

2013 USATF Annual Meeting Masters Report

The main focus this year is for Masters to increase participation at the National Championship. We are trying to put in place a first timer participant grant reimbursement. This will allow the athlete to apply for grant money in lieu of their participation in their first National Championship. The goal is to have 300 new athletes (five for each association). The National Governing board is asking for help from each association by sponsoring some of the athletes with award monies for their participation to attend nationals.

- All relays will change to five year increments to match the IAAF rules beginning January 1, 2014 Effective January 1st,
- Change(s) have been made to the women's javelin throw decreasing to 500 grams. Check for age groups and additional information by referencing the USATF and IAAF competition rulebooks.
- Costa Rica has expressed interest in hosting the 2014 NCCWMA championships pending official approval.
- Russia has challenged the USA in a dual meet which will be held at our 2014 National Championship alternating locations between our countries. They anticipate 60 participants (men/women). USA participants are contingent depending upon Russia's athlete's times, distances and heights for each age group.
- Bids have been awarded to Albuquerque, NM for the 2016 indoor championship. Bids have also been awarded to Grand Rapids, Michigan for the 2016 outdoor championship.

The 2013 National Master's athlete of the year and age group athlete of the year can be located at www.usatf.org/statistics/awards

The LDR and the Master's Track and Field are still at an impasse on the 50 athletes the LDR are trying to induct into the Hall of Fame from the previous board member section committees. We have requested that the two committees go to the National Governing Board for their recommendations.

The 2013 WMA Championship in Brazil was not a good experience for the US athletes. The stadium for which the events were to be held was not completed prior to the US athlete's arrival. The paint used to section the lanes was not dry. In addition, one of the hotels the athletes were occupying was vandalized. Property was taken as a result.

The results of the 2013 WMA Championship can be located at <https://wma2013.com/en/>

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