

# BECOME A USATF CERTIFIED OFFICIAL

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Without officials, a meet can't take place. USA Track & Field is committed to providing training and certification for over 4,000 officials across the country. Apart from competing as an athlete or supporting as a coach, there's no better way to be involved in the sport than serving as an official. Join the world's #1 track and field team as a USATF Certified Official today!

## **BENEFITS TO BECOMING A USATF CERTIFIED OFFICIAL**

As a USATF Certified Official, you have the opportunity to contribute to some of the best track and field performances in the country. You have the duty and role to ensure the safety of the athletes, coaches, spectators and other officials. You ensure that track and field events are conducted safely and fairly so each athlete is able to compete to the best of their ability. Benefits include:

- Giving back to the sport you love
- Access to USATF Certified Official apparel store
- Continuing education and development via training materials, clinics and mentorship opportunities
- Access to a network of over 4,000 USATF Certified Officials
- The opportunity to develop lifelong friendships
- Nationally recognized USATF certification
- Certified Official photo ID and pin
- Eligibility to officiate at USATF National Championships and other major competitions
- Insurance – general liability, event, secondary accident

## **REQUIREMENTS**

- USATF Membership
- Officials Application
- Complete Rules Review
- Background Check
- Safe Sport Training
- Certification Fee (*if applicable*)
- Typically takes 2-4 weeks

## **SUPPORT ALONG THE WAY**

Your local USATF Association Certification Chair (see below for contact information) can guide you through the process.

- In-person and online clinics
- Mentoring by experienced officials
- Best practices library covering every track and field officiating position
- Semi-annual New Officials Town Hall and Officials' Oval Table zoom meetings



## **DIFFERENT ROLES**

No matter your experience, skill or interests, there is a role for you.

- Clerk
- Field Judge (jumps and throws)
- Umpire
- Starter
- Marshal
- Specialized Duties

## **NEXT STEPS**

1. Contact your Local Association Certification Chair - \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_
2. Begin the journey to become a USATF Certified Official.

