



## Mike's Laps-

Greetings to all...November is upon us and we have two upcoming CC meets – November 9, 2019 at Ceraland Park in Columbus, Indiana and on November 24, 2019 at Eagle Park in Nashville, Indiana. From your replies to officiate at the meet, we have a fine cadre of officials for both meets. Thank you all for your efforts. December is also a busy month with the Annual Meeting set for December 5-8, 2019 in Reno, NV and our Annual Awards Presentation and Clinic set for December 15, 2019 at Indiana University. Forms should be coming out directly for you to fill out to reserve a space. We have tentatively scheduled trainers for the EDR and EDM presentation and credentials. With the NCAA and USATF seeking to have a qualified EDR/EDM member for each crew at the major Division championships, and also at the “normal meets, these topics are quite timely and are needed for your growth in skills and experience. I hope you can join us in Bloomington, Indiana on Dec. 15, 2019. (9:00am-3:30pm). We will also be looking at, and having discussion on some policy changes for the Officials Certification and Upgrading of Levels.

The awards part of the program will feature the awarding of the 5/10/15/20/25/30/35/40 years pins of continuous service to the USATF Indiana Association as an official. Fifty-three pins will be awarded. We also have the National Official Committee Awards, Special Recognition Awards plus our Dave Bowers Outstanding Track Official of the Year, Keith Mitchell Outstanding Field Event Official of the Year, and the Marshall Goss Outstanding Indiana Official of the Year. Forms will be forthcoming and there is a cost for the Award/Clinic of \$20.00 pre-event and \$25.00 day of the event to help defray the cost of clinicians and the cost of the lunch.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoy your family and friends.

See you at the track!

MIke

### Dates to Remember:

- November 9<sup>th</sup>, Association Cross Country Meet  
Ceraland Park in Columbus
- November 24<sup>th</sup> Region VII Cross Country at Eagle Park  
in Little Nashville
- Dec. 4-8 USATF Annual Meeting-Reno
- Dec. 15 USATF Indiana Annual Officials Clinic site  
TBD
- January Master Association Indoor site TBD
- June 20 Master Association Outdoor site TBD
- June 13-14 Youth Association Outdoor site TBD
- July 9-12 Region VII site TBD



Torrent Rain Jacket  
\$55-95

Rain Pants Black \$55.00

### Links:

Indiana Officials [Web site:](#)

USATF [Indiana Gear:](#)

[USATF.org](#)

[Indiana.usatf.org](#)

[NCAA.org/playing-rules](#)

[Best Practices](#)

[USATF Rule Book](#)

[NCAA Rule Book](#)

[Paralympic Rule Book](#)

**Don't forget to check your USATF membership renewal and background check. This can be done at USATF.org in your profile.**

Do you know of a recent high school or college athlete that would like to give back to the sport? USATF Indiana has instituted a new program for young athletes that would help defer some cost. Contact Mike if you know of someone.

If you would like to learn more about becoming certified to officiate Paralympic Track and Field events following the following link:

<http://www.usatf.org/usatf/files/7b/7b7884d5-9712-4e90-9c70-add9a9ea813f.pdf>

Association and Regional Cross Country Meets are just around the corner. Plan on attending and working if you can.

The Association meet is Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the afternoon. It will be held at Ceraland Park in Columbus, IN.

The Regional meet is Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. It will be held at Eagle Park in Nashville, IN.

Visit [the Indiana Track & Field & Cross Country Hall of Fame Museum](#). Terre Haute. One Great Experience. This is the link to their latest [Newsletter](#).

# OFFICIAL NEWS

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## NCAA Rule of the Month:

The NCAA will be releasing their Championship selections soon. Continue to visit their web site at:

<http://www.ncaa.org/playing-rules/cross-country-and-track-and-field-rules-competition>

Rule 2-2.2 To require starters to use the information provided from IAAF-approved start information systems, if such a system is used, and rule accordingly to detect false starts. **Rationale:** Current rules allow starting blocks to include an IAAF-approved false-start detection apparatus to assist the starter. This proposal would require the starter to use the information provided by the apparatus to determine a legal start. With more record performances being achieved, this would allow the start information system to be utilized to its fullest capabilities, thus enhancing the chances of record ratification.



Long Sleeve Polo  
\$29.00

## USATF Indiana Clinic and Awards

service, NOC Service Awards, Marshall Goss, Keith Mitchell and Dave Bowers Awards.

Registration fee is \$20.00, \$25.00 at the door which includes lunch. Make checks payable to USATF Indiana Officials Clinic. Send to Dick Boyd, 1505 Foley Court, Auburn, IN 46706

Fund, fellowship, awards, lunch, certification, rules review, discussion of Indiana, certification, rules review clinic, junior officials program, report of USATF annual meeting, door prizes and more. The EDM will be limited so register early. If you wish to become certified in EDM mention that in a note when you send your check.

NFHS Rule of the Month: **6-2-6** Clarifies that it is illegal to run backward or in the opposite direction (non-legal direction) on a horizontal jump, pole vault or javelin runway. **Rationale:** This changes promotes a more organized and efficient warm-up period and promotes safety.

USATF Rule of the Month: Rule 332.2i

At the National Championships, athletes shall wear a chip or similarly worn electronic device in the track race walking events and running events 3000 meters and longer for lap counting.

Colleagues,

An email that many (or all) of us received on Tuesday, Oct. 22, has caused confusion regarding SafeSport. After talking with the USATF SafeSport Administrator, here is the latest information.

Mike Armstrong

Chair, USATF National Officials Committee

1. Who has to update SafeSport Certification? Any official who has not completed the SafeSport course within the past two years. This is a "rolling" window (just like the Background Screen). So for today, anyone who did SafeSport before October 23, 2017 will need to complete the Core SafeSport Training Course.
2. What is the deadline to complete this? Though current SafeSport certification will be good until the end of 2020, we are asking you to renew your certification by March 31, 2020 because of a change in the time frame given by the US Center for SafeSport.
3. Where to renew SafeSport? You renew at <https://uscenterforsafesport.org>. If you do not have a profile with SafeSport, you will need to create one. Please note that this is different that your USATF membership and, therefore, will be different that your USATF profile. You will enter your USATF membership number as a part of your profile so that your compliance can be recorded.
4. How long will this SafeSport renewal take? The Core SafeSport Training Course will take 1.5 – 2 hours to complete.
5. Is there a cost to renew SafeSport certification? There is no cost.
6. What are the future requirements of SafeSport? Beginning in 2020, an annual refresher course will be required. This refresher course will take 20-30 minutes to complete.
7. If you have questions or run into a problem, you can get assistance at [safesport@usatf.org](mailto:safesport@usatf.org)

## 2019 USATF Indiana Clinic & Awards

December 15

Indiana University Field House

Come and get certified in EDR &/or EDM. The direction of recording field events is by EDR. NCAA is going the direction of EDR's for their championships. Get the head start. Awards will be given for continuous

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