

2019 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

Reno, Nevada

December 5th to December 8th

FRITZ SPIELMAN, YOUTH ATHLETICS

Attended the youth workshop, and all the youth athletics sessions. Completed the Safesport Core Training Course. Also attended the opening and closing sessions .

YOUTH WORKSHOP - MOVING FORWARD

Majority of workshop dealt with the roles of the youth executive committee, the region coordinators and youth chairs. Specifically, the workshop was designed to help understand our goals, clarify the areas that seem to be unclear and inform new members of our guidelines. Much of the discussion centered on the fact that the National Office is trying to have more influence over the youth program than they had in the past. Specifically with the bid process and the running of National Championships. Were not able to get anyone from the National Office to attend the workshop to answer questions from the attendees. Also, spent time going over meet management with respect to the interface between the National Office database, Athletics.net and Hy-Tek.

YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

2019 Meets: Indoor meet entries were down 14%; Youth National meet attendance was down over 50 % (around 1,000 athletes); the two JO meets participation were normal.

2020 Meets: No problems have been identified to date. Indoor meet will again be in New York City; Youth Outdoor will be in Miramar, Florida; JO Track & Field will be in Jacksonville, Florida and JO Cross Country will be in Lexington, Kentucky

2021 Meets. No bids were received for any meet in 2021. The National Office will announce locations and dates at a later date Many people believe that the National Office is purposely sabotaging the bid process by the requirements that they have imposed in the bid process.

SAFESPORT

All coaches, officials, administrators and volunteers (working in an official capacity) are required to be 3-step safesport compliant. In order to be safesport compliant, USATF requires 1) a current USATF membership, 2) a current USATF background screen, and 3) successful completion of the required SafeSport training. Everyone has to complete the 2-hour core training course. After completion of the core training course, there will be an annual update requirement (about 30 minute online course) to remain 3-step compliant.

Still have to have meet volunteers sign a volunteer waiver form in order to work meets.

NEW MINI JAVELIN

A new mini javelin called the Screaming Mini Jav is on the market. The javelin makes a loud noise when it hits the ground. This javelin is allowed in competition, as long as it meets the mini javelin specifications,

2019 TRACK & FIELD RECORDS

Only 13 records were set this year (Boys 6 and Girls 7).

COACHES EDUCATION

Level 1 Course: Coaches will have to recertify every 4 years. There is currently one Level 1 course scheduled for 2020,

Level 2 Course: Two Level 2 courses are scheduled for 2020.

Coaches Registry: 2,500 coaches are currently on the registry, 300 have been denied. Coaches are not automatically considered for a position just because they are on the registry. Coaches have to apply and meet the requirements for individual meets

FEES

There will be no increase in membership fees or national meet entry fees for 2020. A number of states are currently pushing to implement sales tax on our membership and entry fees. Could happen in the next few years.

COACHES CREDENTIAL (WRISTBAND) POLICY

Issue has not been resolved. Rules that were in effect for 2019 will probably be in effect for 2020. Must be listed on the club membership profile as coach (background screened and safesport compliant) and be listed on the USATF coaches registry indicating coaches education compliance. Maximum of 3 coaches credentials per club with less than 100 athletes in the meet, or 1 credential per 10 athletes for clubs with over 100 athletes in the meet.

USATF / AAU SCHEDULING CONFLICTS

Meeting was held in November to discuss meet scheduling. Any conflicts that cannot be worked out by the associations involved will be resolved by a three person arbitration panel (one person from USATF, one person from AAU and an independent individual). Agreed to calendar will be on the USATF youth webpage.

NEXT COLLEGE STUDENT ATHLETE

Program to allow athletes, parents, club coaches and university coaches to identify potential college fits for youth athletes (all sports, not just track and field). Website is www.ncsasports.org.