



Welcome

Thank you for your interest in becoming a track and field official in Oregon. This document offers frequently asked questions about officiating in the state.

Officials play a key role in the sport by conducting events in a safe and fair manner that provides all athletes an opportunity to perform at their best.

Officials come from all walks of life, young and mature, students to retirees, and all occupational backgrounds. USATF Oregon offers a pathway to becoming an official for ages 18 to 100. You do not have to have a track and field background to be an official. No officiating experience is required.

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Some Questions and Answers About Officiating

Do I need officiating experience?

No. USATF Oregon will provide you with training and meet experience.

Do I need a track and field background?

No.

Do I have to work every meet?

No. You have total control over how many meets you work.

What if I am still working full time or going to school?

There are meets scheduled on weekdays and on weekends. There are so many meets in Oregon, you can gain meet experience while still working full time or attending school.

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Questions and Answers

Will I receive training and guidance?

The training is typically free. You can attend virtually or in-person. USATF Oregon can assign you an experienced mentor if you wish.

Can someone under age 18 be an official?

Students 14 to 17 can join the USATF Oregon Junior Officials Program (JOP). This program provides training, mentorship, and actual meet experience. JOP participants cannot be Certified until they are 18 years old. Once participants complete the program requirements, they can be certified at a higher level rather than starting at the Apprentice level.

Do I have to become a Certified Official right away?

No, you can wait to become Certified. However, most new officials in Oregon do elect to become Certified early in their officiating career.

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Questions and Answers

What is the role of the Oregon Track Club?

The Oregon Track Club (OTC) is based in Eugene, Oregon. The OTC Officials Committee recruits, trains, and mentors new officials in the Eugene/Springfield and Lane County area. The committee plays a key role in growing the sport of track and field in the state and works in partnership with USATF Oregon.

Can I officiate meets at Hayward Field?

There is a real possibility you can officiate at Hayward Field in Eugene. You will need to contact the Oregon Track Club Officials Committee in order to be considered for Hayward meets. USATF Oregon can help you with connecting with this committee.

Are there officiating opportunities in other parts of Oregon?

Yes. Schools and youth organizations throughout Oregon would love to have you support their meets.

What if I already have experience as a track and field official?

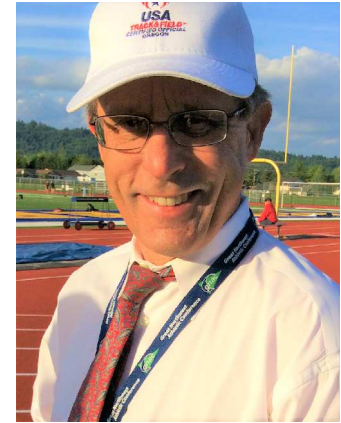
Great! We can accelerate your training and certification process.

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The first step to becoming a track and field official in Oregon is to contact **Scott Phoenix**. Scott is the USATF Oregon Officials Certification Chair.

Scott can answer any questions you may have. Depending on your situation, he can suggest a pathway to beginning your career as an official. Scott's contact information: sandcphoenix@gmail.com, Home: 503-538-1674, Cell: 503-715-6685.



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