



CHAPTER 8 • MEMBERSHIP ADMINISTRATION

8.1 – MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

USATF offers various categories of membership in an effort to provide individuals with a special affiliation with USATF. The following categories, if indicated on the member's application, will be denoted in the central membership database.

Athlete Members: This membership category shall be open to any eligible, active athlete on an annual renewal basis. The athlete membership level is open to active athletes of any age, gender and skill level.

Disabled Athlete: For more information regarding this category, see the USA Track & Field Policy & Procedures for Evaluation of Requests for Accommodations Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act found at www.usatf.org/about/legal/policies/ADA.aspx.

Official: This category is open to any person serving as a competition official. A subset of this category is those members certified by USATF as Apprentice, Association, National, or Masters level officials.

Coach: This category is open to the coach of any eligible active athlete in Athletics. A subset of this category shall be those members who hold a USATF Fundamentals or a Level I, II or III certificate as designated by the USATF Coaching Education program, and are considered certified coach members.

Administrator: This class of membership shall be open to all persons who serve as club administrators, Association officers, staff members or event directors of USATF-sanctioned events.

Parent: This category is open to the parents or guardians of any athlete member of this federation.

Fans: This category is open to any supporter of the sport or USATF.

8.2 – MEMBERSHIP FEES

1 year:	\$30.00
2 years:	\$55.00
3 years:	\$80.00
4 years:	\$100.00

Dues and fees for all categories of membership are under the sole control of the USATF BOD. These dues and fees for individual members shall be proposed annually by the National Office, after soliciting input from USATF's committees and Associations (See Reg. 5.F of the Governance Handbook).

8.3 – MEMBER BENEFITS

The member benefits program has been designed around the principle of providing value-added special offers/discounts to members, increasing communications with members and adding resources for members to make their experience with USATF more efficient and enjoyable.

An updated list of member benefits can always be found at www.usatf.org/membership/benefits.

8.4 – MEMBERSHIP DURATION

USATF memberships are calendar-year memberships. This means that they expire on December 31st each year. New members joining in November or December will be afforded membership for the remainder of that year as well as all of the following year (e.g., if the member joins on November 14, 2016, the membership will be valid for competition and insurance purposes for the remainder of 2016 and all of 2017).

8.5 – MEMBERSHIP CARDS / PACKET

Membership packets are mailed out on a weekly basis. Each packet includes the bag tag, keychain tag, and membership card. In addition to the identification tags, each member receives two USATF decals. Below is what information will be on each identification tag.

8.6 – MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS

Members receive permanent membership numbers. The beginning of the number will indicate the year the member joined USATF. For example, a number that begins with “14...” indicates that member joined USATF in 2014.

8.7 – MEMBERSHIP PROCESSING

The processing of memberships is a vital function of the Association.

Identifying and registering eligible members in a timely manner is important to:

1. The insurance programs
2. Mailing of the membership card/welcome packets from the National Office.
3. Allowing members to begin taking advantage of their member benefits, especially registering for events that may require membership
4. Communications via Fast Forward, member email blasts and your Association newsletter; and
5. Your local finances.

8.8 – ASSOCIATION MANAGEMENT AREA

Visit <https://www.usatf.org/Mgmt/Assoc/Forms/Exact-Target-Resources/Association-Management-Area-Help.aspx> link for assistance on operating the Association Management Area.