



Race Walk Committee Quarterly Report

USATFGA Board of Director's Meeting

October 25, 2018

Since our last quarterly report, the USATF-GA Race Walk Committee continues to working toward the Committee's goals and objectives. Our committee is comprised of a well-rounded and hard working group of people and resources.

Next Steps – 2018-2019 Goals:

Our goals for 2018-2019 are an extension of the 2017- 2018 goals which we not only achieved, but exceeded. We continue to serve our USATF Georgia Association, its Race Walk athletes, coaches and officials. Our mission is to provide vision, leadership, best practices, and activities that not only promote the sport, but also results in strong relationships, leadership enhancements; partnerships and activities enhance the knowledge and skill base of race walking.

Objectives:

1. Collegiate Race Walkers

- a. Involve Georgia NAIA schools in our mailings in order to provide info and race walking opportunities for coaches.
 - i. Continue communication with collegiate coaches to promote our Georgia race walking athletes.
 1. Working with Brenau University to provide resources to their race walkers and coaches.
 - a. In 2017, Brenau's had 2 race walkers; they now have 3 race walkers for 2018. One recruited from Puerto Rico.
 - b. Race Walkers traveled to the Caminata Training Center in S.C
 - c. Discussed the potential use of the soon-to-be constructed track in 2019-2020.
 2. Working with Truitt-McConnell coach's desire to add the race walk to his program.
 3. Shared list of colleges looking for race walkers with coaches, parents, and athletes.

2. Mentors

- a. Enhance mentors program by providing opportunities for athletes to:
 - i. Be aware and prepare for elite competitions
 - ii. Become aware of collegiate race walking opportunities and potential scholarships.
- b. Assign mentors to new race walker members/clubs

3. Recruitment

- a. Recruit and train Race Walk coaches in Association Clubs and to support new coaches in the development of new youth clubs for Race Walking.
 - i. Scheduling race walk clinics and race walk certification clinics
 - ii. Providing resources (videos, brochures, mentors, etc.)
- b. Integrate the race walk in other races and walks
- c. Push to get more clubs to include race walks in their events.
- d. Recruit and train new Race Walk Judges.

4. Budget Development

- a. We are working on Developing our proposed budget that enhances race walking activities
 - i. Association, Regional and National championship
 - ii. All-comer activities and "community: walks
 - iii. Clinics & Workshops,
 1. Our plan is to request the opportunity to present a workshop/clinic/session at:
 - a. Georgia T&F/Cross Country Association Coaches Clinic
 - b. The Georgia Meet of Champions
 - c. Conferences that are geared to physical education teachers
 - d. Park & Recreation walking clubs
 - e. Partner with elementary physical education programs
 - f. Various race walk competitions

5. Communications

- a. Resume publication of our race walk newsletter
- b. Continue to review and revise, as necessary, the USATF Race Walk Committee Operational Procedures
- c. Continue to use social media to enhance and celebrate the race walk

6. **National Bids

- a. We've been asked to consider submitting bids for the following
 - i. **USA-Canada Junior Race Walk Match
 1. USATF-GA is preparing a bid.
 2. We will send the bid application to the Board with a projected budget once completed. Cost will be less than 2017, since some things can be recycled.
 3. WE are appointing someone to be charged with our committee's sponsorships/marketing.
 4. It will be the 3rd time it is in the South (2nd time in Georgia – continuing the original request to keep it in same USA state for 2 years) since it was initiated in 1989
 - ii. **Pan Am Jr/Sr Race Walk Cup Trials/World Cup Race Walk Trials
 1. USATF-GA is preparing a bid.
 2. We will send the bid application to the Board with a projected budget once completed.
 3. It has never been in the South (1st time in Georgia if granted)
 4. Since the south is a preference, Georgia was asked to submit a bid. Move necessary due to International meet's move from May to April, causing the Trials to move to March. Because of PA's weather conditions, March is not an option for Mid Atlantic.
 - iii. National 10K Race Walk Championship (No bid to be submitted at this time)
 - iv. 1-Hour Association/SE Region Championship (No bid to be submitted at this time)

Upcoming Race Walk Opportunities (Partial List)

- *October 28, 2018 Open/Masters National, Southeast, SC-GA-NC Associations 1-hour Race Walk, Furman University, Greenville, SC
- (November 11th or 18th, 2018 GA/SE Race Walk Championship (Having to change venue, TBA)
- December 1, 2018 Emerging Elite Athlete winter Indoor-Outdoor Invite, Choccolocco Park Sports Complex, Oxford, Alabama (Register at coacho.com)
- December 29, 2018 USATF Indoor 5,000m Race Walk Championships, Rochester NY
- December, 2018/January 2019 USATF-GA Indoor RW Invitational, Gainesville, GA (*Tentative*)
- January 13, 2019 2019 Showdown at the Crossplex, Birmingham Crossplex, Birmingham, AL (1500m Race Walk) - Register at coacho.co
- February 10, 2019 TFCUSA Indoor National Championship, Birmingham Crossplex, Birmingham, AL (1500m Race Walk) - Register at coacho.com
- February 22-24, 2019 USATF Indoor Championships, Indianapolis, IN
- March 1-19, 2019 USATF Masters Indoor Track & Field Championships, Winston-Salem, NC
- June 16-20, 2019 National Senior Games, Albuquerque, NM
- June 25-30, 2019 USATF Youth Outdoor National Championship, Durham, NC

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