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|  | USATF National Officials Committee  **Charles Ruter Award Criteria**  The Charles Ruter Award is given annually  to the  Outstanding Running Event Official | **Ruter,Charlie** |

The *Charles Ruter Award* was established at the National Convention in 1998. The National Officials Executive Committee established the following criteria

to receive the *Charles Ruter Award* at the Mid-Year Meeting in 2006 . . .

* Must be a Certified USATF Running Event Official for a ten (10) year.
* Must be a National or Master Level official in good standing with the Association which they are certified, with the National Officials Committee

and with USATF.

* Recognition by peers for their betterment and devotion to track and field officiating in the area of running events.

Nomination and Selection Process

All the nominees for the *Charles Ruter Award* will be presented to the National Officials Executive Committee by the Awards Sub-Committee. The Awards Sub-Committee will be divided into eleven areas with the committee members serving as the Area Representative for the assorted Association of USATF that make up each zone. The Awards Committee Area Reps will canvass their respective areas through recommendations from other USATF Certified Officials, Association Officials Certification Chairs and from Association Presidents for candidates for the *Charles Ruter Award.* Once approved by the Area Reps these names, along with letters of recommendation of his/her accomplishments are to be sent to the National Officials Committee Vice-Chair of Awards who will then present them to the National Officials Executive Committee. The *Charles Ruter Award* winner will then be determined by a vote of the National Officials Committee Executive Committee at the annual mid-year’s meeting. The five finalists and the winner of the *Charles Ruter Award* will be presented at the Annual USATF Convention.

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|  | | USATF National Officials Committee  **Charles Ruter Award**  The Charles Ruter Award is given annually to an official that has given outstanding service throughout a career to the managing sports by taking officiating of running events to a higher level.  1998 – 2022  Sponsored by: Kentucky Association | | | | **Ruter,Charlie** |
| **1998 Award Winner**  **Ruter, Charles-1**  **Charles Ruter**  **Fern Creek, Kentucky**  **Kentucky** | **1999 Award Winner**  **Hickman_John**  **John Hickman**  **Columbus, Ohio**  **Ohio** | | **2000 Award Winner**  **RingWarren**  **Warren Ring**  **Brooklyn, New York**  **Metropolitan** | **2001 Award Winner**  **ConnorsDick**  ***Richard Connors***  **San Mateo, California**  **Pacific** | **2002 Award Winner**  **Mulanax, Ginger-1.jpg**  ***Ginger Mulanax***  **Florissant, Missouri**  **Ozark** | |
| **2003 Award Winner**  **DSC04699**  **Dan Reynolds**  **Tucson, Arizona**  **Arizona** | **2004 Award Winner**  **Sharpe, Shelby**  **Shelby Sharpe**  **Fort Worth, Texas**  **Southwestern** | | **2005 Award Winner**  **Adler, Fred**  **Fred Adler**  **Stoney Point, NY**  **Metropolitan** | **2005 Award Winner**  **Buttermore, Bill**  **William Buttermore**  **Westlake, Ohio**  **Ohio** | **2006 Award Winner**  **Carlisle, Jim-1.jpg**  **Jim Carlisle**  **Carrollton, Texas**  **Southwestern** | |
| **2007 Award Winner**    **Sue Polansky**  **Plainview, New York**  **Long Island** | **2008 Award Winner**  **C:\Users\Gordon\Pictures\Morton, Kenny\Morton, Kenny-12.jpg**  **Kenny Morton**  **Louisville, Kentucky**  **Kentucky** | | **2009 Award Winner**  **C:\Users\Gordon\Pictures\Karen Krsak\DSC01424-2.JPG**  **Karen Krsak**  **Columbus, Ohio**  **Ohio** | **2010 Award Winner**  **C:\Users\Gordon\Pictures\Fred Thomas_1\Fred Thomas-2.JPG**  **Fred Thomas**  **Johnstown, Ohio**  **Ohio** | **2010 Award Winner**  **Gordon Bocock-4**  **Gordon Bocock**  **Somerset, Kentucky**  **Kentucky** | |
| **2011 Award Winner**  **Description: C:\Users\Gordon\Pictures\USATF Convention 2010\Tom Hott.JPG**  **Tom Hott**  **Leitchfield, Illinois**  **Ozark** | **2012 Award Winner**  **Tom McTaggert 5-26-2012 7-14-037**  **Tom McTaggert**  **Sloatsburg, New York**  **New York** | | **2013 Award Winner**  **Podkaminer, Bob-1**  **Bob Podkaminer**  **Santa Rosa, California**  **Pacific** | **2014 Award Winner**  **Description: C:\Users\Gordon\Pictures\James McKee\Picture-007.jpg**  **James McKee**  **Turner Station, Ky**  **Kentucky** | **2015 Award Winner**    **Laurie Boemker**  **Cranston, RI**  **New England** | |
| **2016 Award Winner**    **Rory Osborne**  **Davis, California**  **Pacific Association** | **2017 Award Winner**    **Tiffany Banks Chin Aleong**  **Frisco, Texas**  **Southwestern** | | **2018 Award Winner**    **Lloyd “Bert” Garcia**  **Albuquerque, NM**  **New Mexico** | **2019 Award Winner**    **Larry Henning**  **Flora, Indiana**  **Indiana** | **2020 Award Winner**    **Raymond Pierre**  **Waco, Texas**  **Southwestern** | |
| **2021 Award Winner**  A person wearing glasses  Description automatically generated with low confidence  **Lloyd Cornelius**  **Brooklyn, New York**  **New York Association** | **2022 Award Winner** | |  |  |  | |

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|  | USATF National Officials Committee  . Charles Ruter Award  The Charles Ruter Award is given annually  to the Outstanding Running Event Official  1998 - 2022  History of the Award | **Ruter,Charlie** |

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| Charles Ruter Area Winners and Nominees  **Nominations for the Charles Ruter Award are good for 3 Years.**  **An official can be re-nominated to be considered for another 3 Years.**  **\*\*\*\*\*** Hall of Fame Inductees are no longer eligible for the Charles Ruter Award **\*\*\*\*\***  Those names in **Blue** have already received the Charles Ruter Award for the various Associations.  **Bold Print (Red) indicates they are currently nominated in their 3 Year Cycle and while the** regular print **has been nominated in the past but are outside their 3 Year Cycle and must be re-nominated**  **to be considered for the Charles Ruter Award.**  ***Those names in Red are Nominees for the 2022 Andy Bakjian Award*** | | |
| **Paula Everdale**  Area 1 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Alaska, Inland Northwest, Pacific Northwest,  Oregon and Snake River | **Irene Herman**  Area 2 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Central California, Hawaii, Pacific,  San Diego-Imperial and Southern California | **Terry Sudri**  Area 3 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Dakotas, Minnesota, Montana,  Nebraska and Wyoming |
| **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 1**  **None**    **Nominations from Area 1 - Officials**  ***Nick Campbell (Oregon) - 2002***  ***Kenny Emerick (Pacific Northwest) - 2022***  William Hickman (Pacific Northwest)  ***Carol Langenbach (Pacific Northwest) - 2022***  ***Bob Latham (Oregon) - 2022***  Carol McLatchie (Oregon)  ***Jenifer Pieus (Oregon) - 2022***  Bill Roe (Pacific Northwest)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Darlene Hickman (Pacific Northwest) 2015  Dennis Olafson (Oregon) 2018  Kelly Rankin (Oregon) 2012  Lawrie Robertson (Pacific Northwest) 2011  Robert Springer (Pacific Northwest) 2018 | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 2**  **Richard Connors (Pacific) . . . 2001**  **Bob Podkaminer (Pacific) . . . 2013**  **Rory Osborne (Pacific) . . . 2016**  **~ ~ ~ ~ ~**  **Nominations from Area 2 – Officials**  ***Al Hernandez (Pacific) - 2022***  Robert Marcus (Southern California)  ***Bob Rush (Pacific) - 2022***  David Smith (Southern California)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  **Andy Bakjian (Southern California) 2007**  **Richard Connors (Pacific) 2009**  **Leo Costanzo (Pacific) 2007**  **Horace Crow (Pacific) 2007**  **Jim Hume (Pacific) 2020**  **George Kleeman (Pacific) 2008**  **Lori Maynard (Pacific) 2008**  **Al Minturn (Southern California) 2010**  **John Murray (Pacific) 2020**  **Robert Podkaminer (Pacific) 2010**  **John Shirey (Pacific) 2019**  **Eugene Stemm (Southern California) 2012** | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 3**  **None**  **~ ~ ~ ~ ~**  **Nominations from Area 3 - Officials**  Terry Sudria (Dakotas)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  **Dee Jensen (Dakotas ) 2007** |
| **Sherry Hott**  Area 4 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Arizona, Colorado, Nevada,  New Mexico and Utah | **Mica Barton**  Area 5 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Border, Gulf, South Texas,  Southwestern and West Texas | **Patricia Hanna**  Area 6 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Arkansas, Missouri Valley, Oklahoma,  Ozark and Southern |
| **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 4**  **Lloyd Bert Garcia (New Mexico) . . . 2018**  **Tom Hott (Arizona) . . .2011**  **Dan Reynolds (Arizona) . . . 2003**  **Nominations from Area 4 - Officials**  ***Gerard Collet (Utah) - 2022***  ***Sherry Hott (Arizona) - 2023***  3 . . . Susan Petrelli – Colorado  4 . . . Dale Robinson - Utah  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Lloyd Bert Garcia (New Mexico) 2021  Finn Hansen (Utah) 2007  Tom Hott (Arizona) 2017  Dan Reynolds (Arizona) 2014 | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 5**  **Tiffany Banks Aleong (Southwestern) . . . 2017**  **Jim Carlisle (Southwestern) . . . 2006**  **Raymond Pierre (Southwestern) . . . 2020**  **Shelby Sharpe (Southwestern) . . . 2004**  **Nominations from Area 5 - Officials**  Omar De La Rosa (Texas Southern)  ***Ricky Williams (Texas Southern) - 2022***  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Herb “Diboll” Allen (Gulf) 2010  Chester Bradley (Southwestern) 2007  James Carlisle (Southwestern) 2016  Shirley Crowe (Gulf) 2008  John C.D. Drolla, Jr. (South Texas) 2011  Emmitt Griggs (Gulf) 2008  Delores Murray (Southwestern) 2020  Fred Newhouse (Gulf) 2020  Shelby Sharpe (Southwestern) 2015  Billy Walters (Southwestern) 2011  W. A. Wise (West Texas) 2009 | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 6**  **Ginger Mulanax (Ozark) . . . 2002**  **Nominations from Area 6 - Officials**  Stewart Blue (Southern)  Simon Caisson (Southern)  ***Vic Everett (Missouri Valley) - 2022***  ***Karen Homan (Arkansas) - 2023***  ***Lottie Keaton (Arkansas) - 2022***  Robert Kreutz (Ozark)  Tom McBee (Arkansas)  Jim Shoemaker (Missouri Valley)  James Simmons (Southern)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Mike Armstrong (Arkansas) 2021  Ginger Mulanax (Ozark) 2016  Tom Turk (Missouri Valley) 2008 |
| **Larry Henning**  Area 7 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Illinois, Indiana, Iowa  Michigan and Wisconsin | **Kenny Morton**  Area 8 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Kentucky, Lake Erie, Ohio,  Virginia and West Virginia | **Gail Barna**  Area 9 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina  South Carolina and Tennessee |
| **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 7**  **Larry Henning (Indiana) . . . 2019**  **Nominations from Area 7 - Officials**  Rob Buzaitis (Michigan)  ***Al Owens (Michigan) - 2023***  Patrick Pretty (Wisconsin) - 2022  Lloyd David Stull (Indiana)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  John Davis (Illinois) 2007  Carroll Deweese (Michigan) 2019  Gene Edmonds (Indiana) 2013  Win Eggers (Illinois) 2015  Rex Harvey (Iowa) 2010)  Keith Mitchell (Indiana) 2009  Eric Zemper (Michigan) 2014 | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 8**  **Gordon Bocock (Kentucky) . . . 2010**  **Bill Buttermore (Ohio) . . . 2005**  **John Hickman (Ohio) . . . 1999**  **Karen Krsak (Ohio) . . . 2009**  **James McKee (Kentucky) . . .2014**  **Kenny Morton (Kentucky) . . . 2008**  **Charles Ruter (Kentucky) . . . 1998**  **Fred Thomas (Ohio) . . . 2010**  **Nominations from Area 8 – Officials**  William Boyd (Virginia)  ***David Clark (Kentucky) - 2022***  Larry Dixon (Ohio)  ***David Lawhorn (Kentucky) - 2022***  ***Sandra Loveless (West Virginia) - 2023***  ***Terri Tutt (Ohio) - 2023***  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Doug Allen (Kentucky) 2019  Ron Althoff (Ohio) 2008  Gordon Bocock (Kentucky) 2015  James Flanik (Lake Erie) 2014  Ed Gorman (Ohio) 2016  James Grey (Ohio) 2014  Karen Krsak (Ohio) 2016  Len Krsak (Ohio) 2014  Linda Melzer (Ohio) 2011  Richard Messenger (West Virginia) 2017  Kenny Morton (Kentucky) 2021  **Scott Rose (Ohio) 2021**  **Charles Ruter (Kentucky) 2007** | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 9**  **None**  **Nominations from Area 9 – Officials**  Patrick Adair (North Carolina)  ***Lionel Bonck (Florida) - 2023***  ***Arthur Carrington (North Carolina) - 2023***  Albert Davis (North Carolina)  Rob Larsen (Florida)  ***Sam Kennedy (South Carolina) - 2023***  ***Jeff Rigdon (Georgia) - 2022***  Sam Smith (Tennessee)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  John Blackburn (South Carolina) 2018  Roger Burbage (North Carolina) 2019  Richard Moss (Georgia) 2011  Jerome Perry (North Carolina) 2012  Murray Sanford (Georgia) 2008  Robert Tice (North Carolina) 2017  Stanley Underwood (Tennessee) 2009 |
| **Sue Polansky**  Area 10 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Long Island, Mid-Atlantic, New Jersey,  Niagara, Potomac Valley and Three Rivers |  | **Greg Burnett**  Area 11 . . . Awards Chair  ***Associations***  Adirondack, Connecticut, Maine,  New England and New York |
| **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 10**  **Sue Polansky (Long Island) . . . 2007**  **Nominations from Area 10 - Officials**  Perry Jenkins (Niagara)  ***Orretta “OJ” Johnson (Potomac Valley) - 2022***  ***Tom Priester (Niagara) - 2023***  ***Carla Ruff (Potomac Valley) - 2022***  Howard Schmertz (Long Island)  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Clarence Crawford (Three Rivers) 2008  Edward Koch (New Jersey) 2013  Mary Onken (New York) 2016  Sue Polansky (Long Island) 2014  Gary Westerfield (Long Island) 2013 | **Charles Ruter Award Winners in Area 11**  **Fred Adler (Metropolitan) . . . 2005**  **Laurie Boemker New England . . . 2015**  **Lloyd Cornelius New York . . . 2021**  **Tom McTaggert (New York) . . . 2012**  **Warren Ring (Metropolitan) . . . 2000**  **Nominations from Area 11 - Officials**  Ron Daniel – Connecticut  James Wilcox – New England  **NOC Hall of Fame**  Don Berry (Maine) 2021  Laurie Boemker (New England) 2014  Ken Caouette (New England) 2007  David Katz (New York) 2017  Tom McTaggart (New York) 2015  Barbara Palmer (Adirondack) 2007  Patricia Rico (Metropolitan) 2007  Heliodoro Rico (Metropolitan) 2008  Warren Ring (Metropolitan) 2009 |

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Date Nomination Received by Awards Chair: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for entries: August 31, 2022