

USATF Track & Field Officials Clinic

November 18th, 2018

Marshall University Indoor Track

Clinic Schedule

1:00pm-2:30pm—Powerpoint Presentation

2:45pm-3:30pm— Rules Review

3:45pm-4:00pm— Applications, Pictures, Questions,

USATF Certification Pricing

- \$ 30 USATF Membership Fee*
- \$30 USATF Certification Fee**
- \$16 Background Check *
- *Must pay online
- ** Can Pay at clinic (Check)

Register with USATF after November 1st, 2018 at

<https://www.usatf.org/membership/application/>

***Contact Information**

In order to apply to this clinic, you must email:

Richard Messenger at

officialschairwv@gmail.com

or by phone at 304-476-8410

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Important Details:

- Parking: Park at the Chris Cline Indoor Athletic Facility's parking lot in between the indoor track and the football stadium. Overflow parking will be in the Stadium lots or at the Softball
- All applicants must contact **Richard Messenger** in order to sign up. He will email you with important information prior to the clinic.
- The class will take place in the Buck Harless Center's Presentation Room which is conjoined with the indoor track. We will have everyone enter from the main doors by the Buffalo Statues.



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What's in it for you?

USATF Officials Certification Benefits

Nationally recognized USATF certification

Certified official photo ID card and pin

Insurance – liability coverage (bodily/personal injury, property damage, and legal representation) for officials or volunteers at any organized competition (sanctioned or not)

Access to officials' training materials and training clinics

Eligibility to officiate at USATF national championships and other major competitions

USATF Membership Benefits

Eligibility for USATF officials' certification

Eligibility to compete in USATF sanctioned competitions

Insurance - accidental bodily injury and death coverage during travel to/from and participation in USATF sanctioned meets and USATF club practices

Subscription to USATF magazine "Fast Forward"

Discounts on logo merchandise from the USATF online store

Discounts on running merchandise, books, magazines, and videos

Discounts on hotels and car rentals

Officiating Track & Field

Without you, there can't be a meet

The sport of track and field depends on dedicated volunteers to conduct its competitions. Apart from competing as an athlete or serving as a coach, there's no better way to be involved with the sport than serving as an official. Officials not only have the best spots to see some of America's greatest athletes, they're a vital part of every track and field meet. Track meets require dozens of volunteer officials who work together to...

Ensure the **SAFETY** of the athletes, coaches, spectators, and other officials;

Ensure every event is conducted **FAIRLY**, by the rules and procedures that govern the meet, and that no athlete has an unfair advantage or is at an unfair disadvantage so that every athlete has the opportunity to compete to the best of their ability.

If you're already assisting with competition, our certification process can help improve your skills and lead to work at larger meets such as regional and national championships throughout the country - as is done by several of our veteran officials.

USATF Certification & Training

Without you, we can't have the best officials in the world . .

USA Track and Field (USATF) is the national governing body for the sport in the United States. Training and certification of officials is central to USATF's goal of ensuring safe and fair competitive opportunities for athletes.

Officials typically receive both classroom (a certification clinic) and on-the-job training, plus access to a substantial library of resources including best practices for every track & field event and officiating position.

Officials are certified on an overall basis, and also for specific event skills, in one of four progressive levels of certification. As an official gains experience, exposure to correct officiating practices, and additional training, they may be advanced to the next level. Advancement isn't automatic; it's earned through service and demonstrated proficiency.

Officiating Areas

Without you, we can't provide the best officiating for every event, for every athlete, at every level

Every meet requires dozens of officials. As a track and field official, you'll have the opportunity to work in several different areas. The best officials are able to work in a variety of areas.

Clerks -- Clerks organize the running events and keep the meet running on schedule. They gather and hold athletes, check uniforms, issue hip numbers, provide final instructions on lanes, break lines, and advancement, and escort them to the starting line for their races.

Field Judges -- Field judges set up venues and conduct field event competitions (time, mark, measure, record) in vertical jumps, horizontal jumps, and throws.

Umpires -- Umpires detect and report any violations or unusual incidents in the running events. These could include lane violations, relay violations, contact between runners, and more.

Starters -- Starters control the start of all races, ensuring fair starts.

Marshals -- Marshals keep all areas of the track and field clear and unobstructed to meet the needs of, and provide for the safety of contestants, officials, and spectators.

Specialized Duties -- Officials are also needed to serve as inspectors of implements, operate electronic timing systems, operate wind gauges, and supervise the finish line.

**Marshall University Track and Field
Invites You
To Become a Certified USATF Official**

Home Indoor Track Meet Schedule:

- December 7th-MU vs OU vs NKU**
- January 12th-Women's Only Classic**
- January 25-26th-Thundering Herd Invitational/Multi**
- February 8-9th-Chipotle Invitational**
- February 23rd-High School Open**

We would love to have you work our home meets!

Contact Coach Caleb Bowen for more information: Bowen130@marshall.edu

