

USATF National Convention
Reno, NV
December 2-7, 2008
Doug Bowman, Youth Chairman

Wed. 12/3/08

8-9 am Oregon Association Caucus:
Roger Hall assigned assignments.

9 – 12 – Youth Athletics Executive Committee

This committee was focused on the restructuring of USATF and recommended that we vote for this in the evening session. With the restructuring, the Youth Athletics have a seat on the new board, which will help our committee. Lionel, Youth Committee Chair welcomed everyone and discussed the agenda.

Law & Legislation: Glenn and Kenny report the recommendations for rule changes and allowed the Executive Board to discuss and approve or reject the changes.

Rules:

74 Withdrawn

78 rejected – remove all references to the Youth Athletics Championship meet. The question was “Do you really need two National Championships? There will be two championships as is.

79 Tabled – Do we want to add sub-bantam to our regional and National meets? There needs to be more studies on this matter. The question was how important or not is the competition levels for these young people. There are some who think it is too competitive and that we may lose them to the sport by the age of 12.

80 Withdrawn – This change was to allow mixed age groups to compete and if there is a record made, it will be allowed. Paige Rice. This question involved race walking not having enough in an age group as well. It open more issues and was pulled because it would have only allowed us to run or walk our athletes in ONLY their own age group for record reasons. As it is now we can run age groups together and if there is a record it will be allowed if, when recording the times it separates the age groups. In the Paige Rice situation this did not happen there for the request was pulled to save bigger changes.

81 – Accepted and amended to allow athletes to compete in boarding states with permission from the Youth Chairman along with written agreement sent to the National office.

82 – Accepted and Amended This rule addressed both the uniform as well as the bib numbers. The uniform change was rejected and will remain as it was originally written. The bib can change which will allow the numbers to be smaller but allowing the sponsors to remain the same and that the bib will not completely cover the younger athletes.

83 – Tabled – This rule change would allow Youth athletes to compete in the Hammer at association, regional and National Championships. This change went through a heated debate, which made it back to the Law & Legislation committee and was tabled to be brought up next year.

84 – Rejected – In this rule change it was recommended to drop the 5000 down to a 3000 due to the fact that high school athletes only run a 3k in their season, and then running a 5k so soon was too much. This too was heated and the idea was rejected.

85 – Accepted – This rule will change allowing in the 1500 meters, the maximum number per heat will change from 18 to 24.

86 – Accepted and Amended – in the (b) it will now read: Whenever the number of competitors reported for an event makes heats, as required in this Rule, unnecessary, the event may be run as a final at local Association and Regional Championships the time in the program so scheduled for the heats.

87 – Rejected - The selection process for seating in final will be as is, random seating.

88 – Accepted – At Association-level meet, if the Games Committee determines that there are an insufficient number of seed times and/or a majority of the times submitted are believed to be inaccurate, the following procedure may be used in the interest of fair competition:

- (a) For preliminary rounds only, both heat and lane assignments shall be drawn by lot. Advancement from the preliminary round shall be done by time without consideration of place.

89 – Rejected – Wanted to change the selection process to advance onto regional and nationals.

Following this session we were out of time and there were some items added to New Business:

World Olympics

Cross Country Fees for 2009

Associations \$10.00, Regionals \$15.00, Nationals \$20.00/athlete

World Youth Olympic games, this meet is by Hemisphere. We would create a team from Canada and the US.

This meet would be in April due to the fact that all entries need to be selected by May 31 and the meet is in August.

More details to come.

Meeting adjourned

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2- 2:50 Officials – Insurance subcommittee:

Not much was said at all in this meeting. Jerry Westfall and I attended only to come out knowing that we all had to be USATF members as officials and them not knowing what insurance we had and what it covered.

3:00 – 3:30 – Group informational session –Restructuring Pkg.

Went very fast and that we needed to pass this package.

4:00 – 5:30 – Youth

Discussion on the proposed rule changes that came back from Law & Legislation. The results are listed on page 1 and 2 for the final results.

Bids were presented for 2010 Cross Country:

Kenosha, WI:

Hoover, AL – received the bid and the 2010 Cross Country Championships will be here.

Terre Haute, Indiana

Sacramento, Calif. 2010 USATF JO Youth Championships (the only one applied)

Lisle, Illinois – Home of the Youth Championships 2010

World Youth Championships in July 2009 in Italy. The qualifying meet will be on June 30 and July 1, 2009.

Qualifiers will be flown to Italy on July 1 after the meet you will need a passport. This World Youth

Championships are fully funded to all athletes. Information for this meet is on line. Check it out.

2009 JO Youth Championships there will be an 800 exhibition for wheel chair athletes.

Records presented were APPROVED.

Cross Country Championships will be in Reno, NV. I have seen this course and it is wide open and visible from the start finish line. You are running at approx. 3500 ft., which will be like running at Crooked River for our Association Championship. It is a grass course.

Coaching Education:

It is recommended that each USATF coach should be USATF Level 1 Certified.

It was also recommended that the Level 2 training be geared toward the youth coach and not and not the elite athlete.

Hopefully this training will be coming in the near future.

Youth Level 2 training for coaches will be after JO Championships.

7:00 – 10:00 – USATF Opening Session:

After a short introduction of the USATF Restructuring, it was motioned, 2nd, call for the question and voted. It passed without one nay vote. The meeting was over very quickly and we were out of there by 9:00 pm.

Thursday:

10:30 – 12:00 – Meet Directors

I sat in on this session while Roger attended. The biggest topic that was discussed was the International standard for Doping.

Elite Athletes must keep the USADA agency aware of:

1. You're where you are 27/7/365. This includes your residence, training, travel etc.
2. You must keep your locations updated every day.
3. Athletes need to be available in and out of competition and you need to supply a sample when asked.
4. Coaches and parents need to help athletes update their information and this information is the responsibility of the athlete only.
5. Each athlete will need to know what substances are prohibited
6. Information: www.usada.org you can contact Melissa for more information.
7. On location the meet director will need to provide a location for testing, table, chairs and provide help.

Our Meet Directors are working on getting an International Championship within the US.

3:00 – 5:00 – Youth Athletics General Session;

Information here was to go over the rule suggestions from the L & L and bids were continued and all information is listed in page 1 and 2 of this report.

Friday Dec. 5, 2008

9:00 – 11:00 Youth Athletics – Regional Coordinators

Work shop the weekend of March 28, 2009.

HyTek timing system is to be used for all Association, Regional and National Championship meets.

Adding Sub-Bantams to our Regional and National Championships there needs to be of a study and how many athletes are we looking at.

For the 2009 season we need to keep track of:

1. Number of Sub Bantams
2. Who competes male and female numbers
3. List of events they are competing in

When there are concerns the coordinators would like them to contact the Youth Chair first and then move up the chain of command.

Background screening: Using "TO Logic" online

Yearly screening from June to June and they are looking into changing it to follow our USATF Registration of Nov. – Dec. The cost is \$8.00 per person. USATF will pick up the additional cost.

Suggestion to use the online conferencing "Go to meetings" I will check this out more and see what I can use.

US Anti Doping Agency – communication: Megan Hart is the contact person.

www.usada.org is there web site with a lot of information concerning drug testing. This is very serious to our elite athletes and what are their responsibilities on keeping clean. Check out the web site for more information.

12:30 – 5:00 Youth Athletics – General Session

This was the session where we voted on L & L again to be taken back to L & L for a final approval. I have mentioned the final results on page 1 and 2 of this report. The only other heated debate was in the dropping the age to throw the hammer from intermediate to youth. This has been tabled and will come back up next year. The other heated topic was the uniform. The uniforms will remain the same as the rule states. No changes will be made.

Saturday Dec. 6, 2008

10:00 – 12:00 Youth Athletics – General Session

Jo Standards were handed out for 2009. These standards are only to be used for the 4th place person not any others to qualify at the JO Regional meets.

Diane Williams gave her testimony concerning doping which she was subject to several years ago without her knowing. This was a compelling story and I would suggest that as coaches we buy her book and have every athlete read it, as we should. Book: "True to Me" author Diane Williams

Coaches:

1. Need to get a list of banded drugs
2. Put together summary for our coaches, parents and athletes
3. Testing for 15-18 yr and older. All Intermediates will be tested at the JO National Championships 2009.
4. www.usada.org

Youth Athletic Championships 2010

Lisle, Illinois

- 9 lane track
- message board
- area for tents – south end of track
- clerking North end
- 15,000 rooms within 3 miles of track
- All hotels have shuttles to the to and from the track

World Youth Qualifier meet 2009

- Michigan
- June 30 & July 1
- Athletes identified will travel that day to Italy (July 1)
- Drug testing for this meet
- All athletes will need a passport to go to Italy
- Fee: \$20/athlete by June 22, 2009, \$50 day of the meet.
- You can register on line

Hytek timing system at ALL Association, Regional and National Championships

American Airlines are working out a deal to partner with USATF Youth, more detail to come.

Each Club should have a Level 1 certified coach, I will be asking our association clubs to not only do this but also have 1-2 USATF certified officials.

Youth Training and Work shop the last weekend in March 2009. More information to come.

Criminal background checks:

- Register on line through our USATF web site.
- No SS # needed
- Need a USATF #
- \$8.00
- Who knows if you do not pass?
 - The Association
 - The parents of that Club
 - The person will know

There is now a working relationship with:

IAAF, NFHS and our USATF to work together and line up our rules etc. to make sure there is consistency, this is a very good thing and it was great to see these rep.'s there talking to all of us.

Sunday

Closing: Stephanie Hightower is our new President.

Report by Doug Bowman, Youth Chairman