



April 17, 2020

Dear USATF Illinois Members,

The USATF Illinois Association Board of Directors is wishing you and your loved ones peace in this time of uncertainty. Like many of you, we are closely monitoring this Coronavirus pandemic, evaluating health guidelines, and reviewing recommendations from the USATF National Office and their [Working Group](#). We strongly encourage our members to heed the advice of the CDC and their local authorities, practice good hygiene and participate in social distancing.

Our nation has entered unprecedented territory. High School, collegiate and professional sports have abruptly ended their seasons, the entire country has been placed on full or partial stay-at-home orders, several states have ended school for the remainder of the year, unemployment has skyrocketed and countless facilities have closed making it nearly impossible for athletes to safely train.

Within our sport we have witnessed the cancellation of many regional and national competitions. The USATF National Office recently canceled the Youth Outdoor Championships and the entire Junior Olympic Program including association and regional competition.

As leaders of the Association, we have seriously considered all the aforementioned situations. Through the unanimous agreement of our Board of Directors, USATF Illinois will suspend all events, effective immediately, through August 31, 2020.

To protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of our athletes, coaches, parents, officials, spectators, and supporters we have also made the following decisions:

- The USATF Illinois Association Annual Meeting scheduled for April 26, 2020 is canceled.
- Requests for new sanctions will not be honored for competition dates through August 31, 2020. Questions regarding sanction postponement or cancellation can be directed to sanctions@usatf.org.
- Until further notice, the USATF Illinois Association office will be open on Mondays from 10 am -3 pm, only. All other business activities and inquiries must be conducted via email at usatfil@sbcglobal.net.

We appreciate your support, resilience, and loyalty during this time. Now more than ever, we must unite to fight this health crisis. Please continue to visit our Association's dedicated webpage for information and updates <http://www.usatfillinois.org/covid-19/>. We look forward to overcoming this situation and returning to safe gatherings and competition.

Stay healthy and take care of yourself and others.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Kimbrough".

Brenda Kimbrough
USATF Illinois Association President