

USATF 2018 ANNUAL MEETING  
MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD COMMITTEE REPORT

**Sports Chaplain Program:** USATF has a program for training Olympians in pastoral care to care for teams. Five individuals have completed the first year of a two year program.

**Medical Division:** USATF is developing a medical credential registry to identify individuals with proper medical credentials for staff qualifications.

**Rules:** A rule change has been proposed to determine eligibility for setting/holding an American record. The change includes the requirement that the athlete be eligible to compete for the U.S. The rule change was inspired by an awkward circumstance where an athlete who competes for another country could hold an American record.

**Athletes Advisory Committee:** The AAC is addressing some scheduling problems with the World Championships schedule, which cause significant restrictions on some event doubles (eg. Schedule is restrictive for sprinters who would want to compete in the 100m and 200m at the World Championships). The AAC as well as the High Performance division are working with the IAAF to adjust the schedule to allow for more opportunities to compete in conventional event combinations.

The IAAF has proposed a new world ranking system that is heavily centered around the Diamond League system, which favors European athletes because there are so many Diamond League events in Europe. The U.S. athletes are significantly disadvantaged by the new system since there is only one Diamond League event in the U.S. among other issues.

**High Performance Division:** The High Performance Division is conferring with the IAAF to adjust the new world ranking system to address the disadvantages on the U.S. athletes. The High Performance Division is also trying to increase the number of women's and men's staff members for athlete development.

The Under 20 Men won 9 out of 18 World Championship medals in Finland in 2018. The Under 20 Pan American games are scheduled for July 19, 2019 through July 21, 2019 in San Jose, Costa Rica.

**Coaches Advisory Committee:** USATF provided \$21,000.00 in coaches education grants in 2018. CAC representatives are now included to provide contribution in the process of selecting national staff coaches.

**Team Reports:** The Men's World Indoor Championship team won 9 of 17 medals in 2018. The Under 20 Outdoor Championship team took 90 athletes and about 20 staff and won a combined 18 medals in 2018.

The Athletics World Cup in London was an eight-country team scoring event. Each country entered one athlete in each event. No running events above 1500 meters were run. The team score was combined for women and men. The U.S. finished in first place and scored 219 points. Poland scored 162 points and Great Britain scored 155 points.

The U.S. won two trophies and prize money in the Pan American Combined Event Challenge on July 3, 2018 and July 4, 2018. The event was sanctioned by the IAAF. The U.S. took three athletes and two of the three scored points.

The Thorpe Cup is an annual Combined Event Dual Meet between the U.S. and Germany. The men take seven athletes and 5 out of the seven score points. The meet was hosted at the University of Tennessee in 2018.

The North America, Central America and Caribbean (NACAC) team competed in Toronto in August of 2018 and the men won 26 of 61 medals.

USAFT expects the criteria for making the Olympic Team to change in light of the new IAAF world ranking system.

Phil Wright, Jr.

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