

APPRENTICE REFEREE PROGRAM

The Diversity & Leadership Development (D&L) Committee has partnered with the National Officials Committee (NOC) to sponsor the Apprentice Referee Program initiative, which seeks to diversify the pool of qualified officials who are eligible to officiate at major domestic meets {and international championship meets held in the United States} by furnishing structured opportunities for up to three selected officials to work with senior referees at major meets each year,

In Phase I of the program, the Apprentice Referee will shadow the meet referees for multi-events, running events, and field events on different days. Upon successful completion of Phase I, the Apprentice Referees will be expected to assume a greater degree of responsibility at a subsequent meet but will still officiate under the general direction of the meet referees. Successful completion of both phases of the program is a factor that may be considered by the NOC during the official's selection processes for championship meets.

Grant recipients must commit to officiating each day of the meet for which they are selected and will be reimbursed up to \$500 for travel expenses, after submission of their written evaluation of their experience following the end of the meet.

Eligibility:

Applicants must be currently certified to officiate at the National or Masters level and must have passed appropriate background checks. Any member of USATF with the relevant experience as an official, regardless of race, religion, age sexual orientation, or disability, is eligible to apply. However, consistent with the Program goal of diversifying the pool of qualified officials, women and underrepresented minority officials are strongly encouraged to apply.

Participating Meets:

In 2023 we will select up to three officials to work the Masters Indoor and Outdoor Championships.

Masters Indoor: March 10-12, 2023 Louisville, Kentucky

Masters Outdoors: July (TBD) 2023 Greensboro, North Carolina

Application Deadline:

The application deadline is Midnight (CST) on December 15, 2022 but we will begin reviewing applications on December 8, 2022 and applications will continue to be accepted until all positions are filled. Our goal will normally be to provide notice of acceptance into the program no less than two months before the applicable meet begins.

Thank you for your interest in the Diversity and Leadership Committee's Apprentice Referee Program.

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2023 APPRENTICE REFEREE APPLICATION

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Be a currently certified official
2. No age limits
3. Have officiated a USATF Indoor, outdoor, Senior Championship, World Championship or the meets below.

Grant recipients must commit to officiating each day of the meet for which they are selected and must write a report of their experience and submit to the Diversity committee after the competition.

Part A. Personal information

Name: _____ USATF Member #: _____ Association: _____

Address: _____ Certification Level: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: (____) _____ Gender: M _____ F _____

E Mail: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Part B: Meet Preference: Place an "x" to the left of each meet for which you wish to be considered.

____ Masters Indoor Championship, March 10-12, 2023 Louisville, Kentucky

____ Masters Outdoor Championship July (tbd) 2023, Greensboro, NC

Part C. Experience: Starting with the most recent meets, list up to eight meets you have officiated from 2018 to present. Indicate, date, meet location, and your primary assignments as an official or volunteer.

Part D. Write a short paragraph on why you should be considered as an apprentice referee.