



## **USATF South Carolina Association Newsletter**

**Spring 2021**

### **From the Board**

This is an election year in the South Carolina Association. Elections were previously held in even years, but COVID-19 made elections in 2020 impractical. We anticipate the South Carolina Association Annual Meeting being a virtual meeting (just like last year), and we anticipate an electronic balloting system will be used. The Board is currently evaluating different systems to ensure we utilize the most accurate AND the most user-friendly system.

We encourage USATF South Carolina Association members to consider running for office. The elected positions are: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Even if you don't run for elected office, we encourage you to volunteer for other positions such as Committee Chair or Committee members. And, you may certainly serve on more than one committee. Please consider volunteering to help improve our Association. Your time could make a difference.

**Fun Fact:** Did you know all positions in the USATF South Carolina Association are volunteer positions? It is true! No one in the South Carolina Association receives any compensation.

The USATF Officers and Board.

### **From the Youth Chair**

The USATF Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships will be different this year. Last year, the entire Junior Olympic Track & Field progression was canceled, meaning there were no Association, Regional, or National championships.

This year, in 2021, there will be a National Championships, but there will be no progression. This means a few things: there will be no qualifying for the 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, and Associations and Regions are prohibited from using the term Junior Olympic in their own Track & Field Championships.

Since we are banned from using the term Junior Olympics, we will rebrand our meet as the 2021 USATF South Carolina Association Youth Championships. And, since we cannot use the term Junior Olympics, it is only fitting that we have unique medals for this unique meet.

Additionally, the South Carolina and Georgia Youth Chairs have been working to provide an equivalent of the Regional meet. Georgia is the Peach State, but South Carolina produces more peaches, and the peach is the South Carolina state fruit. So, what better to name the event? *The Battle for the Peach*, or course!

Meet information and meet schedules for both of these meets is on the USATF South Carolina Association website: <http://usatfsc.org/>

— Steve Mullaney  
Youth Chair

**THIS IS YOUR USATF!**

## Let's Get Outside

Outdoor Track & Field season is upon us! Many of our athletes have already been competing at various meets across the state, and many South Carolina Officials have been busy officiating and honing their skills.

That can only mean one thing. USATF South Carolina Track & Field Championships are upon us!

## SAVE THE DATE – Track & Field

### **2021 USATF South Carolina Association Youth Championships**

June 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021

CIU (Columbia International University)

Columbia, SC

### **2021 Battle for the Peach**

July 08<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

McDonough High School

McDonough, GA

### **2021 GTC South Carolina Open & Masters Track Classic *and* 2021 USATFSC Association Open & Masters Track & Field Championships**

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Eastside High School

Taylors, SC

### **2021 CIU Rams Winter Challenge *and* USATF-SC Junior/Open/Masters 3000m Racewalk Championships**

CIU (Columbia International University)

December 04<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Newberry, SC

## SAVE THE DATE – Off-Track

### **2021 USATF South Carolina Association Cross Country Championships (*Junior Olympic, Open, Masters*)**

November 06<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Newberry, SC

## 2021 USATF South Carolina Association MUT 16K Trail Run Championships

November 06<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Greenville, SC

## 2021 Run Hard Lexington *and* USATF South Carolina Open/ Masters LDR Half Marathon Championships

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Lexington, SC

## 2021 USATF Region 4 Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships

November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
Newberry, SC

### SAVE THE DATE – Officials Training

Electronic Distance Measuring, or EDM, is electronically measuring distances in track & field events. We are pleased to announce an Electronic Distance Measuring and Recording (EMD/R) clinic. Take the first step to becoming EDM certified by attending the EDM Clinic Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, at the USC indoor facility in Columbia, SC. Attendance is limited to 10 currently certified officials.

The clinic will begin at 9:00 and will conclude at approximately 3:30. Lunch will be provided. There will be a \$20 charge for the clinic, which is to be paid in cash at the workshop. If you work as an official at the 2021 USATF South Carolina Association Youth Track & Field Championships being contested at Columbia International University (CIU) in Columbia Jun 25-27, 2021, the \$20 will be refunded at the end of the meet.

For questions, please email George Illingworth: [gji074@mac.com](mailto:gji074@mac.com).

### Officiating Opportunities

There are a variety of officiating opportunities. Check the USATF South Carolina website for links to applications, or you may reach out to the Officials Certification Chair: [officialscertification@southcarolina.usatf.org](mailto:officialscertification@southcarolina.usatf.org)

### **USATF-SC NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR NEEDED**

**USATFSC is looking for volunteers to coordinate and compile quarterly Association newsletters. Please contact the SC Association Secretary if you are interested.**

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