



Officials Newsletter

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Chair's Notes



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What is Our Vision? (Excerpts from "Visionary Leadership" by Burt Nanus)

A vision is a realistic, credible, attractive future for your organization. It is your articulation of a destination toward which your organization should aim, a future that in important ways is better, more successful, or more desirable for your organization than is the present.

Vision always deals with the future. Indeed, vision is where tomorrow begins, for it expresses what you and others who share the vision will be working hard to create.

A vision is only an idea or an image of a more desirable future for the organization, but the right vision is an idea so energizing that it in effect jump-starts the future by calling forth the skills, talents and resources to make it happen.

Vision is a signpost pointing the way for all who need to understand what the organization is and where it intends to go. Sooner or later, the time will come when an organization needs redirection or perhaps a complete transformation, and then the first step should always be a new vision, a wake-up call to everyone involved with the organization that fundamental change is needed and is on the way.

Selecting and articulating the right vision, this powerful idea, is the toughest task and the truest test of great leadership. When this is achieved, the organization is already well on its way to realization of the dream.

- The right vision attracts commitment and energizes people. People seem to need and want something they can commit to, a significant challenge worthy of their best efforts. People are willing, even eager, to commit voluntarily and completely to something truly worthwhile, something that will make life better for others, or that represents a significant improvement for their community or country, or that enables their own organization to grow and progress.



- Vision also establishes a standard of excellence which provides the measure by which all stakeholders can evaluate their worth to the organization and by which outsiders can measure the organization's worth to the larger society
Mission-Why we do what we do. **Values**-How we do what we do. **Vision**- the Playbook of what we do.

Once people buy into the vision, they possess the authority, that is, they are empowered, to take actions that advance the vision, knowing that such actions will be highly valued and considered legitimate and productive by all those who share the dream.

A vision has no power to inspire or energize people and no ability to set a new standard or attract commitment unless it offers a view of the future that is clearly and demonstrably better for the organization, for the people of the organization and /or for the society within which the organization operates. The vision, in short, must be manifestly desirable, a bold and worthy challenge for those who accept it. So, any vision is a mental model of a desirable and idealistic future for the organization.

How does this apply to Officials? We provide unbiased, impartial judgement at all track and field, cross country, racewalk and LDR meets. We make sure the flow of the meet is on schedule. We are also ambassadors of the sport in that we come in contact with athletes, coaches, educators and fans. If things go wrong (and sometimes they do), we become the adjudicators of such fairness. WE assist the promotion of the sport. We cannot do this if we do not share a common vision. It initially stems from our common love of the sport. We all have our reasons for becoming officials. Our vision is to not only accepting of officials from all walks of life, but to promote the sport, increase the number of active officials, train and retain these certified officials to meet the needs of a growing track and field community.

We accomplish this by providing continual training, helping new and experienced officials through the certification process and maintaining their certification, provide new opportunities to officiate, help officials upgrade their level of certification and recognize those individuals who perform exceptionally. Our existence is marked by these values (vision). They can be measured as our officials are well respected within USATF and are one of (if not the largest) in number of officials and our members are often chosen to work major meets and National Championships. The growth of indoor meets in our region is another example as the number of meets for next season have increased and NCAA Conference Championships will be held there in 2026.

In summary, our Officials are some of the best in the country. But, we will not and should not rest on our laurels. We should be constantly working to be the best we can be and striving to promote the sport we love. **This is our vision.**



ELECTIONS

This is an election year for the PA Officials Committee. At the recent Pacific Association Board Athletics meeting, the following were running unopposed and were declared the winners by Acclimation. The reason the elections were held early rather than how they were done in past elections (Before our Annual meeting) was to comply with the Board of Athletics directive that ALL committees hold their elections at the same time in May. This will hold for all subsequent elections for our committee.

The 2025-2027 board is:

- **Phil Leake** continuing as Chair
- **John Lilygren** as Vice Chair
- **Tori Busto** continuing as Secretary
- **Ryan Cowley** as Awards Chair
- **Ajay Padgaonkar** as Certification Chair
- **Bill Bartel** as Training Chair
- **Don Mosbacher** and **Dave Sundin** as At-Large positions
- **Teddy Hayes** and **Rob Benoy** as Board of Athletics representatives.
- **Rick Berman** as LDR Officials Representative
- **Robert Hooper** as Racewalk Officials Representative
- **Dennis Boyle** as Regional Resource Coordinator Chair
- Additionally, **Anthony Davis** was elected by the Youth Committee as Youth Officials Representative to the Officials Committee and **Mike Brown** was elected as High School Liaison.

2025 OFFICIALS ANNUAL MEETING

On August 24th, the Officials Annual Meeting was held at the Alumni Room at the UC Davis Aggie Stadium. (Special thanks to **Coach Makusha**, **Erika Contreras** and the UC Davis X-C and T+F Staff and Athletes for their providing this facility and the sumptuous luncheon). The meeting was a hybrid meeting with Zoom attendance for those who could not attend. The meeting started by honoring our officials who have passed on and those who have been granted Emeritus status. The "You Make the Call" was presented by **Ryan Cowley** of various on the field scenarios for our discussion. Rory Osborne reported on this year's USATF National Championships and Paralympic Championships. **Dave Sundin** led a Q+A session with **Ajay Padgaonkar**, Certification Chair, and discussions on the items necessary and procedures for Officials Certification Level Upgrade. Exceptional officials were honored with the Major Awards, NOC Honorees, PA Officials Awards, Apprentice of the Year Awards and Chair's Awards (See section on Awards).

In addition, reports were made by the Chairs of each Officials Subcommittee on the current state of their respective committees and how each affects the status of officials. Lastly, the Annual Meeting would not be "Official" without the Annual Raffle and Fundraiser, put on by the USATF Pacific Foundation. Special shout out and thanks to those who set up the meeting; **John Lilygren**, **John Shirey**, **Rick Berman**, **Ryan Cowley**, **Sean Carey**, **Dave Shrock** and **JR Heberle**.



AWARDS

At the Officials Annual Meeting, Officials who were exceptional this past year were recognized and honored with Major awards (listed below). In addition to the Major Awards, Chairs Awards, Apprentice Awards, Association and National Officials Committee awards will be given. A listing of the Major awards is below

The Dick Connors Meritorious Service Award: Recipient must have ten (10) years' experience as a Track & Field Official AND must be certified as Masters level official with the USATF. This award is not required to be awarded every year.

George Newlon Special Recognition Award: Recipient should normally have seven (7) years' experience as a Track & Field Official AND be certified as either National or Master level official with the USATF. This award is primarily for achievement in the area of Track event officiating. This award is not required to be awarded every year.

Dick Barbour Special Recognition Award: Recipient should normally have seven (7) years' experience as a Track & Field Official AND be certified as either National or Master level official with the USATF. This award is primarily for achievement in the area of Field event officiating. This award is not required to be awarded every year.

2025 Officials Awards:

George Newlon Special Recognition Award: Mark Greenough, Dan Tinnel

Dick Barbour Special Recognition Award: Dave Mantooth, Jim Waldron

Horace Crow Special Recognition Award: Larry Rodriguez

Lori & Sonny Maynard Special Recognition Award: Robert Benoy

Dick Connors Meritorious Service Award: John Murray

Emeritus Officials Status: Bob Rauch, Bill Hawkes, Leroy Milam and Thelma Brafford

National Officials Committee Certificates:

Bill Ackerman

Robert Hooper

Chantay Jones

Dave Miller

Chris Nichols

Sangram Singh

Lloyd Stephens

Dave Sundin

Duane Wolterstorff



Outstanding Apprentice Official Awards:

Roberta Anthes
Keith Caldwell
Melanie Cleland
Michael Collins
Laurie Loeffler
Ed Marchand
Shannon Mosbacher
Tom Schirz
Darren Siebert
Julius Ujeh
Bob Wright

Pacific Association Officials Awards:

Nicki Goldman
Scott Gonsolin
Schuyler Hall
Megan Johnson
Connor Laughlin
Jay Meder
Doug Nareau
Jason Singson
Eder Tostado
Lena Watts

Officials Chair Awards:

Dave Sundin
Adam Boehm
Mo Saatara (Cal Throws Coach)
Teddy Hayes
Kenny McDaniel (CSUS Head Coach)
Ryan Cowley
Sangram Singh
Chantay Jones-Davis
Cris Houston
Gail Decatur
Kathi DeContreras
Keith Bunker

Calendar

From Rob Benoy Calendar Coordinator

All meets needing officials are listed on the Officials Calendar. Simply click onto the Officials page on the www.pausatf.org website, click on the Calendar page, scroll down



to the desired meet and click on the meet. The meet information details and contact information will appear. If there are meets missing or ones you feel should be on the calendar, please contact Rob at rbenoy64@gmail.com

The Calendar URL is: [Officials Calendar Page | PAUSATF](#)

LDR/X-C

From Rick Berman, PAUSATF LDR Officials Coordinator
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Calling All LDR Officials: Be on the lookout for emails from Rick outlining officiating opportunities in the Fall 2025-Winter LDR season. If you should have questions/concerns, please feel free to call or email.

Race Walk Calendar

From Robert Hooper, PAUSATF Racewalk Officials Coordinator
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Currently, there are 38 certified race walk officials: 6 Masters, 4 National, 6 Association, 22 Apprentice. We are looking to certify more officials in this discipline as we move forward.

Indoor meet schedule highlights (Reno):

- Four USATF race walk events among ~10 indoor meets:
- Dec 27: Holiday Invite
- Jan 18: MLK Invite
- Jan 31: 1 Mile PA Indoor Championships (association championship)
- Feb 15: Presidential Invite (1500/3K)

USATF Annual Meeting



Annual Meeting is Set for December 5-6

The USATF will host an abbreviated Annual Meeting this year on December 5-6 in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. This will be a two-day meeting rather than the usual four days.

You can attend in-person or virtually. There is a registration fee no matter how you attend. [Go here](#) for registration, hotel, and travel information. [Follow this link](#) to view a **tentative** meeting agenda.



World Athletics Calendar

From the NOC Newsletter

Continental Tour calendar announced: The World Athletics [Continental Tour calendar](#) has over 190 meets listed for 2024. Five of the meets are in the United States.

Certification Chair's Report



Ajay Padgaonkar

Certification Chair

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Remember to stay 3-way compliant; It is necessary for keeping certification valid: Is your USATF membership current? Please check on your USATF connect (sport80) profile and renew if necessary. If you did not have an auto-renewal or multi-year USATF membership and did not renew the membership, it has expired at the end of 2023. To stay 3-way compliant, the membership needs to be renewed. Start at the USATF connect (Sport80) profile page membership tab. The other 2 aspects of the 3-way compliance are the Safesport training and background check. If you are not 3-way compliant, your certification is not valid. For many of us who first started with the current Safesport training curriculum introduced back in 2019, we are due for the full core training instead of the 3 refreshers. This core training can take up to 4 hours. Be prepared to set aside that time.

Certification changes:

- The EDM/EDR discipline has gone from grade to level. The total of previous grade levels of EDM and EDR determine the new level. Sum of 4 is master, 3 is national, 2 or 1 is association. e.g. EDM grade2 and EDR grade 2 is Master. EDR grade1 only is association level.
- The Para discipline is changing from grade to level but details are still TBD
- NOC has approved pins and certificates for Emeritus officials. NOC is confirming the list now. Once the list is confirmed, the pins and certificates will be mailed to the certification chairs (like the badges) for distribution by the cert chairs.

USATF annual meeting:

- Abbreviated 2-day format – Dec 5 & 6, Lake Buena Vista (Orlando), FL



- Hybrid – Min 3 delegates per association to attend in person, rest can join by platform like zoom. Fee different for the 2 levels of attendance, \$350 for in person, \$150 virtual.
- Details at: <https://www.usatf.org/events/2025/2025-usatf-annual-meeting>

USATF Championship applications will open Sep 15, close Oct 15:

- Application form/invitation expected to be posted on [NOC.mach2k.net](https://nocalm2k.net)
- Like in the last few years, resume expected to be limited to maximum 16 meets over the last 4 years and application limited to 4 events per meet applied
- Masters meets are open to all certification levels
- With the change that was approved last year to the governance regulation, now JO is required to give preference to National and master level officials. However, if an event does not get enough applications from national and master officials, the committee may accept association or apprentice officials. Selections are expected to be announced by Jan 24, 2026
- **As before, the top 3 USATF meets and the WA meets** are limited to national/master level – **open Indoor/Outdoor, U20, WA U20, WMA**. Selections for the top 3 USATF meets will be announced at the end of the USATF annual meeting (Dec 6, 2025). Emails and posting may go out the following week
- The selections for the WA U20 meet will probably be sometime in January 2026. The WMA IVO (international voluntary official) application process and selection is TBD.

Posted on USATF events page as of Sep 8, 2025: <https://www.usatf.org/events>

- Masters Indoor – Albuquerque, NM, February 19-22, 2026
- Youth Indoor (not JO) – New York, NY, March 20-22, 2026
- Masters outdoor - Geneva OH July 16-19, 2026
- WMA outdoor championships - Daegu, South Korea, August 22 - Sep 3, 2026

Posted on USATF events “calendar” view: <https://usatf.sport80.com/public/widget/6>

- USATF open indoor at Ocean breeze complex, Staten Island, NY; 2/27-3/1/2026

Posted on WA website:

<https://worldathletics.org/competitions/world-athletics-u20-championships/oregon26>

- WA U20 – Hayward Field, Eugene August 5-9, 2026

Not listed but expected date/location where known:

- USATF Indoor combined events – Indianapolis, IN
- USATF U20 - Eugene (most likely combined again with Nike Outdoor National)
- USATF open outdoor location TBD (expected to be NOT Eugene)
- Youth Outdoor and JO not yet announced

CIF Officials Registration

This is a new wrinkle in officiating at the HS level. All PAUSATF Officials who choose to officiate high school meets in California will have to comply with this new requirement from the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF).



Mike Brown (PAUSATF Youth Committee's HS Liaison) has gotten clarification from CIF on this and the particulars on getting registered. If you have any questions or difficulty in the registration process, please feel free to give Mike send an email at mrbrown cds1113@gmail.com.

From Mike: Attached is the information I received from Brian Seymour, State CIF official who oversees officials throughout the state. Even though some of us who been CIF certified through CTSA and NFHS, we will now have to do additional requirements per the CIF. We will be required to do a background check, and probably Safe Sport, as part of our individual certification process. This year is a pilot year, but will be required for the 2026-2027 school year.

Registration

To become a CIF Certified official, you need to have an Arbiter Sports account (<https://app.arbitersports.com> or if you are a 1st time registrant [Arbiter - News & Announcements](#) in order to access the CIF registration process.

If you already have an Arbiter account, try the following:

1. Make sure you are on the Home page and at the top it should read: Dashboard - Schedule - Payments - Blocks - **Eligibility** - Lists - Settings
2. Click on Eligibility. You should then see Eligibility and Registration.
3. Click on Registration and hopefully the CIF Registration will populate to become an official.

Cost for the registration, background check and access to the test is \$29.00.

If you are a USATF member, I am continuing to check with the CIF and Arbiter to see if we can share our background check (may not happen) and our Safe Sport information with Arbiter (may happen).

Testing

I am, so far, two way compliant in this process and I'm waiting to gain access to the NFHS test that is required as part of the eligibility process. There will be 70-75 questions and an official will need to pass with 70%. I'm in the process of working with our State Association about what will be required. The test will most likely populate once the NFHS Rule and Case Books are available. The negative about this process is that an individual is not currently required to go through a training program to show that they know how to officiate a meet/event. However, we will continue to require the training that we have always done in order for our members to be certified per CIF requirements for our Association.

Once a person becomes CIF certified, they will also have access to Arbiter's insurance (much like what is provided by NFHS membership through Dissenger-Reed Insurance). When officiating at a high school XC or track meet, this insurance is more readily accepted by the schools/districts than the USATF insurance since almost all schools/districts use Arbiter to pay officials. If this is the case, then there will not be a need to also join NFHS Officials through DragonFly unless you choose to do so.

Training Chair's Report



Bill Bartel

Training Chair

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I encourage everyone to attend a training session in the off-season. It's an opportunity to upgrade your skills and learn a new skill. In the very near future, an LDR/X-C clinic will be available. Stay tuned for forthcoming information. We are continually holding introductory officials' classes throughout the year. Please contact me for latest schedule of classes.

Thanks go to **Rob Benoy** who held a Horizontals Training Clinic at Sacramento City College in early September. 32 Officials received training on the proper procedures in conducting the event as well as training on the use of the Laser Rail System. Thanks also to **Teddy Hayes** and **Laura Barger** for the use of their Rails devices for the training.

PARALYMPICS TRAINING

Ever thought about officiating a paralympic meet? Different from what you may be used to. But again, this is an underserved area in our sport. An increase of paralympic meets is on the horizon over the next few years in preparation for the '28 Olympic and Paralympic Games in Los Angeles. This means that more certified officials are needed in this area. The URL below highlights the US Paralympic Track and Field and how to get involved.

[U.S. Paralympics Track & Field | Officials \(usparatf.org\)](https://usparatf.org)

Upcoming Virtual Training Sessions

The national USATF Annual Meeting this year is not offering any training sessions for officials, so NOC Training Chair Scott Phoenix has scheduled six virtual training sessions during the fourth quarter of this year. Scott promises these sessions will be engaging and informative. Here is the schedule:



Topic: Try Your Hand at the "Hardest" Call - Judging Javelin Flats!

Presented by Scott Phoenix

Time: Oct 14, 2025 **5:00**

PM Pacific <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81546427007?pwd=Fngqpl0ZuKp4CYVUb6UHGnVmSfvsO d.1>

Meeting ID: 815 4642 7007 Passcode: 063506

Topic: Referee Scenarios

Presented by Betsy Reed & Marty Johnson

Time: Oct 20, 2025 **6:00**

PM Pacific <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81244910823?pwd=n2Xamu6Q4jze8l4OJtPyROhtWHmwfH. 1>

Meeting ID: 812 4491 0823 Passcode: 241202

Topic: Athlete Forum

Presented by Kara Winger and George Adams

Time: Oct 29, 2025 **5:00**

PM Pacific <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87140045310?pwd=HBOSiwOzmo5p1TX5mo9JzyiEB5FMZ L.1>

Meeting ID: 871 4004 5310 Passcode: 788166

Topic: Becoming World Athletics Certified

Presented by Mike Armstrong

Time: Nov 12, 2025 **5:00**

PM Pacific <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84070582692?pwd=EoEVJU8A8t7HnFEZYfEaH6t2HpoDR2. 1>

Meeting ID: 840 7058 2692 Passcode: 546099

Topic: Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM)

Presented by Kerry Dean, Eric Johnson, and others

Time: Dec 1, 2025 **5:00**

PM Pacific <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85411965487?pwd=bxUYrXmSwGfkTkpmcQ4FDnXxFNd0Fi. 1>

Meeting ID: 854 1196 5487 Passcode: 110132

Kerry wishes officials to send in questions you wish to see addressed during the EDM session. Please send them to Scott at sandcphoenix@gmail.com

Topic: The Art of Javelin Implement Inspection

Presented by Ivars Ikstrums

Time: Dec 11, 2025 **05:00**

PM Pacific <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86241586932?pwd=uOVtUkCm1hv2Rv7QLERGbDfWRw1P 7x.1>

Meeting ID: 862 4158 6932 Passcode: 332557



[Follow this link](#) to a list of 14 recorded virtual training sessions that Scott Phoenix has hosted so far this year.

IN MEMORIAM

Our Association is built on the shoulders of those who have come before us. Please remember these fine Officials in your thoughts and prayers. Their pictures are in Missing from the Track.

Dick Hotchkiss from Nevada Union was remembered for setting up the track at Nevada Union and organizing the first masters multis national event.

Leroy Milam was remembered as a starter, clerk, and umpire who won numerous awards including the Tom Moore Award, the highest award bestowed by the association.

Thelma Brafford was remembered as a clerk who handled horizontal and vertical events, competition secretary duties, and received service awards from the Sacramento Sports Commission.

National Officials Committee

**NFHS Pre-Meet Notes Available
In Your USATF Connect Account**

By Robert Kern, NFHS Pre-Meet Notes Editor

Each year, the National Federation of High School Associations (NFHS) publishes its Track & Field Pre-Meet Notes to help educate and train coaches and officials in the proper interpretation and implementation of the NFHS Track & Field/Cross Country Rules.

The NFHS Track & Field Pre-Meet Notes is a collaboration and partnership between the NFHS and the USATF National Officials Committee.

[Learn about the free access to Pre-Meet Notes](#)

NOC CALENDAR

Important Dates and Deadlines

Today: Recruit a new official. Refer the prospect to your Association Certification Chair.

NOW: Take the course and test to become a Para Certified Official or to be re-certified as a Para Certified Official for the new Olympiad.



NOW: Officials who have recently become certified for the first time, claim your free USATF Certified Official polo shirt. Read the [Free Polo Shirt article](#) in the February newsletter.

September 15: NOC Award nominations are due. See the article in this newsletter.

September 15: The deadline to register to officiate any of the 2026 NCAA Indoor and Outdoor Championships. See the article in this newsletter.

October 14: *Judging Javelin Flats* virtual training session. See the NOC Training Chair article in this newsletter.

October 20: *Referee Scenarios* virtual training session. See the NOC Training Chair article in this newsletter.

October 29: *Athlete Forum* virtual training session. See the NOC Training Chair article in this newsletter.

November 12: *Becoming World Athletics Certified* virtual training session. See the NOC Training Chair article in this newsletter.

December 1: *Electronic Distance Measurement* virtual training session. See the NOC Training Chair article in this newsletter.

December 5-6: USATF Annual Meeting in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. In-person or virtual attendance. See the brief article in this newsletter.

December 11: *Art of Javelin Implement Inspection* virtual training session. See the NOC Training Chair article in this newsletter.

December 15: Deadline to apply for an NOC Officials Grant. See the article in this newsletter.

December 20: Selection of officials for the NCAA **Indoor** Championships DI, DII, DIII will be announced.

December 20: Selection of officials for the NCAA **Outdoor** Championships DI, DII, DIII will be announced.

2026, January 1: New policy in effective for USATF National Championship Event Head Officials. They must review their discipline documents in the Best Practices Library and update the documents as needed. Read the Best Practices article in the [July newsletter](#).



2028 July 12-30: The Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

2028 August 15-27: The Paralympic Games in Los Angeles.

First day of every month: Deadline to submit an article and/or photographs for the next issue of the NOC newsletter. Send your material to: officialsnewsletter@gmail.com.

OFFICIALS NOTES: Does the USATF officials' insurance policy cover expenses incurred if you are sued as a result of your role in an event? Yes, the USATF Officials general liability policy will respond to any suits against you as a USATF Certified Official in regards to your actions as an official at a meet (Item #12 on the [Officials Insurance FAQ](#)).

Did you know the USATF Certified Officials Store offers [11 branded hats](#)?

Did you know there are links to the monthly NCAA Rules Interpretations and Clarifications on the [NOC Rule Books page](#) of the national USATF website? This material is where the NCAA clarifies the real-world application of the NCAA Track & Field and Cross Country Rules.

The NOC Dashboard website now has links in the [Rules Review section](#) to the [Paralympic Certification Rules Review](#), the [Adaptive Track & Field USA Rules](#), and the World Para Athletics Rules.

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Rules and Rule Changes

There have been a lot of rule changes for USATF, NCAA and NFHS for the 2025-2026 years. Please REVIEW ALL OF YOUR RULE BOOKS (Especially the applicable rulebook for the level of competition you are doing)

ORDER THE LATEST RULE BOOKS!!! Don't leave home without the correct book for the meet you are doing! Books, Downloads, Changes, Interpretations, Discussions, Indexes. Make sure you have the current rule books for the upcoming 2025-2026 season: **NFHS, NCAA, USATF, World Athletics, and Para Athletics**. Follow the links below to order, download, or view a rule book.

USATF: USATF Rule Book--view or download. Hard copies of the USATF Competition Rules will be available for sale in February on the Team USA online store under the category "Accessories." USATF Certified Officials receive a 50% discount using code: 24OFFICIALS. View this rules changes presentation and the rule changes scorecard.

NFHS: National Federation of High Schools Associations (NFHS) Rule Book--hardcopy or digital access. Read the rule changes article.

NCAA: NCAA Rule Book--hardcopy or download. The 2025-2026 Track & Field/Cross Country Rule Book is the current version of the NCAA rules. Be sure and visit the NCAA Monthly Rules Clarifications and Interpretations (scroll down for the most recent month).

World Athletics: World Athletics Competition Rules and Technical Rules (Book C). World Athletics does not sell hard copies.

Para Athletics: World Para Athletics Rule Book--download. The current rule book was published in February 2023 and remains in force. Rules Comparison Booklet:

USATF Certified Official Jim Hanley (Southern California Association) publishes the popular Track & Field Rule Book Differences book. The book shows the rule differences between NFHS, NCAA, USATF, World Athletics, and World Masters Athletics across several categories of running and field events. Go here to order the 2024 version of Hanley's booklet.

Track and Field Rule Book Differences compiled by Jim Hanley Cost-\$20

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For High School: National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS)

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For Paralympic Athletics: Please see Ajay and Bill's Reports as well as these URLs

<https://www.atfusa.org/OFFICIALS/Officials.htm>

[U.S. Paralympics Track & Field | Officials \(usparatf.org\)](http://U.S.ParalympicsTrack&Field|Officials(usparatf.org))

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF HIGH SCHOOLS

NFHS Newsletter The author is Julie Cochran. This column changes regularly and addresses rule changes with the high school rulebooks and is a regular feature in the NOC Newsletter

From Julie: Welcome to the new **NFHS NEWS** section. We will cover hot topics and interpretations throughout the year. Thank you for supporting interscholastic track and field and please let me know if you have topics, you would like covered in this section by sending them to cochran@nfhs.org.

Missing from the track



Dik Hotchkiss

1938 – 2025



Leroy Milam

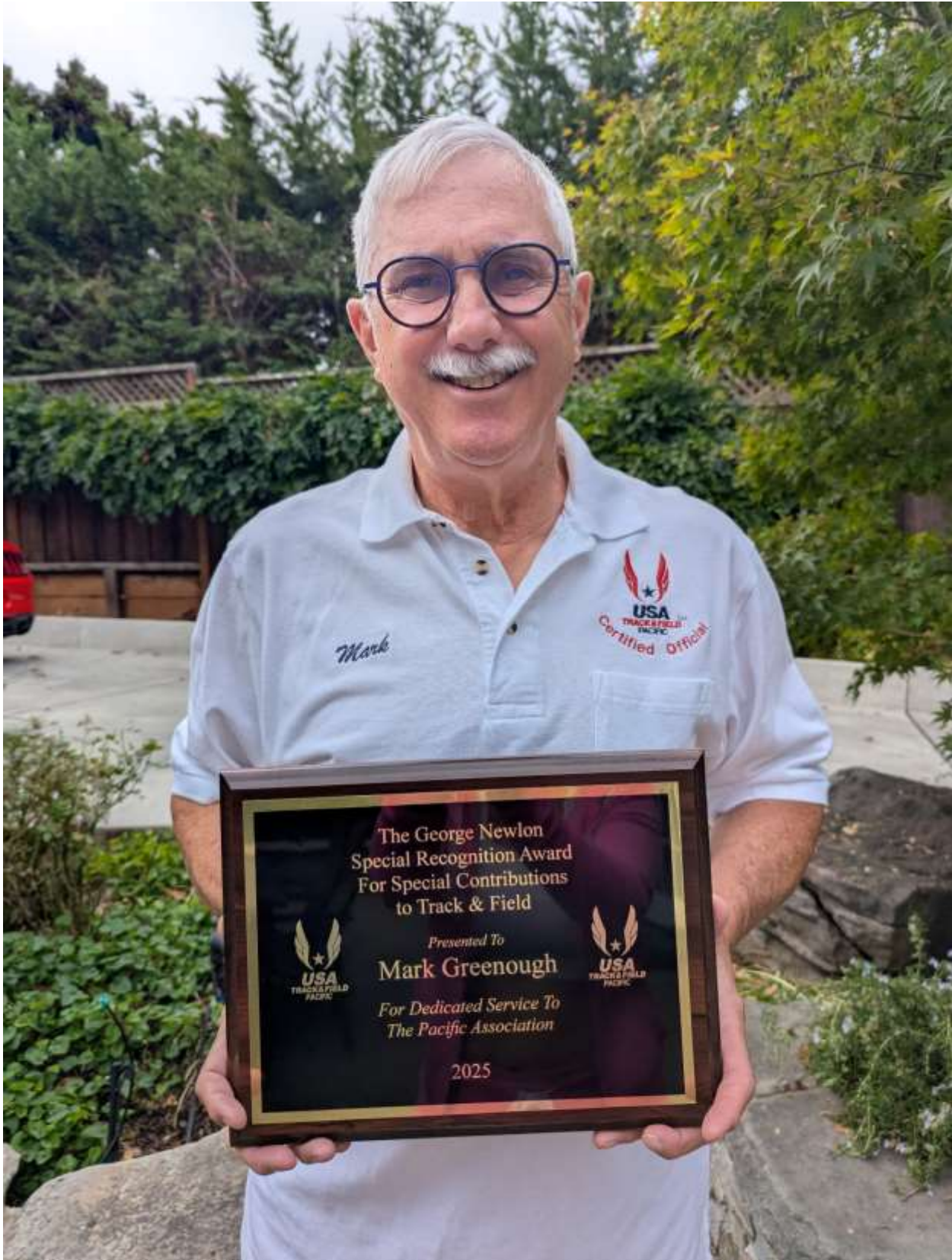
May 15, 1941 – March 13, 2025



Thelma Brafford

March 24, 1937 – August 3, 2025









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