

USATF AR NEWSLETTER



USATF Athlete Representative Education

Pursuant to Regulation 25-I of the USATF Governance Handbook, if you wish to be a USATF authorized Athlete Representative in 2016, you must attend one of the two USATF Athlete Representative seminars offered in 2015. The first seminar will be held during the USATF Outdoor Championships on:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hotel</u>
June 26 th , 2015	8 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Eugene, Oregon	Hilton Eugene - Sieger/Sousa/Joplin

IAAF Athlete Representative Education

As you know, the IAAF Athlete Representative Regulations require that registered Athlete Representatives complete at least one (1) IAAF Authorized training session in each four (4) period. The IAAF has announced that they will offer the IAAF training sessions only in the odd years (i.e. 2015, 2017, etc.). **Therefore, if you were first registered with the IAAF as an Athlete Representative in 2012 or 2013, you must complete the IAAF training session requirement this year.** The IAAF training sessions will be offered:

IAAF World Championships		
August 25, 2015	10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Beijing, China
USATF Annual Meeting		
TBD	TBD	TBD

Coaches & AR Hospitality Tent Schedule

Properly credentialed Athlete Representatives at the USATF Outdoor Championships will have access to a hospitality tent for Coaches & Athlete Representatives where food and beverages will be available on a first come, first serve basis. Please note, only properly credentialed individuals are permitted in this area.

6/25/15	Tent Open 1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Late Lunch 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
6/26/15	Tent Open 1:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m. Late Lunch 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
6/27/15	Tent Open 12:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m. Late Lunch 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
6/28/15	Tent Open 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m. Late Lunch 12:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Safe Sport

By the end of 2015, USATF will fully implement Safe Sport, a program geared towards providing a safe environment for athletes to train and compete. Safe Sport teaches participants in the sport to recognize, reduce, and respond to misconduct. The program also requires that certain USATF constituents (which includes Athlete Representatives) complete and pass a background screen and the USOC Safe Sport training course. Each of you already has an approved background screen on file, but you still need to complete the Safe Sport training course. You can complete the USOC Safe Sport training course found at: safesport.org or you can attend a training session at:

USATF Outdoor Championships		
June 25, 2015	Knight Law Center, Rm. 184	Eugene, OR 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
June 26, 2015	Knight Law Center, Rm. 184	Eugene, OR 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
June 27, 2015	Knight Law Center, Rm. 184	Eugene, OR 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
June 28, 2015	Knight Law Center, Rm. 184	Eugene, OR 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

USATF Hershey Youth Outdoor Championships		
TBD	Lisle, IL	TBD

USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships		
TBD	Jacksonville, FL	TBD

USATF Annual Meeting		
TBD	Houston, TX	TBD

Credentialing & Packet Pick-Up

If attending the 2015 USATF Outdoor Championships, you must be properly credentialed prior to attending any competition session. **In order to obtain your credentials, you must bring a photo I.D.** Athlete packet pick-up & credential pick-up location and times are as follows:

<u>Facility:</u>	<u>Location:</u>
Matthew Knight Arena	TBD
-University of Oregon	

<u>Day:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
Wednesday	6/24,	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	6/25,	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	6/26,	9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday	6/27,	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	6/28,	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

AR Online Directory

Any modifications needed to the Athlete Representative Online Directory should be directed to Sarah Austin via email at Sarah.Austin@usatf.org.

Athletes Wanting to Retire

USATF has a formal retirement policy for its athletes. This policy includes submitting a letter to USATF announcing the athlete's retirement & then completing a notarized notice of retirement form.

For more information and to complete forms visit:
<http://www.usatf.org/Resources-for---/Elite/Retirement.aspx>

Registered Coach Credential

Please remind your athletes' coaches: If you have an athlete competing in the 2015 USATF Outdoor Championships or Junior Outdoor Championships, you must complete the Coaches Registry application & background screen to secure your credential. Only coaches on the USATF Coaches Registry with a competing athlete, will have the option to receive a Registered Coach credential at the championships.

2015 IAAF World Championships

On or about May 21st, 2015, each of you should have received an email from USATF High Performance with detailed information regarding the 2015 IAAF World Championships. Should you have any questions regarding this information please contact Kimberly Sims at Kimberly.Sims@USATF.org or 317-713-4668.

2015 WADA Code and USADA Protocol

The revised 2015 World Anti-Doping Code and the accompanying revised International Standards went into effect on January 1, 2015. The 2015 WADA Code aims to incorporate the collective global anti-doping experience gained over the past six years since the WADA Code was last revised, to ensure a uniform international gold-standard policy that fully protects clean athletes and the integrity of competition. You can find a link to the new 2015 WADA Code at: <http://www.usada.org/wp-content/uploads/wada-2015-world-anti-doping-code.pdf>.

The USADA Protocol for Olympic and Paralympic Movement Testing has been reviewed by all relevant stakeholders, modified to incorporate all of the mandatory provisions of the new 2015 WADA Code and approved by WADA as being in compliance with the 2015 WADA Code. You can find the newly revised USADA Protocol at: http://www.usada.org/wp-content/uploads/USADA_protocol.pdf.

Below is a brief overview of some of the key changes to the 2015 WADA Code and International Standards which are incorporated into the rules applicable in the U.S.:

Therapeutic Use Exemptions (TUE):

TUEs now must be mutually recognized between International Federations and National Anti-Doping Organizations, which prevents duplication of efforts, as well as provides a more streamlined and defined appeal process in case of disagreement. The basic rule remains that except for emergency or exceptional circumstances, a TUE must be obtained in advance. Also, TUE jurisdiction still resides with the organization that has authority over the person seeking the TUE depending on what level they are (International, National or Non-National), in what type of event they are competing (International or National), and the prohibited substance or method requiring the TUE.

To determine the prohibited status of a substance USADA encourages all athletes to diligently check their medications through Global Drug Reference Online at <http://www.globaldro.org> or call USADA's TUE staff at (719)785-2045. The updated USADA TUE Policy can be found at: http://www.usada.org/wp-content/uploads/tue_policy.pdf.

New Period of Ineligibility Guidelines:

The 2015 WADA Code provides greater flexibility when dealing with unintentional rule violations while increasing the standard

period of ineligibility from 2 years to 4 years for those who intentionally use prohibited performance-enhancing substances or methods to gain an advantage. The 2015 WADA Code in Article 10.5 also contains a new provision dealing with contaminated products and how these products are dealt with for sanctioning, if proven to be the source of an adverse analytical finding. USADA encourages you to visit USADA's Supplement 411 website at: <http://www.supplement411.org>.

Prohibited Association:

The 2015 WADA Code in Article 2.10 includes the newly enacted Prohibited Association rule that prohibits athletes from associating with coaches, trainers, physicians or other Athlete Support Personnel who are currently sanctioned and/or criminally convicted of doping. Examples outlined in the WADA Code of "association" include assisting athletes with training, nutrition or medical advice, and/or serving as an agent or representative.

Importantly, in order for this provision to apply, it is necessary that the athlete has previously been advised in writing by USADA, an International Federation, or WADA of the Athlete Support Personnel's disqualifying status and the potential consequence of the prohibited association. This written notification procedure is incorporated into the rule to ensure that an athlete can reasonably avoid the prohibited association. The purpose of this rule is to ensure that Athlete Support Personnel who have been found to have committed anti-doping rule violations do not attempt to engage athletes as USADA has seen happen all too frequently in the past.

As we all have an interest in clean sport, we encourage all stakeholders to contact the [USADA PlayClean Line](tel:8777529253) at (877)752-9253, or call USADA directly to report possible anti-doping rule violations.

Whereabouts Changes:

Under the 2015 WADA Code, athletes who have any combination of 3 filing failures in a 12-month period of time may be found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation. This is a change from the previous WADA Code where the time period was 18 months. The goal in this rule change is to encourage the timely filing of complete whereabouts information and to avoid consequences to athletes unless they are providing no information or vague information to avoid being tested.