

USATF Annual Meeting 2018

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Meetings attended:

Youth General Session: There was a general discussion about changes in rules needed to be made in the Youth Handbook. Once changes were discussed they were voted and all were passed. Other items discussed was event dates for the major meets of 2019

Para Athletics

General Sessions #1

Discussions in the general session #1 they defined a Para Athlete and how to get the athletes involved in local as well as larger meets. They discussed about the different international meets, events, and how the athletes are able to do the things other athletes can do in normal meets. Markings on the track were discussed for those in wheelchairs and the different specifications for wheelchairs used to compete. There was also discussion on getting more Officials certified to work these meets.

General Session #2

In this session we focused on putting together a mission statement for the Para Athletics. The group broke up into smaller groups to come up with ideas on what the mission statement should include. Each group then read their mission statement out loud to the rest of the groups to decide if what they wrote fits what the group was trying to come up with. At the end of the session there was a mission statement written for the Para Athletics.

Course Training

During the course training there was a slide show presentation that was part of the actual test that is on-line. At the end of the presentation those in the training could take the test to be certified.

I found the Para Athletic to be very interesting and plan to follow up with taking the online test to be certified in Para Athletics.