



SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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In light of a recent situation involving the death (at the hotel) of an official (from NC) while attending a Clemson Indoor Meet, Jan 27-28.

Preliminary information received indicates that there was no immediate availability or access to any "Emergency Contact" information by event officials, hotel staff or emergency service responders –

***I would like to establish an "In Case of Emergency Program" (ICE)
for our membership
(officers, officials, coaches and general membership)
– Coach Rich, President USATF SC.***

Effective February 2017 Within SC Association

I would like to suggest and recommend including Emergency Contacts in Officials On-Line Profiles as well as encouraging members and families to add ICE to the phone contact list as a Emergency Notification options, as well as written information on a card/paper in a wallet or purse, or other personally carried items.

In Case of Emergency (ICE) is a program that enables first responders, such as paramedics firefighter, and police officers as well as hospital personnel, to contact the next of kin of the owner of a working mobile phone to obtain important medical or support information.

The phone entry or entries are intended to supplement or complement written information in a wallet or on a marked bracelet or necklace.

This program we should add to our website, as well as future Newsletters, and promote within Sports/Administrative Chair Programs, and outreach to Coaches, Clubs, Officials and Membership to encourage and "ICE Up" via available or alternative multi-medias.



2017 USATF Hershey National Youth Indoor

The USATF Hershey Youth Indoor National Championships will return to New York in 2017. This year's championship is March 10 - 12 at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island.

Athletes ages 7 - 14 must compete at their Zone Championship Meet and place in the top 8 to register for the Hershey Youth Indoor Championships. Get more information and [register for your zone meet](#) now. High school athletes and USATF unattached athletes are eligible to register for the 2017 Hershey Youth Indoor Championships. [Register today!](#)



The deadline to register for the USATF Hershey Youth Indoor Championships is March 6, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

USATF Officials Certification Program



This communication is to give you an update on a transition that will be taking place in the USATF Officials Certification program. As most of you are aware, there have been some struggles in the last few months with the system that the National Officials Committee has been using for the past several years. These struggles ultimately became insurmountable, necessitating a move to a new system.

All Official Certification will now be processed using the USATF membership database. This change offers many benefits; all the SafeSport and Background screen data will live in one place eliminating the need for multiple data repositories, all membership info will sync in one place eliminating the need for individual members to update contact information in two places and access to the necessary tools will be overseen by a full-time staff, which will result in immediate customer service to individual members and your Association leadership.

In March, all Association Certification Chairs will be receiving access information and instructions for processing certifications using the new system on the AMA. Their access on the AMA is the same access that Secretaries have, providing a backup for certification should your Association need one.

New National Officials Polo Shirt



The new officials' uniform polo shirt is a solid navy blue NIKE Dri-Fit. It will replace the current red & blue shirt.

The plan is that every official who completes all requirements above, and is identified to the USATF office as recertified, will be able to order one new shirt at no cost; additional shirts may be purchased for a price of \$55.00 plus shipping.

Details and a link to the ordering site will be provided in a future mail from the NOC.



Updates to Membership, Club, Coaches Information

All USATF members, clubs, coaches and officials are reminded to update their personal, athlete, coaches, and club information within the USATF membership and/or club management system to reflect any new address, coaching, athlete, official information changes.



2017 USA Master's Games Registration

Just in time for the Holidays! Registration opened December 15th for the 2017 USA Masters Games in San Diego, California.

The National Sports Festival for Adult Athletes (21 and over). Be among the first 100 athletes to register and receive a free USA Masters Games commemorative cap!

Soccer, Softball, Tennis, Track & Field, and Triathlon will be held June 22-25, 2017. Visit the Games website at www.usamastersgames.com for details on each sport.

USA Track & Field Foundation announces 32 Youth Club Grant recipients

The USA Track & Field Foundation Chairman Bob Greifeld and Executive Director Tom Jackovic announced today it has awarded 32 Youth Club Grants to track & field clubs throughout the country. The grants assist young male and female athletes with expenses such as travel to meets, equipment, uniforms and facility rental. For a complete list of recipients visit:

<http://www.usatf.org/News/USA-Track---Field-Foundation-announces-32-Youth-Cl.aspx>

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