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Dates to Remember:

TBD USATF Midwest Region Masters and Association Open & Masters Indoor 11:00 am Purdue Fort Wayne
February 16 USATF Indiana Awards Ceremony 7:00 pm at Ben Davis Freshman Center
June 15-16 Indiana JO at Ball State
June 22 Indiana Open/Master at Ball State



Torrent Rain Jacket \$55.95

Rain Pants Black \$55.00

Mike's Laps-

Happy New Indoor-Track Season! By this time your schedule is probably getting pretty filled-up for January, February and March. Please watch for the rescheduled date for the USATF Midwest Region Masters and Association Open & Masters indoor meet at Purdue Ft. Wayne. The meet was postponed due to broken water pipes. I'll be sending out a "up" and re-up notice for to respond to this week. Also, be sure to put these dates on your summer schedule: **June 15-16** for the Junior Olympics at Ball State and on **June 22, 2019** for the USATFIN Indiana Open/Master also at Ball State.

You are, also, invited to the USATF Indiana Awards Recognition Night at Ben Davis Freshman Campus on February 16th. Age group athletes are recognized this night for their accomplishments with dinner and awards. Click [here](#) for more info.

Many new things happening this year on the local, state, and national level with USATF. Keep informed by reading our newsletter and the USATF National Officials Newsletter. Have a great Indoor season and be the professional, safety-conscious, high-level functioning official that makes us all proud. Continue to mentor to all officials and build your legacy.

Approval of National Uniform:

The recommendation of National Uniform Committee has been accepted by the NOC. The National Uniform Policy is as follows:

USATF Certified Officials are expected to maintain a professional appearance and wear the USATF National Officials Uniform at all USATF Track & Field, Cross Country, Race Walk, and Road Running National Championship Events, as well as the US Olympic Trials and any IAAF competitions in the US. Following these guidelines at Non-National Championship meets, Regional and Association Championships and other USATF sanctioned events, is strongly encourage. The officials' coordinators and meet director may make adjustments to these guidelines. When a polo shirt is provided by the event host it should be worn the same as the National NIKE Polo.

The Officials National Uniforms consists of the following:

Men

- National solid Nike Navy Blue Polo (2016/2017)
- Light Khaki Slacks, Shorts or Cargo Style Pants or Cargo Style Shorts
- Brown or khaki belt
- NIKE or non-branded athletic-style shoes
- White Socks
- National Rain Suit for inclement weather or non-branded rain gear
- National Cold Weather Coat or non-branded coat

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Indiana Officials [Web site:](#)

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[USATF.org](#)

[Indiana.usatf.org](#)

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Long Sleeve Polo

\$29.00

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Women

- National solid Nike Navy Blue Polo (2016/2017).
- wear either the Women's Style (to be worn out) or Unisex (to be tucked in).
- Light Khaki in color Slacks, Capri pants, Skirts, Skorts or Shorts. Skirts, Skorts and Shorts must be medium to long in length i.e. Bermuda Shorts or Knee Length
- Brown or khaki belt
- NIKE or non-branded athletic-style shoes
- Officials may White Socks
- National Rain Suit for inclement weather or non-branded rain gear
- National Cold Weather Coat or non-branded coat

Starters

- Red Sleeved or Polo style shirts
- Red Blazers for TV/National Meets
- All other National Uniform requirements are to be met

A National Rain Suit and Jacket is being researched to submit to the

NCAA Rule 4.3.1

Uniform ARTICLE 1. When engaged in competition, each competitor must wear an official team uniform with components governed by these rules or be subject to disciplinary action. Competitors who are not in proper uniform compliance shall not compete until a compliant uniform is worn. The competition will not be delayed to accommodate compliance with the rule. Wearing any part of the official team competition uniform illegally (that is, top off or intentionally shortened, shoulder straps lowered) while in the area of competition shall lead to a warning by the nearest official and a report of uncorrected violations shall be made to the games committee, referee and offending competitor's coach. a. On any single day of competition, all team members must wear uniforms clearly indicating through the same primary color, institutional logo and combination of all outer garments worn as a uniform, that they are from the same team. 1) Teams may change uniform colors from one day to another for multiple day meets. 2) Men's and women's programs are considered separate teams, and are not required to have uniforms of identical color. b. A uniform consists of two school-issued components – shorts or briefs, and a top. A one-piece body suit is acceptable as a combination of the two components. Any outer garment (that is, sweatpants, tights) that is school-issued becomes the official uniform, when worn. 1) The uniform must be of a material and design deemed to not be objectionable or offensive by the athletics department of the issuing institution. 2) The uniform top must, by design and size, cover the full length of the torso, meeting or hanging below the waistband of the bottoms, while the competitor is standing, and allow for competitors' numbers to be placed above the waist, front and back.

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Rule of the Month USATF: 126.9

The appropriate Field Judge(s) shall, at the completion of a trial, indicate a valid performance by raising a white flag and shall indicate a foul or non-valid performance by raising a red flag. The Judge may reconsider a decision if he/she believes an incorrect flag was raised. See Rules 180.11 & 180.12.

Rule 6.9.4,5 Long Jump

The landing pit shall be filled with sand or soft material to a depth of at least 12 inches (30 cm) The surface shall have the same elevation as that of the take-off board.

The landing pit shall have a width of 9ft. The distance from the take-off board to the landing pit shall be a minimum of 3 feet and not more than 10 feet. The distance between the foul line and the furthest edge of the pit is at least 32 feet.

Don't forget to check your USATF membership renewal and background check. This can be done at [USATF.org](#) in your profile.

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3) Uniform tops must be worn so to not obscure hip numbers. 4) Additional visible clothing is an undergarment. It must be worn under the uniform and be of a solid color.