



The sport of track and field depends on dedicated volunteers to conduct its competitions. Apart from competing as an athlete or serving as a coach, there's no better way to be involved with the sport than serving as an official. Officials not only have the best spots to see some of America's greatest athletes, they're a vital part of every track and field meet. Track meets require dozens of volunteer officials who work together to ensure the SAFETY of the athletes, coaches, spectators, and other officials. Officials also ensure every event is conducted FAIRLY, by the rules and procedures that govern the meet, and that no athlete has an unfair advantage or is at an unfair disadvantage so that every athlete has the opportunity to compete to the best of their ability.

Training and certification of officials is central to USATF's goal of ensuring fair and safe competitive opportunities for athletes. The organization delivers information and instruction to officials, assuring their development as professionals.

New Officials

The USATF Lake Erie Association is always in need for, and welcome individuals to become new certified officials. In order to be a USATF certified official, you must meet the following requirements:

- Have USATF Membership (\$40 per a year)
- Complete SafeSport Training (no fee involved)
- Pay a \$20 Certification Fee (every four years)
- Provide a "passport" type Photo
- Be Age 18 or Older
- Complete a Certification Application
- Successfully pass a Background Screening (\$22 every two years)
- Complete a Rules Reviews
- Agree to a Code of Ethics & Performance Guidelines

For more information go to the following link: <https://www.usatf.org/programs/officials/certification>

For any questions regarding certification, please contact the USATF Lake Erie Association Certification Chair, Dave Woytek at (216) 744-8970 or email at officials@lakeerie.usatf.org

2021-2024 Official's Recertification

The certification of all USATF officials expires at the end of each Olympiad. The recertification process opens on Nov 1, 2020 and should be completed by Dec 31, 2020, but not later than Mar 31, 2021.

Complete details are outlined in the paper at the following link: <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/2021-officials-recertification-info-apr-20/full-view.html>

Quick Links:

- **National Officials' Certification Regulation:** <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/certification-regulation-fdc9wnn1w/full-view.html>
- **New Official Application Form:** <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/new-officials-certification-application-2021-2024/full-view.html>
- **Officials' Recertification Requirements for the 2021-2024 Olympiad:** <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/2021-officials-recertification-info-apr-20/full-view.html>
- **Official's Recertification Application Form:** <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/officials-recertification-application-2021-2024/full-view.html>
- **Application to Upgrade Official's Certification Level:** <https://usatf-prod-cdn.azureedge.net/lang-en-US-quality-65-cache-2-4/getattachment/Programs/Officials/Certification/Certification-Upgrade-Application-Apr-2019.pdf>