

LDR updates

Atlanta LOC has modified OT course to be easier however is still “rolly”. They will have an app “Rungo” available sometime in 2019 which will have turn by turn navigation, video of the course, and maps.

Atlanta2020trials.com will go live approx March 2019.

Prize money if \$480k (minimum) for places 1-8 men and women.

Course is 4 loops starting and finishing at Centennial Olympic Park. Lap 4 passes by the Olympic Rings.

Several 180 degree turns. No lapping projected until lap 4.

Start time is in the 10am-noon range depending on tv.

Host hotel is Omni Atlanta at CNN.

Atlanta Police Dept for security

Road to Gold race 3/2/19 will cover final 8.2 lap. Some assistance available for current and near qualifiers.

Course will be closed for training run 12/7/19.

Implications of Safe Sport for for LDR events: generally our championships are piggybacked on to another “open” event so current interpretation is that those working in areas accessible to only USATF members must have SS. “Casual volunteers” (over 15 years old, need ID, and cannot be on SS banned list) who have no authority must be supervised by a safe sport person.

Discussion of IAAF ranking standards for selecting World and Olympic qualifiers. This has been suspended for 2019 Doha. LDR representatives strongly against implementing it for Tokyo 2020 and a memo to Stephanie Hightower as IAAF rep was drafted. The qualifying period for 2020 marathon opens 1/1/19.

USATF LDR championships: likely switch of location from TC to Des Moines for mile 2019 pending paperwork and approval.

Bids are still open for marathon and 10km for 2019. LDR strongly requesting more bids especially from new sites for championships.