

USATF 2019 ANNUAL MEETING
COACHING EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Cross Country Coaching Education: USATF completed two cross country specialization courses in 2019 which had 200 participants. USATF has a goal for conducting two cross country specialization courses in 2020. USATF has partnered with the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) to offer an online cross country education course.

Re-Accreditation of Level 1 Certification Program: USATF Coaching Education Committee is seeking re-accreditation of the Level 1 certification program.

Level 1 Schools: USATF completed 47 Level 1 schools in 2019 with 1,800 participants.

Level 1 Re-certification: USATF now requires re-certification for coaches with Level 1 certification. Level 1 coaches are required to complete 1 professional development unit (PDU) in each olympiad to re-certify. Coaches are no longer permitted to re-certify by taking the Level 1 exam.

Coaches can complete PDUs from the USATF Campus or by attending in-person coaching education courses. Requirements can be found on the USATF website in the Programs section for coaches. Certifications obtained within one year of an Olympic year will be valid through the following olympiad.

Level 2 Schools: USATF has completed two Level 2 schools in 2019, one at St. John's University in New York, and the other at the Chula Vista Elite Training Center with a total of nearly 400 participants. A third Level 2 school is scheduled for December 27, 2019 through December 31, 2019 at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.

USATF plans to conduct at least two Level 2 schools in 2020. Austin, TX will be the location for one of the Level 2 schools. The other location has not been selected yet.

Level 2 Re-certification: USATF plans to require re-certification for coaches with Level 2 certification beginning in 2021. USATF considerations include requiring Level 2 coaches to complete 2 PDUs in each olympiad to re-certify for the following olympiad, and requiring CPR and first aid certification for Level 2 re-certification. USATF is considering evidence-based seminars by organizations outside of USATF for PDUs.

Level 2 Curriculum Revisions: The Level 2 endurance and multi-events curricula are being revised.

Instructor Training Course (ITC): USATF is considering offering an ITC in March 2020.

IAAF(now World Athletics)/USATF Academy: The 2019 academy had 50 participants in either Sprints/Hurdles or Endurance.

Curriculum-Based Level 3 Program: USATF is developing an independent curriculum-based Level 3 certification program. USATF has a goal of presenting a pilot program in the Summer of 2021.

Phil Wright, Jr.

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