

DRAFT
Officials Meeting
Rutgers University
September 18 2017
DRAFT Minutes

Attendees:

Bruce Fabrikant; Thomas Hassard; Tom Wilson; John Podeszxa; Ann Gartner; William Pollinger; Andrew Boyajian; Wayne Baker; Phillip Galli; Doug Twyman; William Terry; Paul Kolterjahn; Andrew McCray; Josiah Novak; Wayne Smith; Claire Tafelski

Chair

The chair thanked the officials for supporting the association and discussed these topics

- Encouraged existing officials to attend the LDR clinic being held Saturday at the Madison YMCA 12 noon – 4PM.
- Be respectful. Officials should speak to athletes; coaches; spectator; official committee members; and other officials the way you would them to speak to you.
- The official committee will adopt additional criteria for those officials seeking to advance in certification level such as officiating USATF NJ meets.
- A number of officials cancelled officiating the June meet at the Peddie School the day before the meet. This behavior reflects poorly on the officials and hindered the association to put on a quality meet.
- Officials need be diligent when officiating throws events to ensure everyone in the venue is safe.
- Officials should conduct events in accordance with USATF rules.
- Official committee elections will be held at the March 2018 meeting.
- Officials should read the monthly USATF Officials Newsletter; contact

NOCnewsletters@gmail.com with questions or assistance

Vice Chair- Training report

USATF-NJ recently instituted a policy that its road race championships have a certified official as referee and who may double as the starter. This is good because it means there will be someone on site who knows the rulebook if there is an issue. It also creates more opportunities for our certified officials. We plan to have another two-year cycle of introductory clinics on weekends in 2018-2019. Introductory clinics are 3 to 4 hours long. The tentative schedule:

March 2018 – Track & Field Clinic – North Jersey site

September 2018 – Track & Field Clinic – Central Jersey site

March 2019 – Track & Field Clinic - South Jersey site

September 2019 – LDR Clinic – Central Jersey site

We also plan to offer two specialty clinics in March 2018 on lap-counting and weights & measures. These would be one to two hours long and offered in the morning before the introductory clinic is held in the afternoon. As always, we appreciate your comments and suggestions.

Vice Chair-Certification

The numbers are down probably due to the Background screen and SafeSport requirements. The new database still has glitches, but we are slowly moving ahead. I hope to get new certification pins for officials.

Vice Chair-Awards

The various official committee awards were discussed and if officials have nominee send them to Officials Chair. Officials desiring to officiate national meets should apply and officiate youth meets to get known by the selection committee members.

Vice Chair-Assignments

Same the 30/35 officials are responding to officiate meets. These officials are getting experience. We need a new pool of officials to commit to officiating meets. Officials are needed to staff LDR races. An official will act as starter and referee.

Other business

Officials are encouraged to apply for youth national meets. This is good path to get known and selected to officiate national meets.

Officials are encouraged to get certified for para-olympic events.