
- USATF Associations
- USATF member clubs and their individual members, coaches, officers, officials, directors, event organizers/directors and volunteers (working under the supervision of a coach, officer, etc.) but only while acting in their capacity as such, with respect to competitions sanctioned by the USATF and practices properly registered with USATF and to activities that are common to such clubs, such as awards banquets and tryouts.

What limits of coverage are provided under the USA Track & Field General Liability policy?

Per Occurrence Limit*	\$ 1,000,000
General Aggregate Limit (Per Event)	\$ 3,000,000
Personal & Advertising Injury	\$ 1,000,000
Products/Completed Operations	\$ 3,000,000
Damage to Premises Rented to You	
Rented to You (7 Days or Less)	\$ 1,000,000
Abuse and Molestation (Each Occurrence)	\$ 1,000,000
Abuse and Molestation (Aggregate)	\$ 2,000,000
Participant Legal Liability	Included

*Higher limits are available, up to \$10,000,000, for third parties who contractually require additional coverage. To request excess limits, you **MUST** submit with the *Request for Certificate of Liability* Insurance form, a copy of an executed contract, permit or submitted permit application indicating the third party's insurance requirements. USATF and the insurer reserve the right to deny requests for additional insurance.

What is covered under the USA Track & Field General Liability policy?

The USATF Commercial General Liability will pay amounts, up to the policy limit, that an insured is legally required to pay as damages for *covered* bodily injury, property damage, personal injury, or advertising injury.

The bodily injury or property damage must have occurred during a covered activity. Basically, the covered activity is the sanctioned event, any directly-related set-up and tear-down activities, or any ancillary events such as participant check-in and award ceremonies.

Coverages extend to the regularly scheduled practices of USATF clubs provided such practices are filed with USATF in advance and are supervised by a coach who has submitted a Coaches/Volunteer Registration form.

The following are a few of the key coverage areas:

Bodily Injury Liability: protects the Named Insureds against claims brought by third parties alleging bodily injury or death caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Named Insureds. The USATF General Liability policy excludes coverage for medical expenses, since bodily injuries to members participating in a sanctioned event are covered under USATF's Participant Accident Medical policy.

Property Damage Liability: protects the Named Insureds against claims brought by third parties alleging physical damage to or loss of use of tangible property caused by the negligent acts or omissions of the Named Insureds. All Commercial General Liability policies contain exclusions for damage to property in the insured's care, custody or control. Therefore, sports equipment or other personal property used in connection with a sanctioned event would not be covered in the event of loss or damage. The policy will respond to third party property damage claims caused by use of the equipment, but not to the equipment itself.

Personal & Advertising Injury Liability: protects the Named Insureds against injury, other than bodily injury, arising out of libel, slander, defamation of character, invasion of privacy, wrongful eviction, wrongful entry, false arrest, wrongful detention or imprisonment, malicious prosecution, misappropriation of advertising ideas or style of doing business, or infringement of copyright, title or slogan.

Products-Completed Operations Liability: protects the Named Insureds against liability for bodily injury or property damage as a consequence of some defect in a product sold, manufactured, handled, distributed or disposed of by a Named Insured. An example of a products liability claim would include a food poisoning claim from concessions sold by a Named Insured at a sanctioned event.

Premises Liability: protects against liability for bodily injury caused by failure to maintain safe, secure and properly maintained premises. Regardless of how or why a person enters a property, property owners may be held liable if injury occurs. Slip-and-fall and trip-and-fall accidents are by far the most common claims in premises liability law suits.

Participant Legal Liability: protects the Named Insureds against claims brought against that insured for "bodily injury" to a "participant" while practicing for or participating in any USATF sanctioned event.

Drug Testing Liability: provides Personal & Advertising Injury coverage for liability arising out of any drug testing program sponsored by USATF, provided the testing is conducted in accordance with USOC Doping Control Program policies and procedures.

Host Liquor Liability: protects the Named Insureds against liability associated with servng alcohol on a complimentary basis to adults of legal drinking age. The laws vary by state, but most provide that a party which serves alcoholic beverages is liable for injury or damage caused by an intoxicated person if it can be established that the party serving the alcohol caused or contributed to the intoxication of the person. If alcohol is going to be for sale during a sanctioned event, the party selling the alcohol will need to secure an appropriate liquor license and carry Liquor Liability coverage. The USATF General Liability program does **not** provide coverage for liability arising out of the sale of alcoholic beverages, unless a liquor liability application has been completed, approved, and appropriate premium remitted.

Abuse & Molestation Liability: protects the Named Insureds against claims alleging liability for actual or threatened abuse or molestation by anyone or any person while in the care, custody or control of any insured, or the Named Insured's negligent employment, investigation, supervision, reporting or failure to report to the proper authorities, retention of a person for whom any insured is or ever was legally responsible. This coverage will not pay any claim or defense costs on behalf of any person who personally takes part in inflicting physical or sexual abuse, sexual molestation, sexual exploitation or sexual injury upon another person; or on behalf of any person who remains passive upon gaining knowledge of any alleged physical or sexual abuse, sexual molestation, sexual exploitation, or sexual injury committed by a employee, member or volunteer of the Named Insured organizations.

What is not covered under the USA Track & Field General Liability policy?

- Bodily Injury or Property Damage that is unrelated to a USATF sanctioned event or not caused by the acts or omissions of a Named Insured under the USATF General Liability program.
- Medical Expenses (claims for medical expenses are excluded, including participant accident medical expenses resulting from accidents or injuries during USATF sanctioned events). *[Note: USATF members are eligible for Accident Medical coverage for sports injuries in connection with USATF sanctioned events and practices. If you have questions regarding the Accident Medical coverage, please contact USA Track & Field at 317-261-0500.]*
- Claims for Damage to Property (except for Sports Equipment which is subject to \$5,000 per occurrence/\$20,000 aggregate with a \$500 deductible) in the care, custody and control of the Named Insureds and used in connection with sanctioned events. Examples would include property or equipment which is leased, rented or borrowed from others for use during the event.
- Auto Liability & Physical Damage claims.
- Aircraft Liability & Physical Damage claims.
- Watercraft Liability & Physical Damage claims.
- Player vs. Player Exclusion (this eliminates coverage for claims/lawsuits filed by one player/athlete against another for injury. This exclusion does not preclude coverage for USATF, its event organizers/clubs.
- Expected Or Intended Injury Exclusion – excludes coverage for intentional acts which result in "bodily injury" or "property damage" from the standpoint of the Named Insureds (this exclusion does not apply to "bodily injury" resulting from the use of reasonable force to protect persons or property).
- Limited Excess Fireworks - excludes coverage for bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury arising out of fireworks, unless the entity or person performing the fireworks has and maintains valid and collectible commercial general liability insurance coverage in the amount of at least \$1,000,000 that covers fireworks, and you are named as an additional insured on the policy providing such coverage.
- Exclusion – Designated Professional Services – Police/Law Enforcement (this insurance does not apply to “bodily injury”, “property damage” or “personal and advertising injury” due to the rendering or failure to render any professional service; however, this does not apply to traffic control performed directly to USATF sanctioned competitions).
- Standard General Liability policy exclusions and limitations per standard ISO General Liability policy form, including Workers’ Compensation and Similar Laws, Employer’s Liability, Pollution, Mobile Equipment, War, Nuclear Energy Liability Exclusion and Employment Related Practices Exclusion.
- Fungi or Bacteria Exclusion
- Lead Liability Exclusion
- Asbestos Liability Exclusion
- Exclusion – Violation of Statutes that govern emails, fax, phone calls or other methods of commercial sending material or information

The exclusions identified above do not represent a complete list of exclusions and limitations under the policy. Additional exclusions and limitations apply.

Other Coverage Notes:

Organizers must obtain waivers of liability from all participants, including volunteers. Failure to obtain written waivers may reduce or void your coverage. Retain old waivers of liability in accordance with the statute of limitations applicable to each specific state where the USATF sanctioned event/activity takes place. Note that in the case of minors, the statute clock may not begin until the minor reaches the age of majority.

This coverage may be secondary to any other insurance that may be in force.

USA Track & Field General Liability Certificates of Insurance

Certificates of Insurance may be requested through your local Association by submitting a *Request for Certificate of Insurance* form with your Application for Sanction. Certificates must be requested on the appropriate form at least 30 days prior to the event to allow for adequate processing time. There is an additional \$10 fee for requests received less than 5 business days prior to the date the certificate is needed and a \$25 fee for requests received less than 36 hours before the date the certificate is needed (i.e., 8 a.m. Thursday for a certificate needed by 8 p.m. Friday). Certificate requests received after 5 pm ET will not be processed until the next business day.

Please be certain to fill out the request form completely and ascertain the needs of third parties. If replacement copies of previously issued certificates fall into the “rush” category (see above), the applicable fees will be charged regardless of the timing of the original request.

The insurance carrier and USA Track & Field reserve the right to refuse to name an entity or person as an additional insured. (Hotels, for example, will not be named as additional insureds.)

If your Certificate is not received by the individual indicated on the application by the time requested, please follow up with your Association or the national office immediately. Please do not wait to call until Friday afternoon prior to your event or practice, as we may not be able to produce a replacement in time for your event/practice.

Please request Certificates of Insurance only for those third parties who require them and have a direct relationship with your event/practice.

A certificate of insurance is a document issued by or on behalf of an insurance company to provide an interested third party (the Certificate Holder) with information regarding the insurance coverage maintained by the Named Insured. The most common type of certificate is provided for informational purposes only to advise a third party Certificate Holder of the existence and amount of insurance issued to the Named Insured, and confers no rights upon the Certificate Holder. The second most common type of certificate is one that in addition to describing the insurance available to the Named Insured, the certificate may also convey information that the Certificate Holder is an “Additional Insured” under the policy issued to the Named Insured, thus giving the Certificate Holder some interest in the policy itself.

For example, USA Track & Field member clubs will often be required to provide Certificates of Insurance as a means to secure permission from and to confirm availability of a facility for a USA Track & Field registered club practice or event.

If the certificate names a facility as an Additional Insured, it will protect the facility against claims caused, in whole or in part, by the acts or omissions of the Named Insured (i.e. USATF and its member club) during the use of the facility for the registered practice or event. It does not cover the facility for liability arising from the facility’s own negligent acts.

Important Definitions:

Certificate Holder: the interested party provided with a certificate of insurance as evidence of the insurance maintained by the Named Insured.

Named Insured: the person, firm, or organization specifically designated on the applicable insurance policy for whom the insurance company has agreed to provide coverage. (i.e. USA Track & Field, its member clubs and their individual members, coaches, officers, officials, directors, event organizers/directors and volunteers).

Additional Insured: an interested party (usually a Certificate Holder) for whom the insurance company has agreed to extend limited coverage, but only with respect to claims caused, in whole or in part, by the acts or omissions of the Named Insured.

Incident Reporting Procedures and Form for USA Track & Field Sanctioned Events

An important component of the USATF General Liability Insurance coverage is the prompt reporting of claims and incidents.

Incidents may include injuries to participants, spectators, or volunteers, damage to property of a third party, or altercations between individuals. Immediate reporting of incidents will help the USATF General Liability carrier with providing coverage and defense to your organization, the other named insureds and any additional insureds should a claim or lawsuit be filed.

A claim is an actual demand for damages by a third party. You should report all claims and incidents by completing a USATF Report of Incident.

Minor injuries to athletes and spectators, damage to property of a third party, and altercations between individuals should all be reported to USATF by completing a USATF Incident Report Form. Incident Report forms can be obtained online at www.usatf.org/events/sanctions.

Completed USA Track & Field Incident Report forms should be submitted to the National Office:

USA Track & Field
132 E. Washington St., Suite 800
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Tel. #: (317) 261-0500
Fax #: (317) 261-0481

Any incident involving serious bodily injury to an individual that requires emergency transport or a death/fatality should be reported immediately to *American Specialty Insurance & Risk Services, Inc.* by calling *Tel. #: (800) 566-7941*. USA Track & Field National Office should also be notified immediately of any such injury or incident.

USA Track & Field General Liability Questions and Answers

Q: Do I need a Certificate of Insurance to be covered?

No. If you (USATF club or event organizer/director) conduct a USATF sanctioned event, coverage is automatically provided for that event and your approved sanction form is proof of coverage. Certificates are issued as proof of insurance for third parties only. Please retain a copy of your sanction through the duration of the statute of limitations period in your state.

Q: How do I request a Certificate of Insurance?

Your local Association can provide you with a *Request for Certificate of Insurance* form. See the Certificates of Insurance section of this brochure for more details.

Q: Can a third party be covered by this insurance?

Yes. Third parties having an insurable interest may be named an "Additional Insured," but only with respect to the activities of the Named Insured in connection with USATF sanctioned events. That is, if an additional insured entity is named in a lawsuit because of *your* event activities that entity may qualify for coverage.

Q: Should I provide a vendor/contractor (such as a concession stand operator) with a certificate of insurance naming the vendor/contractor as an Additional Insured?

Vendors and contractors should carry their own insurance to cover their negligent acts and omissions. Event organizers/directors should not be liable for the actions of those hired to provide goods and services to events. These contracted parties should be required to provide a certificate of insurance as evidence of their own General Liability coverage with the certificate naming USATF and the club/event organizer as Additional Insureds. If the vendor provides a certificate in favor of USATF, then a reciprocal certificate may be provided to the vendor.

Q: I already have my own insurance. Why should I buy insurance through USATF?

You are not buying insurance from USATF. You are obtaining a USATF sanction and one of the benefits of that sanction is liability insurance. In addition to insurance, there are other benefits of USATF sanctioning. Furthermore, many events that have their own insurance do not have satisfactory limits or coverage, such as participant legal liability coverage. However, if you have your own coverage, you should not cancel it because of the USATF policy. If your existing insurance is adequate for your needs and you are able to provide a certificate naming USATF as an additional insured, you can receive a "no insurance" sanction at a reduced cost by submitting a *Waiver of Liability Insurance* form with your *Application for Sanction*. Additional information and forms available at www.usatf.org/events/sanctions.

Q: What happens to equipment and property that I rent for my event?

The insurance provided through a USATF sanction is a liability policy. All General Liability policies exclude coverage for theft, loss or damage to Property in the insured's care, custody and control. It does not matter whether the equipment and personal property is owned, leased, rented or borrowed from others for use, no coverage applies. If you are responsible for rented personal property or equipment, separate Property insurance coverage should be secured. A special endorsement on the USATF General Liability policy makes an exception to the care, custody and control exclusion which provides coverage for specialized sports equipment necessary to conduct a USATF sanctioned event. The coverage is subject to a limit of \$5,000 per occurrence, \$20,000 in the aggregate and a deductible of \$500 per occurrence.

Q: What about club practices?

Member club practices are covered if they are regularly scheduled and have filed a *Club Practice Schedule* form and adhere to the conditions detailed on the Club Practice Insurance Information document. The practice must be supervised by a coach, who is a current member of USATF, and the coach must be physically present during the practice. Additional information may be required to fully understand the practice facility and confirm safety features.

Q: Does coverage include lawsuits brought by a participant who sues a club?

Yes, the policy provides coverage for Participant Legal Liability (see definition under "What is covered under the USA Track & Field General Liability policy" section). – as long as the claim is for something that is covered by the policy.

Q: Does coverage include lawsuits brought by a participant who sues another participant?

No, this is excluded under the policy. However, to the extent the Club/Event Organizer or USATF are also named in the lawsuit, the General Liability policy would respond on behalf of the Club/Event Organizer and USATF.

Q: How are volunteers covered?

Volunteers are insureds and covered for liability claims arising out of their acts or omissions while acting under the direction of an insured club, USATF association, or the organizer/event director and within the scope of his/her assigned volunteer duties in connection with a USATF sanctioned event. Covered volunteers are insured if someone sues them for negligence that causes injury or property damage. If a volunteer is injured in an accident, this insurance does not cover his/her own medical bills.

Q: How are officials and judges covered?

USATF certified officials and judges working under the supervision of the event director, whether paid or not, are covered in the same manner as volunteers. In addition, USATF certified track & field officials are included in USATF's accident medical insurance program.

Q: What if I need more than \$3 million in coverage?

An event or club can access additional General Liability insurance only if a third party contract or governmental permit requires the higher limits. Verbal requests, letters or other non-contractual correspondence will not meet this requirement. A complete copy of the contract or permit must accompany the *Request for Certificate of Insurance* form as the insurance company reviews each request individually.

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