

## **Announcement of the Coaches Registry Minimum Standard Criteria as of December 1, 2017**

**Purpose:** To raise the professional credibility of the USATF Coaches Registry by establishing a baseline standard of professional education and/or coaching experience. In following best practices in the industry, align the USATF Coaches Registry with other USOC NGB's coach licensing protocols. A minimal standard of professional education or coaching accomplishment in the sport of track and field would fully qualify an individual seeking admission to the Registry, thus receiving the benefits of the Registry as a track and field coach.

**What:** New component to the Coaches Registry, in addition to a coach having USATF membership, a current background screen from approved screening agency, and completion of USOC Safe Sport course.

*Coaches meet this one time requirement as a component of the Coaches Registry for the Minimum Standard.*

**When:** The Minimum educational standard will become a component of the Registry as of July, 2018; **USATF coaches may add their minimum standard to their Coaches Registry profile beginning in July of 2018. Requirement of the minimum standard to receive benefits of the Coaches Registry will not be implemented until January of 2019.**

**Who is the clearing house for evaluating competency:** USATF National office staff will provide oversight of all components of the Coaches Registry. An oversight sub-committee from the Coaches Advisory Committee will review and evaluate any issue with a coach's minimum standard.

**Who can meet the minimum competency for the Registry:** Any person who has completed one of the approved coaching education courses for track or field or who qualifies based on career accomplishments as a track and field coach.

### **Two Paths to meet the Minimum Educational Standard for the Coaches Registry:**

1. Complete a verified course of education (completion of any one of the following courses):
  - a. Level 1, 2, or 3 of the USATF CE Professional Pathway of Coach Certification
  - b. Technical Basic course of the USTFCCA Academy or any advanced course (online or classroom)
  - c. NFHS Coaching Track and field (online)
  - d. USATF Cross Country Specialist Course
  - e. Any approved course on USATF Campus (online)
  - f. Completion of a USATF Event Skill Specialist Clinic (Learn by Doing)

(certificate of completion for any of the above courses serves as verification of minimum standard)

2. Accomplish a Competency Equivalency during one's coaching career

#### Category 1. Credible Body of Work:

- a. Member of an international coaching staff selected by USATF over the last 5 Olympic quads
- b. Primary coach of record of a medalist athlete on any one of the BIG THREE teams (Olympics, World Champs, Pan-Am Games)

- c. Elite technical coach of USA National Team athletes over an 8 year period (coach must list athletes' name and contact information)

Category 2. Career Honors:

- a. USATF Legend Coach
- b. Hall of Fame Coach for USATF or USTFCCCA
- c. National Coach of the Year for USATF or USTFCCCA, or USOC
- d. USTFCCCA National Assistant coach for men's or women's indoor and outdoor season
- e. Hall of Fame Coach for National Scholastic Track Coaches Association

Category 3. Professional Coaching Career

- a. Employment as a track coach at a scholastic or collegiate institution for a 10-year period verified by employers' information.

Coaches may add their minimum standard to their coach profile as they update/renew their Coaches Registry in 2018. Coaches should be prepared to produce proof of qualification if so requested.