

December 6, 2016---Report on USATF annual meeting---submitted by Duane Shaul

The following are officials meetings I attended and notes from each of the meetings:

1. Rules subcommittee. There were about 55 rule changes proposed and most are clerical and housekeeping in nature. A complete list is on the website. At the highest level of meets, video re-play will play a more important role in officiating with a video referee actually making calls from the booth.
2. Law & Legislation subcommittee. This was not an L& L year so the only change was a clerical one to include the words, "and email" to any wording where voting by mail is listed. Also, a special election was held to elect new youth committee chair and vice chairs.
3. Training subcommittee. Six clinics were presented at the annual meeting for officials, (which I attended three, flight coordinating, what can go wrong at throws and liability & safety). The chair is looking for ideas for next year as well as methods of delivering new training. All training documents are on the best practices web site.
4. Weights & Measures subcommittee. Be sure to calibrate all measuring & weighing devices each year. A discussion was held on finding the center of gravity on the hammer and presentation on a new machine for the long & triple jump.
5. Opening general session. Introductions & remarks of USATF board president, USATF president, treasurer and marketing on the state of USATF.
6. Officials general sessions. Election of new NOC chair and vice chairs was completed and reports given by all chairs. Selection of officials for national meets announced, new uniform shirts available and all certification documents need to be completed.
7. Officials Hall of Fame dinner. Awards and 2016 hall of fame inductees presented.
8. Closing session. Closing remarks made by USATF board chair. A voting issue for a resolution for a "right to be heard" by any suspended member(s) was debated and passed.