

USATF™ AR NEWSLETTER



2016 Athlete Representative Applications

The 2016 Athlete Representative applications are now available [here](#). For additional information or questions, call or email Sarah Gilfoy (317.713.9618). Please mail, email or fax completed application forms and applicable membership dues, no later than **10/26/15** to:

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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) year period. The IAAF has announced that they will offer the IAAF training sessions only in odd numbered years (i.e. 2015, 2017, etc.). **Therefore, if you were 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 at:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 4, 2015	9 a.m. – 12 p.m.	Houston Hyatt Regency

USATF Athlete Representative Education

Pursuant to Regulation 25-1 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 second seminar will be held during the USATF Annual Meeting on:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 4, 2015	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.	Houston Hyatt Regency
November 6, 2015*	1 p.m. – 4 p.m.	San Juan, Puerto Rico

*Additional session added at the 2015 Association of Athletics Managers Annual Meeting.

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 will NOT be authorized as a USATF Athlete Representative in 2016 unless you take and complete this course.** You can complete the USOC Safe Sport training course found at: safesport.org or you can attend a training session at:

USATF Annual Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 4, 2015	Houston Hyatt Regency	8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

2015 Certification Exams

Only the USATF Athlete Representative Exam will be given in Houston, Texas. That exam will be given on:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
December 5, 2015	1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Location
Houston Hyatt Regency

2016 US Olympic Team Trials

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 13, 2016	Marathon	LA, California
February 21, 2016	Race Walk	Santee, California
July 1-10, 2016	Track & Field	Eugene, Oregon

Qualifying Standards and Time Schedule are in the process of being reviewed/approved by each perspective Sports Committee Chair. Once approved, that information will be promptly posted on our website.

2015 Annual Meeting

The 2015 USA Track & Field Annual Meeting will be held in Houston, Texas this year from December 2-6 at the Hyatt Regency Houston (1200 Louisiana St. Houston, TX 77002). USATF Athlete Representatives are not required to register for the Annual Meeting; however, you must register in order to attend any Annual Meeting sessions other than the USATF Athlete Representative Educational Seminar, the IAAF Athlete Representative Education Session and the USATF Athlete Representative Exam. We encourage you to register and attend some of the informative sessions at the Annual Meeting this year.

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.

Hyatt Regency Houston Hotel Reservations

USATF Special Rate: \$129 per night + tax and fees.

Parking: Self-parking will be \$20.00/day (next door to the hotel). Overnight valet parking is available for \$32.00/night +tax.

Online Reservations: To make your reservation online please [click here](#). (Hotel space is limited.)

Phone Reservations: To make reservations by phone please call 1-888-603-8747 during normal business hours, Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM CST.

Additional Information: [Click here](#).

2015 USATF Outdoor Championships Prize Money

Currently, athletes have been notified via email to confirm if USATF or the USOC will be processing their payment. Athletes who verified payment information as of Friday, September 4 close of business (5:00pm ET) checks were mailed Friday, September 11. Athletes who have payment directives on file or notified USATF in writing via email to process to USATF Athlete Representative checks were mailed Friday, September 11. (USATF Payment Directives only apply to payments processed by USATF). Should you have any questions regarding this information please contact Sariyu "Beka Suggs via Phone: 317-713-4689 or Email: Sariyu.Suggs@usatf.org.

[Click here](#) for more details on 2015 USATF Outdoor Championships Prize Money.

2015 Hall of Fame Ceremony & Gala

Don your black tie, finest frocks and favorite sneakers for a gala that honors track & field's past and present. The National Track & Field Hall of Fame Class of 2015 will be inducted, while the future stars of the 2016 Olympic Games will be front-and-center in a nationally broadcast ceremony.

Proceeds from the Black Tie & Sneakers Gala go to the USATF Elite Athlete Mentorship Program. A new USATF initiative, the Mentorship Program connects USATF Elite Athletes with business executives, career coaches and former athletes to prepare them for success after their athletic careers conclude.

For more information, contact: gala@usatf.org

Date

October 29, 2015

Location

Armory Track & Field Center, New York City

Post Collegiate Scholarship Fund

USA Track & Field recognizes that U.S. colleges and universities continue to be major contributors to the success of USATF's High Performance development pipeline, but this support lasts only 4/5 years. Following the athlete's collegiate years, USATF recognizes the critical importance of providing special, targeted assistance to high-level athletes in their immediate post collegiate (2 years) – if we expect them to become the next generation of medal winning track and field athletes. The Post Collegiate Scholarship Fund (PCSF) is part of USATF's effort to fill the "developmental gap" that occurs right after an athlete completes their collegiate track and field eligibility. Should you have any questions regarding this information please contact Sariyu "Beka Suggs via Phone: 317-713-4689 or Email: Sariyu.Suggs@usatf.org.

Application Deadline: October 1, 2015

[Click here](#) for more details on the PCSF/EEAS.

2016 USATF Indoor Championships

Date

March 11-12, 2016

Location

Portland, Oregon

Qualifying Standards and Time Schedule will be approved/posted at USATF Annual Meeting which is held on December 2-6, 2015 - Houston, TX.

Please note that the Indoor Championships will be held on the same track as the following week's World Indoor Championships (March 18-20, 2016 – Portland, OR).

World Relays Prize Money

Currently, athletes have been notified via email to verify payment information. Athletes who verified information as of September 1, checks were mailed Friday, September 4. Athletes who have payment directives on file or notified USATF in writing via email to process to USATF Athlete Representative checks were also mailed on Friday, September 4. Should you have any questions regarding this information please contact Sariyu "Beka Suggs via Phone: 317-713-4689 or Email: Sariyu.Suggs@usatf.org.

[Click here](#) for more details on 2015 World Relays Prize Money.

.US National 12K

The .US National 12K Race will be held on **Sunday, November 16** in Alexandria, VA. Registration is open to runners of all abilities.

For more information and to register, go to <http://www.national12k.us/Home.aspx>.

Delta Air Lines

Delta Air Lines is pleased to offer up to 10% discount on all fares for USA Track and Field. To take advantage of this offer, follow these simple steps:

Domestic Travel & International Travel

To purchase your ticket online, click on www.delta.com/booking, enter your Meeting Event code **NMLWN** and continue with the booking process.

For both Domestic and International Travel, to purchase your ticket via phone, call Delta Meeting Network® Reservations at 1-800-328-1111, Monday - Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 7:30p.m. (Central Time) and refer to the Meeting Event Code noted above.

**There is a \$25 service fee for booking via telephone number.

USA Track & Field Athlete Selection Procedures

Information about the athlete selection procedures and standards for the 2016 Olympic Games can be found on the following link.

<http://www.usatf.org/usatf/files/4d/4d053a7b-8295-483a-b3f8-3fa05b5e5a19.pdf>