



# Welcome

**Thank you for your interest in becoming a USATF Oregon track and field official.**

**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 and older. You do not have to have a track and field background to be an official. No officiating experience is required.**

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# Benefits of Officiating



**Love of the sport.** A whole new way to participate in the sport you love.  
**Staying active.** An excellent way to gain physical and mental exercise.  
**Giving back.** Officiating is a community service. You will be helping your local youth clubs, middle schools, high schools, and college and universities. Officiating is also a way to guide and enrich the lives of the athletes.



**Staying in the game.** Want to stay engaged and a part of the sport you competed in, or maybe you are looking to become more engaged in the sport your kids are involved in.

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**A release.** Officiating provides a refreshing release from the daily grind.

**An exciting role.** You are right in the middle of the action. You have the best seat in the house.

**Staying challenged and learning.** You will have many opportunities to learn and develop new skill sets. Officiating teaches independent thinking, responsibility, and the ability to work as a team.



**Friendships and community.** The fellowship and humor officials share with one another are rewarding. You will meet new friends. You'll quickly realize officials have a social community.

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**An active state association.** Officials in Oregon are fortunate to have a very active USATF Association, including a dedicated and engaged Officials Committee Chair and Officials Certification Chair.

**Extra income.** Some meets pay officials. You will not get rich officiating, but the extra income helps pay for gas and other out-of-pocket expenses.



**Recognition.** You will receive the thanks and gratitude of athletes, coaches, parents, spectators, and other officials who all know this sport cannot go forward without skilled, dedicated, and enthusiastic officials.

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# Benefits of Becoming a USATF Certified Official



- > A nationally recognized certification.
- > Receive a Certified Official photo ID card and pin.
- > Insurance coverage, liability coverage (bodily/personal injury, property damage, and legal representation) for officials or volunteers at any organized competition.
- > Access to officials' training materials, training clinics, and local mentors.
- > Eligibility to officiate at USATF national championships and other major competitions throughout the U.S.
- > Monthly USATF National Officials Committee newsletter
- > Discounts on branded merchandise from the USATF online store.
- > Discounts on running merchandise, books, magazines, and videos.
- > Discounts on airline, hotel, and car rental fees.

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# What is the next step?

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](mailto:sandcphoenix@gmail.com), Home: 503-538-1674, Cell: 503-715-6685.



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