



## **New Certification**

1. Candidate must be a paid member of USATF – apply online at [www.usatf.org/membership/](http://www.usatf.org/membership/) . Cost is \$30 for 1 yr membership, \$55 for 2 years, \$80 for 3 years, and \$100 for 4 years. YOU MUST BRING YOUR USATF MEMBERSHIP NUMBER TO THE CERTIFICATION CLINIC.

2. Candidate must attend a USATF sanctioned Certification Clinic (see Certification Clinic Section on this webpage for a list of clinics). These clinics are day-long events that provide a presentation on the philosophy of officiating as set out in the various rule books (IAAF, USATF, NCAA and National High School Federation), rules review and officiating techniques discussion, practical demonstrations in all areas of officiating. Some of these activities may be substituted by working events at an actual meet with USATF Certified Officials. These clinics typically have a \$30.00 fee which includes the Officials Certification Fee (Good Through 2016) and hard-copy of the USATF Rules Book.

- Among others, the current rules books used for USATF, NCAA and NFHS events can be downloaded electronically from <http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/resources/rules/>

3. Candidate must pass an open book Rules Review Practical Exam. Along with demonstrating a basic knowledge of Cross Country and Track & Field, one of the main purposes of the exam is to get you into the book and become familiar with it.

- You can download the USATF rules exam (you will also need to download the USATF rules book), complete it, and bring it the Certification Clinic if you wish (recommended).
- A copy of this exam can be found by clicking on “Association Level” under the “Track & Field” section at <http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/certification/forms.asp>

4. When a passing score is attained on the graded Practical Exam, you will receive a USATF Badge which will be good through the end of the next Summer Olympic year, 12/31/2016.

## **Re-Certification**

1. All current certifications expire at the end of the current Summer Olympic year, 12/31/2012. All Officials wishing to recertify have until 3/31/2013 to complete the recertification requirements below. You may still officiate meets after 12/31/2012 as long as you recertify by 3/31/2013.

2. The criteria used for new certification (above) also applies to re-certification.

- You can download the USATF rules exam (you will also need to download the USATF rules book), complete it, and bring it the Certification Clinic if you wish (recommended).
- A copy of this exam can be found by clicking on “Association Level” under the “Track & Field” section at <http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/certification/forms.asp>

3. For Officials wanting to move up from Association Level to National Level, two letters of recommendation from a National or Masters Official and documentation of all track meets worked during the last two years will need to be provided. In addition, they will need to take and pass the National Level Certification Test.

- A copy of this exam can be found by clicking on “National Level” under the “Track & Field” section at <http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/certification/forms.asp>

For additional information on USATF Certification, please visit:

<http://www.usatf.org/groups/officials/certification/>