

USA TRACK & FIELD 2014 ANNUAL MEETING
COACHES EDUCATION COMMITTEE
OHIO ASSOCIATION REPORT

Entry Level Coaching Track and Field Course (in partnership with NFHS): Committee recommends that organizations encourage/request that their entry level coaches complete the Coaching Track and Field Course. The course presents the fundamentals of running, jumping and throwing, as well as the importance of sound mechanics and how to teach these basic skills. The course can be completed online at www.nfhslearn.com. USATF members receive a \$15.00 discount.

Level 1 Schools: USATF completed 45 Level 1 schools, and provided Level 1 certifications to over 2000 coaches in 2014. Committee's current goal for Level 1 schools is 50 schools per year.

Level 1 school has new text book and course materials. Beginning in 2015, Level 1 certification is a four-year certification. Coaches will be required to recertify every four years. During the transition, coaches who were certified from 2012 through 2015 will remain certified through 2020. Coaches who were certified before 2012 must be recertified by December 30, 2016 to remain on the USATF roster of certified coaches. Two options for recertification are attending another Level 1 school or complete online recertification course and online exam.

Level 2 School for 2015: Committee is currently considering two locations for hosting the 2015 Level 2 school, which is scheduled for July 5, 2015 through July 11, 2015. The two locations are University of Central Florida in Orlando, Florida and North Carolina State University in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Instructor Training Course: Requirements for ITC certification now include a teaching requirement in order to receive certification.

USATF/IAAF Academy: USATF and IAAF have partnered to offer specialized event-specific courses for Level 2 coaches that meet various other criteria. Completion of an academy provides a coach a USATF Level 3 certification and a Level 5 IAAF certification. USATF/IAAF completed 2 academies in 2013. One for Throws and Jumps and one for Sprints and Hurdles. Upcoming academy from 12/28/14 through 1/4/15 for which 52 coaches are registered

Elite Athlete Involvement: Committee has plans to get elite athletes involved in coaches education. USATF is offering 50% discount to elite athletes for coaches education.

Level 3 Program (non-academy track): Committee is reevaluating the process for hosting and completing Level 3 schools and certification. Considering the possibility of an upper level educational requirement (eg. masters degree or just a bachelors' degree).



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