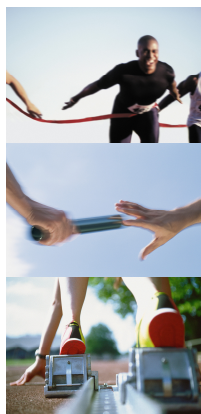


FAST TRACK OF ILLINOIS

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USATF ILLINOIS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to "Fast Track of Illinois." This newsletter will be posted on our website at www.usatfillinois.org every quarter beginning July 1, 2008. Please feel free to send in any information you would like to share with us. Please send your information to darlenesimmons54@sbcglobal.net. In order to ensure your information is posted for the next quarter, please send the

material to us two weeks before the end of the quarter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please remember the semi-annual Association meeting on April 26, 2009. **All youth club coaches must attend.** The meeting will take place at Proviso East High School, Maywood, IL at 1:00 P.M. in the social room. Please be on time.



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-USATF ILLINOIS ASSOC.

Dear Members, Athletes, Parents, and Sponsors:

USATF Illinois Association had a successful track, field, and cross country season here in Illinois in 2008. There were over 1200 youth athletes participating in activities at our various meets. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank North Shore Breeze Track Club for adding the Special Olympics kids to their meet. This is something

we will do every year. We will be allowing our Open, Elite, and Master's Athletes to participate in most of our meets this year.

We had 11 people to attend the National Convention in Reno, Nevada in December. We covered all areas and will post all important changes at each level.

Doug Logan was elected as our new CEO of USATF nationally. He comes to us from the soccer industry. We also

have a new National President, Stephanie Hightower, an Olympian and a native of Ohio.

The National Youth Committee Officers are: Lionel Leach-Chair, Robert Flint-Exec. Vice Chair, Sam Germany-VP-Operations, Dorothy Dawson-VP/Adm/Treasury, Linda Ellis, Secretary, Linda Phelps-Past President, Norine Richardson-Attorney.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT-USATF ILLINOIS ASSOC. (CONT).



In 2009 the National Youth Championships will be held June 30-July 5, 2009 in Ypsilanti, Michigan. The National Junior Olympics Championships will be held July 28-August 2, 2009 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships will be held in Reno, Nevada, December 12, 2009. You can always go online at

www.usatfillinois.org for all meets in 2009.

USATF Illinois won the bid to host the 2010 Youth National Championships to be held at Benedictine Univ. in Lisle, IL. The National Junior Olympic Championships Outdoor meet is to be held in Sacramento, CA., and the National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships will be held in Hoover, Alabama.

The trials for the 2009 International Youth team will be held in Ypsilanti, MI prior to the start of the 2009 National Youth Championships. If you plan to participate in this meet, you must have an updated passport before June, 2009. They will be selecting the 1st & 2nd place winners that meet the IAAF standards. If you are chosen for the team, you will be leaving for Italy one week after the trials.



We are asking our coaches, officials, parents, and senior citizens to volunteer to work at our meets, especially the State and Regional meets. In addition I would like all coaches who might be interested in working and traveling with one of the international youth teams, to please send me a detailed resume. As soon as I receive it, I will get it to the committee that will evaluate it.

This year we are fighting to get all peewee/pre-bantams, to be allowed to qualify for the National Youth and Junior Olympics meets. It is imperative that our entire teams qualify and participate in all national meets. Our Youth Executive Committee meets in Detroit, Michigan, March 20 – 22.

Please send us your suggestions via e-mail (www.usatfil@sbcglobal.net). The National Youth Committee meets March 26-28. Youth Chairs and Regional Coordinators will be attending our second annual workshop, "We Can Make The Change."



2009 Tentative Summer Schedule

06/06/2009 YO, OP, MS	Hand Off, See Me Fly USATF Sanction 09-21-023	Marian Catholic HS Chgo Heights, IL	LaVon Burks 312 405-1217	Meet Info and Results
06/13/2009 (YO)	North Shore Breeze Track Meet	Zion Benton HS, Zion, IL	Brenda Kimbrough 847 894-9544	Meet Info and Results
06/13/2009 (YO, OP))	Illini Heat Invitational	Unity HS, Tolono, IL	Gary W. Mitchell 217 202-5468	Meet Info and Results
6/20/2009 YO, OP, MS	7th Annual Jane Dickens Invite USATF Sanction 09-21-001	Proviso East HS Maywood, IL	Marc Jones, 708 288-0221	Meet Information and Results
06/21/2009	USATF Association Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships	TBD	TBD	
06/26 - 28/2009	USATF Association Track & Field Championship	TBD	Marc Jones 630 981-7394 iones_jdaddy5@yahoo.com	Results
06/30/2009 YO, OP, MS	Augustana USATF All Age USATF Sanction 09-21-005	Augustana College, Rock Island, IL	Frederic Whiteside 309 794-7524	Meet Information & Results
07/09 - 12/2009	USATF Region 7 Region 7 Track & Field Championship	TBD	Pat Wilson Regional Coordinator 312 231-6319	Results
07/18/2009 YO	4th Annual Paul Wallace Classic USATF Sanction 09-21-003	Homewood Flossmoor HS Flossmoor, IL	Meet Information & Results	
07/19/2009	USATF Midwest Region Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships	Carroll University Waukesha, WI	TBA	Results

07/28 - 08/02/2009	USATF National Junior Olympics Outdoor Track & Field Championship	North Carolina A&T University, Greensboro, NC	TBA	TBA
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