



New Year and New Opportunities!!!!

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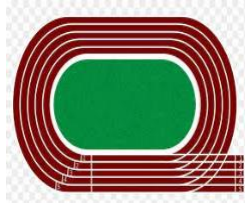
One thing for certain is there is certainly no shortage of meets to officiate in Kentucky. Year two of the Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center (“NHSLC”) is producing a full slate of age group, middle and high school, and collegiate meets. Additionally, on February 12, 2022, the American Track League kicked off their season with a meet at the Norton Healthcare facility where several professional track athletes competed.

The World Championships are coming to the United States for the first time ever. The best athletes in the world will compete at the reimagined Hayward Field from July 15-24. Athletes are able to qualify through one of four ways: by achieving an entry standard, by virtue of their placing at area championships or Platinum Label marathons (considered as having achieved the entry standard), by wild card entry or by world rankings position. There will be 16 sessions over the ten day competition period with an estimated 2,000 athletes from 200 nations vying for 49 gold medals.

During February, Patty Rouse, Kentucky Association Chair, conducted a training course for new officials at the NHSLC. Patty has redesigned the course content and comments from attendees validated that the paperwork, rules review, and expectations were well defined. As a result, several have completed all the steps to being certified as Kentucky Association officials. Currently, there are 100 USATF certified officials in the Association. See below the dates, location, and times for the new officials certification classes in March 2022.

The newsletter topics in this issue include the list of major championship meets awarded to the Kentucky Association for 2022, 2023, and 2024, new officials certification classes during March 2022, Master and LDR news, selected officials for 2022 championship meets of which the Kentucky Association is well represented, e-mail addresses of officials coordinators, and links to the competition rules.

Congratulations



The Kentucky Association received some exciting news! The Association was selected to host the following Championship meets for 2022, 2023 and 2024:

July 28-31, 2022 - USATF Masters Outdoor, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

March 10-12, 2023 - USATF Masters Indoor Championships,
Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center – Louisville, KY

March 17-19, 2023 - USATF National Youth Indoor Championships, Norton
Healthcare Sports & Learning Center – Louisville, KY

December 9, 2023 - USATF National Junior Olympics Cross-Country Championships
Tom Sawyer Park – Louisville, KY

March 8-10, 2024 - USATF National Youth Indoor Championships,
Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center – Louisville, KY

December 14, 2024 - USATF National Junior Olympics Cross-Country
Championships Tom Sawyer Park- Louisville, KY

Official Certification Classes Scheduled



March 2, 2022: Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center – Louisville, KY
Register: [Louisville Clinic Registration](#)

March 3, 2022: East Hardin Middle School – Elizabethtown, KY

For information contact Patty Rouse, USATF Kentucky Certification Chair at
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Masters and LDR News



There are nine Masters National Grand Prix Championships remaining for 2022 which is a very robust Masters and LDR schedule of Road Races and Cross Country events. Here is a link to the schedule: [Click here](#)

To stay updated on news, events, and happenings pertaining to USATF Masters and LDR racing, bookmark this website: <https://usatfmasters.org/> .

Championship Meet Selections

World and USA Outdoor Championship selections: [here](#)

USATF Indoor Championship selections: [here](#)

NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championship selections: [here](#)

Official Coordinators

Looking for meets to officiate contact Tim King teejayking@gmail.com and Frank Miklavcic fmiklavcic2@gmail.com

Competition Rules



NCAA, USATF, World Athletics, and World Para Athletics rule books are available [here](#).

A hard copy of the 2022 USATF Competition rules is available to order at the USATF Store: [here](#) . At checkout, certified officials can use the code RULES 22 for 50% off.

Officials Certification/Recertification/New Officials

If you are interested in becoming an official, recertifying or know of someone that would like to become a certified official, contact Patricia Rouse, Kentucky Association Certification Chair at coachpattyrouse@gmail.com or 270-872-8257.

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