

Aloha Hawaii Track & Field Officials

This newsletter is to inform you about several matters of interest and is sent to currently certified officials who have been certified for the 2013 to 2016 Olympiad. If your email address has changed, please notify me at dsutton@lava.net

1. Renew Official Certification for 2017-2020

All currently certified officials and new officials will need to be recertified for the Olympiad of 2017-2020 which is for four years. The fee is expected to stay at \$20 for four years. You cannot begin recertification until late November 2016 and we do not know if recertification will be available online. This will be a topic at the Annual Meeting. I will notify you after the meeting. I have ordered extra copies of the 2016 USATF Competition Rules to be available for recertification. If we need clinics, they will be scheduled on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island in early 2017. All officials will need to have completed the Safe Sport Course one time. I have not heard any requirement to do it again.

2. Renew USATF membership

In addition to recertification, all officials need to be members of USATF. Single year membership is \$30 and four years is \$100 or \$25 a year. You can begin renewal of your USATF membership in November 2016 for 2017 and beyond.

3. USATF Annual Meeting November 30 to December 4, 2016 Orlando, Florida

I will be attending the annual meeting as Certification Chair along with several other delegates from the Hawaii Association. This is a Rules year, so if you have any USATF rules proposal, send them to me so I can forward them to the USATF Official Committee..

4. Hawaii Officials at Junior Olympics National Championship

Three Hawaii Officials went to the JO's in Sacramento at the end of July, including Dick Sutton as an Umpire, and Vince Costello and Art Sagon as Marshalls. The event had over 7500 youth and 150 officials in over 100 degree weather for seven days from 8am up to 11 pm. We got two shirts, one hat, living in a dorm and two meals a day.

5. New Officials' Shirt

The word at Sacramento is that all recertified officials will receive one free officials' shirt, which is dark blue. This shirt was one of three used at the USATF Olympic trials. Supposedly, additional shirts will be available online for purchase. I do not know if other colors will be available.

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