

USATF ANNUAL MEETING
December 1, 2016 to December 4, 2016

YOUTH ADMINISTRATORS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENTAL WORKSHOP
November 30, 2016

Both Meetings were in Orlando, Florida

YOUTH ATHLETICS REPORT
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Youth Executive Committee Elections. Jim Engel was elected vice chair of operations on the newly elected youth executive committee.

Youth Membership. 2016 youth membership is 83,317. This is 64% of the 131,201 total 2016 USATF members.

2017 Midwest Zone Indoor Championships. Location has not been determined. Meet will be the first or second weekend of February. Top eight in each event will qualify for the National championships. High school athletes do not have to qualify, they can enter directly into the National Championships.

Update on 2017 National Championships. No major problems were identified with the USATF Hershey Youth Indoor Track & Field Championships being held in Staten Island, New York on March 10 – 12. The USATF Hershey Youth Outdoor Track & Field Championships location and date will be announced the first week of January. The JO National Outdoor Track & Field Championships is being held in Lawrence, Kansas on July 24 – 30. The JO National Cross Country Championships was just awarded to Tallahassee, Florida and will be on December 9. Find additional information on the individual event web pages.

2017 USATF Junior Outdoor Championships. Meet will be held on June 22-24.

Awarding of 2018 National Championships. No bids were received for either the USATF Hershey Youth Indoor or Outdoor Championships – bids will be reopened in January 2017 for 30 days. JO National Outdoor Track & Field Championships was awarded to Greensboro, North Carolina (only bidder). JO National Cross Country Championships was awarded to Reno, Nevada (other bidder was Seattle, Washington).

2016 Youth National Track & Field Pending Records. There are 26 outdoor records (10 by girls and 16 by boys). There are 24 indoor records (13 by girls and 11 by boys).

Background Screening Changes. Youth coaches now have to use NCSI (same screening company as the rest of USATF) for background screening. Screening will be good for two years from the date of screening (not calendar year), the cost will be \$ 16.00 and will require a picture ID to complete. Additional information can be found on the Ohio Association webpage.

Change in Throwing Equipment. Starting this year, a new turbo javelin will be used by the 11-12 age group. Information on the new implement will be given to all youth members and clubs.

Coaches Pass to National Championships. Youth committee will be establishing new requirements for coaches to obtain free pass for National meets. Will be required to pass some type of coaching course (Level 1, High School Federation course, etc.), not just have coach identified on their membership card.

Kim Haines Academic Scholarship. Established in 2014 with 10 scholarships awarded in 2015. No scholarships were given in 2016. Have \$ 20,000 to give out in 2017 (10 scholarships). See USATF youth website for details.