

Awards and Recognitions

The Dick Barbour

Meritorious Service Award

1985	Hank Patton
1986.....	George Newlon
	Roxanne Anderson
1987.....	Dan Dotta
	Del Dotta
1988.....	Harry Young
	Henry "Hank" Weston
1989.....	Ed Parker
	Harmon Brown
1990.....	Horace Crow
1991.....	(No award)
1992.....	Dick Connors
1993.....	George Kleeman
1994.....	Tom Moore
1995.....	Charlie Sheppard
1996.....	Norm Morrison
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	John Luppes
1999.....	Richard Zulaica
2000.....	Jim Hume
	Jim Wynn
2001.....	Bob Shor
	Rick Milam
2002.....	Bob Rauch
2003.....	Lori Maynard
	Sonny Maynard
2004.....	Gail Wetzork

The George Newlon

Special Recognition Award — Track

1995.....	Bob Mason
1996.....	Ben Morjig
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Jerry Colman
1999.....	Bobby Hughey
2000.....	Dan Davidson
2001.....	John Coie
2002.....	Gerry Collet
2003.....	Dick Iwamiya
2004.....	Rick Urband

The Horace Crow

Special Recognition Award — Field

1995.....	Sonny Maynard
1996.....	Rich Zulaica
1997.....	(no award)
1998.....	Bill Edgar
1999.....	Joan M. Wilson
2000.....	Phil Watkins
2001.....	Dr. Leon Glover, Jr.
2002.....	Bruce Colman
2003.....	Dick Petrucci
2004.....	Teddy Hayes



Turns & Distances

Pacific Association Officials Committee

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This is an election year

Are you interested in being an active member in our Officials Committee management? This is an election year for the committee. **Teddy Hayes** is chairman of the nominating committee. You may nominate yourself for any of the offices. Offices to be filled this election are: Chairman, Vice-chairman, Secretary, two at-large representatives and two seats on the Association Board of Athletics. The jobs of certification chair, awards chair, training chair and newsletter editor are appointed.
(Contact Teddy at **916-421-2459**)



Teddy Hayes

The election will take place on line or one may request paper ballot by approximately July 15 and after. Please vote!!!

It is time to honor more of our hard working officials

During the Official's Annual Meeting, we recognize the hard work of our officials. Have you noticed someone who is always there, who is efficient in their chores and who you feel needs recognition. Get in touch with **Dr. Leon Glover**, our Awards Chair, and let him know. Contact Dr. Glover at (650) 968-2007 or lglover@tycoelectronics.com



Dr. Leon Glover

A change in location for the Annual Meeting



Lorri Coppola

Please note on your calendar...August 28th is the date of our annual meeting. This year the meeting will be held on the campus of the University of California Davis. **Jon Vochatzer**, head track coach, will be our host. Jon has arranged for us to use the Putah Creek Lodge along the river on campus. Directions to the Lodge will be included in the announcements being sent out by **Lorri Coppola**, the chairman of the event. A catered lunch will be served, our annual business meeting held, and recognition awards will be presented by **Leon Glover**. There are **NO PARKING RESTRICTIONS** on the campus on Sundays.

From the Certification Chair

The recertification of our membership for the new Olympiad has been moving right along, not without some bumps in the road, but moving right along.

After a few experiments with how to organize the process, I think I have finally found one which will work. I suppose that the certification of officials will become easier, but having to REcertify everyone at the beginning of an Olympiad is a challenge.



Credits: To **Bob Hughey** for the explanation of the high school jewelry rule; to **Lori Maynard** for her proofreading, to **Jim Hume** for the page layout, articles on recertification and FieldLynx and pictures and to **Dick Connors** for his pictures and collection of information in our world of track and field

We ended last year with just under 300 certified officials. Now for the numbers game (and please don't send me an e-mail suggesting that all of these numbers don't exactly add up...I know they don't):

Association level officials:

187...current list

- 74...completed REcertification
- 19...are working on their REcertification
- 10...responded that they wanted to continue as certified officials.
- 73...were sent post cards to see if they wanted to continue as officials, but haven't responded yet.

National level officials:

59...current list

- 43...completed REcertification
- 4...are working on their REcertification
- 0...responded that they wanted to continue as certified officials.
- 12...were sent post cards to see if they wanted to continue as officials, but haven't responded yet.

Master level officials:

51...current list

- 32...completed REcertification
- 8...are working on their REcertification
- 0...responded that they wanted to continue as certified officials.
- 10...were sent post cards to see if they wanted to continue as officials, but haven't responded yet.

Emeritus Officials...15, but three have turned down Recertification.

Registered from Southern California...3

Newbies...21 (**Joe Keever** is our top recruiter.)

Pending...31 (Pending means they are in the database because at some time they were interested in becoming an official.)

I have sent a card to each official who has yet to REcertify. Some cards proved that my data base is not yet perfect. Some officials have done the work but are not yet in my data base. "Sorry for the inconvenience," said Hume, "You are wanted." To date, two cards have come back with unusable addresses.

With 149 officials with new IDs we are more than half way in our REcertification. A number of the "names" in the database will fall by the wayside, but as for those who are interested but have not yet completed jumping through hoops, please take the papers on vacation with you and make a genuine effort to get it completed! We need you!

Heard at the Track

Of Happy Track Coaches And Happy Athletes at the NCAA Meet In Sacramento



CIF Long Jump crew...(front) Charles Murphy and William Lee, (back) Dr. Leon Glover (wind gauge man) and Al Jacobsmeyer.

I believe I heard, at the CIF meet, that Dr. Glover and his father, a.k.a. Dr. Glover, have been working the wind gauge for 55 years. And what were you doing in 1951?

physical facilities for competition at the meet were second to none at any other stadium in the country. **George Kleeman** and his crew of technical managers and the Sacramento State grounds keepers did an excellent job of preparation.

The food at the track for the officials was good and nicely served. By planning ahead, parking for officials worked out to every one's advantage. Accommodations in the dormitories worked out well for the eighty-two

Yes, that's right!!! People were happy with the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships at Sacramento State's Hornet Stadium. We had one day of questionable weather when the men's pole vault qualifying had to be delayed, but all other events ran as scheduled. The weather for the last three days of the meet was absolutely gorgeous with little if any wind. The much wanted spectators were in short supply on Wednesday and Thursday, but their presence and enthusiasm were felt on Friday and Saturday. The

an excellent job in making the track meet go and gave every athlete a chance to compete in the best of all possible conditions.

John McC Casey, the Sacramento Sports Commission and the Sac State Athletic Administration must be proud of a job well done by officials and management.

2006 is the next challenge at Hornet Stadium for the NCAA meet. Please mark it on your calendar.

It's London

On July 6th, the International Olympic Committee voted to award the 2012 Olympic Games to London, England. The vote was something of a surprise as Paris, France, went into the election as the favorite.

The future for Sac State

Sacramento State has an excellent chance of being named the site of the 2008 U.S. Olympic Team Trials for track and field; if New York City does not get named the site for the 2012

Olympic Games. The Sacramento Sports Commission and John McC Casey have its bid ready. On with the bid John!

Reflections Of A Meet On The Home Depot Track In Carson

The track folks in Southern California tried very hard to put on an outstanding meet and the 2005 USATF T&F Championship Meet, but after fifteen years without a major multi-day track meet their lack of experience showed.

I thought their effort, their sincerity and their willingness to learn were very visible and positive attributes that were exhibited at Carson. Meet Management went out of their way to please athletes and officials.

- The accommodations, the three meals a day and the gifts for officials were the best officials have ever received.
- At the track some of the physical facilities definitely needed to be upgraded. The horizontal jump pits were not ready for competition on day one and day

- continuous problem to officials and athletes alike.
- The pole vault standards were an ongoing problem.
- Holding throwing events at night under questionable lighting is always a challenging situation.
- And I question the meet director as the head of a catch-as-catch-can hurdle crew.

The Carson venue is definitely more spectator friendly than Hornet Stadium at Sacramento State. The sight lines are definitely better and the access to the grandstands easier. The spectators did show up on Saturday and were treated to a great show, but the crowd on Sunday lacked their numbers and enthusiasm.

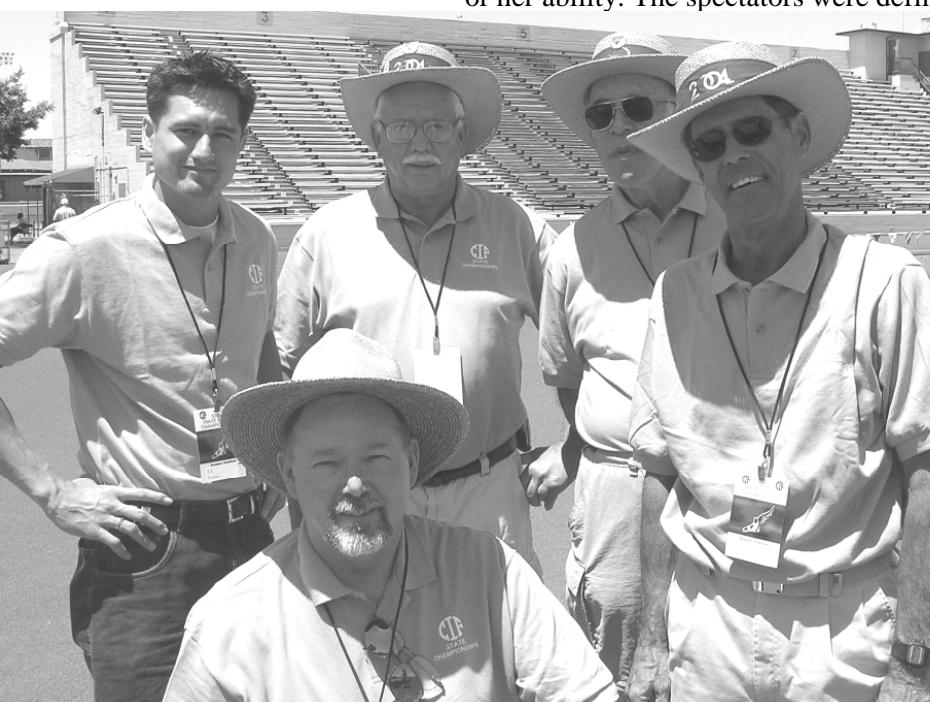
In conclusion I feel meet management and the officials in Carson did an outstanding job. They had their rough edges and questionable physical facilities to deal with, but they carried the day and every athlete was given the opportunity and a fair chance to compete to the best of his or her ability. The spectators were definitely not short

changed at this track meet.

The Safety Officials Of During A Meet Is Definitely An Issue

We definitely need to police ourselves in regards to where we let our fellow officials work.

The horrible front page incident that took place at the Home Depot Center in Carson the day before the USATF Junior and



CIF high jump crew of Mike Leonard (front) and JJ Noble, Pat Randall, Mike Sands and John Murray in back.

Senior National Championships never should have happened. We must take preventive actions to avoid exposing unqualified individuals to such types of harm. The gentleman who was struck down by the shot in the sector had no business in the first place of ever being on the field. He was a very senior man who had experienced serious medical problems in the recent past and was not willing to take, "No," as an answer. He was not paying attention to the event that he was trying to assist. He was not a selected member of the officiating crew for the event, but felt he had to be a part of the action. He was a volunteer trying to be a part of the scene. Every one of us

must take responsibility for ourselves and our fellow officials in the throwing sectors.

This was not the only close call at the meet. On Wednesday night, during the women's discus competition, two young very capable officials were nicked by throws that they had lost in the stadium lights. This was the first time throwing events had ever been held at night in this stadium and the conditions were unknown. Fortunately for the young officials, their pride was the only injury. The next night during the men's javelin competition the sector was cleared of all officials. We must help each other when we realize unsafe conditions exist for our fellow officials.

Bob Seaman knows how to host a party.

On Saturday evening following a very busy day at the Home Depot Track in Carson, **Bob Seaman** hosted a never to be forgotten party at his beautiful home in near by Wilmington. Bob had bus transportation arranged and over 150 officials found their way to Bob's backyard for a very tasty dinner, good camaraderie and great entertainment. Bob had invited four very special close friends as guests to the party. After dinner Bob interviewed each of his friends much to the delight of the party goers.

- Bob first guest was the **Reverend Lew Zamperini**. He became a friend of Bob's after Bob broke his California State High School record for the mile run in 1949. Zamperini by that time had already experienced a heroic existence as a downed US Air Force Officer in the Pacific Ocean during WW II. What a story he had to tell. He is the author of the book [Devil At My Heels](#).
- The second guest of the evening was Bob's boyhood friend from the Central Valley of California (the Kingsburg Reedley area) and college teammate at UCLA, Olympic Decathlete Rafer Johnson. In his interview he praised the officials for giving their time to the sport and talked of his involvement in Special Olympics.
- The third special guest of the evening was 1960 Olympic Gold medal winning pole vaulter, Don

Bragg. Bragg was very entertaining as he talked about his movie career as Tarzan.

- The final guest of the evening was Wilbur (Moose) Morrison who was an Olympic Gold Medalist in 1948 as a 190 pound shot putter. He set the world record for the shot at 52 feet. Times have changed but he had an interesting story to tell.

Bob and his wife must be praised and thanked for the great party he put on and for sharing four very wonderful friends with the group.

"FieldLynx works!" Says Hume

After some significant fits and starts, **Sean Laughlin** and I figured out how to get FieldLynx working. We are currently using Palm's Tungsten C. The Tungsten C is already set to work wirelessly on a network. At the NCAA Mid-Western Regional and at the Golden West High School Meet, we used a very local network and were able to load the Palms and download the information back to the computer.



A Palm Tungsten C

At the CIF High School T&F Meet in Sacramento, we used a stadium wide network and as the rounds were completed, the information was downloaded back to the meet management computer. The announcers were set-up with a Tungsten C and could use Air-Cyber to check the results of the meet as things progressed.



Megan Cook and Monique White-Archer, the LaserLynx Ladies working the NCAA meet.

Many thanks go to the students from Sierra High for their help at the Modesto and CIF meets. Now if Hy-Tek will revise their Meet Manager program so it will break ties in field events, life running the meet management computer will be heaven.

Edrick Floreal Honored By Pacific-10

June 23, 2005, Walnut Creek, CA from the 6/24/05 Stanford Web site <http://costanford.collegesports.com> **Edrick Floreal**,

Stanford's Women's Track And Field Coach, has been named the Pacific-10 Coach of the year in a vote of the league's track and field coaches.

Floreal posted his first women's coaching Pac-10 honor after leading Stanford to its first conference championship. The Cardinal scored 173 points to end

UCLA's eight year reign as Pac-10 champions. Under Floreal's guidance, the Cardinal women won the NCAA West Regional title at Eugene, Oregon, and finished fifth at the NCAA Championships in Sacramento.

Thanks for the support

Once again this year the Save Mart Modesto Relays and meet director **Gregg Miller** have come through with a very generous donation for the Association Officials fund. Thank you Gregg and sponsors. I know the officials of the Pacific Association look forward annually to working your great meet. "Keep on trackin'!"

Coach Dena Evans to leave Stanford

A sad day has happened for athletes, coaches, officials and all others connected with Stanford University track and field program. Dena (Day) Evans, Head Women's Cross Country Coach and Assistant track coach, is leaving the program to become a full time mom. Dena and her husband Marlon have two very young, beautiful daughters that are hungry for their mom's full time attention.

Dena has been part of the track and field program at Stanford for thirteen years stating in the early 1990s as an All-American 800 meter runner and a track and field team captain. Evans was also an outstanding competitor on the Stanford Women's soccer team. Before moving into the track office Dena was employed by the Athletic Department in athlete counseling.

In her seven years as a coach Evans has been very successful in winning numerous Cross Country team championships and coaching many All-American runners.

The Stanford USATF officials are very sorry to see her leave as Dena has taken very good care of our needs and has been an excellent communicator with us. Thank-you notes were never forgotten and new schedules always arrived on time.

Dena, we officials are definitely going to miss your great organizational skills at meets, your kind words and your great smile. We know you are not leaving track for good. Remember you are always welcome as a member of our group.

For the full article on the Stanford web site, go to www.gostanford.com.

PA/USATF Officials Were Busy

A quick count of the USATF Pacific Association Officials listed in the 2005 CIF State Meet program shows that 67 of our members were active in one way or another at the meet.

At the NCAA meet in Sacramento, Hume distributed 55 new Officials ID badges (10 Association, 25 National and 20 Master). We seem to have been well represented.

Keep up the good work, group. High school and college athletes need our support!!!

It's New Track Time

Rick Milam and Willie Harmatz are daily jumping up and down with joy as they watch the Los Gatos High School track being renovated and updated. The new improved facility will be a 400 meter oval and all of the field event venues will be improved. The Los Gatos community through individual donations has paid for this project. "Keep up the good



CIF Shot Put crew of Nicole Thompson (FieldLynx) in front and Jose Gallo, Gail Wetzork, Bob Thompson, Steve Green, Dennis Shannon and Mike Sullivan in back.

work guys!!!"

By the start of the 2006 track season, The College of San Mateo will finally have a new 400 meter track after two years in the making. The entire athletic complex on the hilltop has been renovated with artificial playing surfaces installed for both baseball and football. Coach **Joe Mangan** is looking forward to hosting the JC NorCal trials in the spring.

Coach **Rich Wheeler** of Mills High School in Millbrae reports they are almost ready to begin construction on their new track, and football, soccer, lacrosse field.

Look Out! Here Come Track & Field and Cross Country Meets Looking For Officials

- The 26th Annual Los Gatos Summer All Comers Track Meets start Thursday, July 7th and will go for seven Thursdays in a row. Field events begin at 5:30 PM, running events start at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$4.00 per athlete for unlimited events. This is a Pacific Association USATF sanctioned event. FinishLynx timing will be used. For more information contact

Willie Harmatz at 408-206-9973.

Officials wishing to become starters or just to up-grade their starting skills are encouraged to take part in these meets. **Gerry Collet** will be directing the instruction.

Joy Margerum and **Rick Milam** will be hosting the Pacific Association Masters Championships at Los Gatos High School on Saturday, July 16th. This meet needs officials. This is another meet where there are good learning opportunities for new officials or

senior officials wishing to learn a new event. Contact **Rick Milam** at 408-241-6578 for more details.

- Coach **Harry Marra** is again hosting a Summer All Comers program at Atascadero High School. For more details contact Harry at 805-462-0309.
- The University of San Francisco will host its first cross country invitational on Saturday, September 3, 2005 in Golden Gate Park. The first race is at 9:15 AM. USF is looking forward to hosting at least one invitational track meet in 2006 at Kezar Stadium in the Park. Officials are encouraged to make contact with coach **Helen Lehman Winters** to give officiating assistance: 415-422-6026.
- The Stanford Invitational Cross Country Championships will be run on the Stanford Golf course all day on Saturday, September 24th.
- On Saturday, November 12th, Stanford will be host to

the NCAA Western Regional Cross Country Championships on the golf course. Specific starting times are to be announced.

- On the same day that the Western Regional Cross Country Championships hold two races, The Central Coast Section Cross Country Championship races will be contested on Belmont's Crystal Springs Course. These ten races host close to 1,000 athletes and help is needed. If you are interested in assisting, contact **Jim Hume**, (650) 571-5913.

- Coach **Shantel Twiggs** of UNR is looking for officials for her indoor meets. Plan your trips to Reno for January

28th (1 day), February 3rd/4th (two days), and February 18th (1 day). Call her at (775) 7840-6900 Ext 239.

From:
Track and Field News, June, 2005, p. 39 On your Marks...In what was described as a budget-cutting move, The University of Utah has discontinued men's track and field and cross country. The university



Shirley Connors' long jump crew at the USATF meet in Carson.

said the decision was not related to Title IX, as it was compliant before the cut...

That *#@#! High School No Jewelry Rule

After several unpleasant experiences as a starter this year trying to enforce the National Federation of High Schools rule regarding jewelry, I asked veteran starter **Bob Hughey** to write an article for the newsletter regarding the subject:

No Jewelry is a thorn in everyone's side...By Bob Hughey

National Federation High School **Rule 4-3-4** has been in effect for three years and is one of the most controversial rules in our sport. High school administrators and track coaches have not been willing to take responsibility for the enforcing this rule.

Recently, I have had coaches as well as parents climb

all over me, for disqualifying an athlete from an event due to wearing jewelry. At the time I felt more like a policeman than a starter.

It appears that the rule is not being enforced the same at all meets. I get the same stories, "I didn't have to take off jewelry at the last meet." or, "They let me put tape over it." or worse, no action was taken at all. This inconsistency is very confusing to the athletes and their parents.

The problem can't be blamed entirely on schools and coaches, but also

on officials working the meet.

As officials we need to ensure that the rules are carried out in a consistent manner, both in the running and in the field events.

Athletes should be disqualified from an event if they come to the event with jewelry on. They should not be told to take it off and then be allowed to participate. This means that athletes are not being told to take off all jewelry at check in time.

(Hume's note: I disagree that an athlete should be disqualified for simply showing up at an event with jewelry. I do agree with Bob's comment in his last paragraph that, "Clerks, the meet referee, starters and field event judges, etc., **must still do preventive officiating** and check all athletes before they compete. However, **if an athlete competes while wearing an illegal uniform, other apparel or jewelry...he/she is subject to disqualification.**" This approach is consistent with the philosophy used at the CIF State meet in Sacramento.)

As officials we need to be consistent in enforcing this rule, your help is need.

Below find a list of guidelines as published by the National Federation of High Schools.

Introduction: Track and Field and Cross Country athletes are prohibited from competing while wearing any jewelry. [Rule 4-3-4 p.26 (Track & Field), 9-6-7 p. 72 (Cross Country), NFHS 2005 Rule Book] The only exceptions to this rule are religious medals and watches. While not inclusive, the following are some examples of allowed vs. prohibited items.



Sean Laughlin and how many computers does it take to get information onto the jumbo display board at Stanford? Answer...five, but why is Sean scratching his head?

Legal Items:

- a. Watches (worn on the wrist)
- b. Religious medal – Medal must be taped to the body under the uniform (no chains allowed).
- c. Medical alert bracelet – Taped to the wrist with face plate showing
- d. Insulin pump – If approved by the MSHSL.
- e. Heart monitor – Only with the physician's statement documenting the need (shown to the meet referee).
- f. Atomizer – Only with physician' statement

documenting the need (shown to the meet referee).
g. Glasses
h. Rubber bands or elastic bands to control the hair – Even if the elastic band has a small piece of metal.

i. A scrunchie or a ribbon to

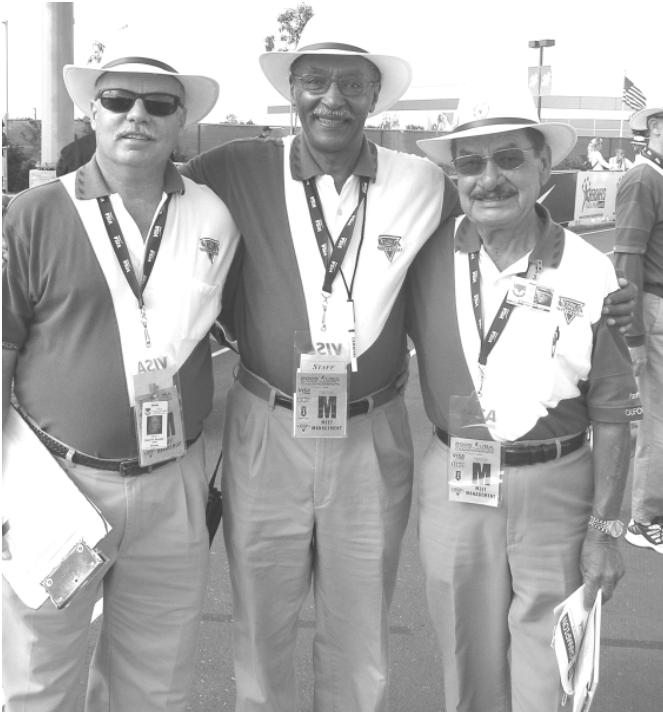
- control hair – maximum of two ribbons in total hair.
- j. A cast or brace – Unless on the throwing hand.
- k. Tattoo – Unless objectionable.
- l. Regulation headband or knit cap – Must be unadorned except for school name, school nickname or school mascot. (Hume's note...In the Central Coast Section, caps are unacceptable.)
- m. Regulation "sweat band" for the head or wrist when needed- Must be unadorned except for school name, school nickname or school mascot.
- n. An American flag not to exceed 2X3 inches.
- o. One manufacturer's logo/trademark is permitted on each piece of apparel which does not exceed 2 1/4 square inches and may not exceed 2 1/4 inches in any dimension.

Illegal Items

- a. Cloth/yarn/hemp/etc., bracelets
- b. Rubber band(s) on wrist /ankles.
- c. Earrings – even if covered with tape.
- d. Rings or any other jewelry (i.e., navel rings, tongue rings, eye brow rings and other pierced body parts).
- e. Barrettes or bobby pins/beads/etc.
- f. Face/body paint and/or stickers.

- g. Glitter
- h. Baseball hats, scarves, bandannas, do-rags, etc.
- i. Pins, except to hold on competitive numbers.
- j. Ribbons, pins, etc., attached to shoes/shoelaces (except: computer chips)

Clerks, the meet referee, starters and field event judges, etc., must still do preventive officiating and check all athletes before they compete. However, if an athlete competes while wearing an illegal uniform/other apparel, jewelry, and/or illegal items/equipment, he/she is subject to disqualification.



USATF Clerks Dan Reynolds, Mr. Unknown, and Rich Cabral didn't seem to have enough to do at the meet.

Stanford Clinches Directors' Cup For The 11th Consecutive Year...June 22, 2005

Stanford, Calif. With a pair of NCAA Team Championships this year and only baseball remaining, Stanford captured the NCAA Division I Sports Academy Directors' Cup for the 11th consecutive time. The award is presented annually by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA), United States Sports Academy and *USA Today* to the best overall collegiate athletics program in the country.

"We are extremely pleased that the student-athletes who competed for Stanford this past season were able to continue our tradition in the Directors' Cup," said Stanford Athletic Director Ted Leland. "We are proud of the accomplishments of all of our teams across the board."

...Although the Division I race will not officially conclude until the conclusion of the NCAA College World Series, Stanford has already clinched the Sports Academy Directors' Cup.

The Cardinal currently have a total of 1,209.25 points

surpassing runner-up UCLA by 135.25 points. Stanford won its 11th straight Directors' Cup with national championships in women's volleyball and women's tennis and runner-up finishes in men's and women's water polo and men's swimming.

Another nine Stanford teams placed in the top 10 at NCAA Championships, including: women's cross country (5th), Women's basketball (5th), women's swimming (5th), women's outdoor track and field (5th), men's cross country (6th), men's gymnastics (7th), men's outdoor track and field (7th), women's indoor track (8th), and softball (9th). The Cardinal recorded points in the maximum of ten women's and 10 men's sports and averaged 60 points per sport.

Developed as a joint effort between *USA Today* and NACDA, the United States Sports Academy Directors' Cup program is the only all-sports competition that recognizes the institution in each of the four categories with best overall athletics program.

While Stanford won the Sports Academy Directors' Cup for NCAA Division I competition, the 2004-05 winners in the other categories are: Division II – **Grand Valley State University** (Mich.); Division III – **Williams College** (Mass.); and NAIA – **Azusa Pacific University** (Calif.).

Final standings will be published on June 29, following the conclusion of the College World Series.

Stanford captured the overall Directors' Cup title, with Texas taking second and UCLA third. For a complete look at the standings, visit www.nacda.com.



CIF officials Randy Brown, Teddy Hayes and John Lipsey look well fed before their work begins.

Cal Bear Athletics

Cal Places 15th in Directors' Cup Standings. Bears earn fifth Top 15 finish in last six years.

June 29, 2005, Berkeley...On the strength of an NCAA championship in women's crew and top 5 finishes by men's gymnastics, women's golf and men's swimming, California placed 15th in the annual Directors' Cup standings – the fifth time in the past six years the Golden Bears have finished in the top 15.

In addition to women's crew, Cal placed fourth in

men's swimming and fifth in both women's golf and men's gymnastics. Other Top 10 standings came in softball (7th), women's swimming (8th), football (9th) and women's tennis (9th).

Because rugby and men's crew are not NCAA-sponsored sports, the Bears do not receive points for either the national rugby title or the third-place finish in the men's varsity eight.

Federal Income Tax Considerations For Officials

By Rich Schornstein, Ozark Association, used with the editors permission.,.

Some, but not all of our USATF Track and Field Officials are aware that federal tax law may permit deductions for expenses associated with volunteer officiating for qualified organizations. Here's a brief overview to help determine if there's a little relief from the taxman.

Who Can Benefit?

If you meet certain criteria, expenses associated with officiating duties may qualify as a deductible charitable contribution, claimed on Schedule A (Itemized Deductions) of your federal return.

- So if you file Form 1040 and if your total itemized deductions are near or above the standard deduction amount, there may be good news for you.
- But, if your total itemized deductions do not exceed the standard deduction for your filing status, then you should of course take the standard deduction. And the officiating expenses will not help reduce your taxes this year.

What Officiating Work Might Qualify?

"A charitable contribution is a donation or gift to, or for the use of, a qualified organization. It is voluntary and made without getting, or expecting to get, anything of equal value." Therefore, service as a volunteer official for athletic competition conducted by most non-profit schools, colleges or universities, or USA Track and field (a

qualified organization) would meet the criteria. (IRS Publication 78 lists all qualified organizations.)

What Expenses Might Qualify?

Out-of-pocket expenses may be deductible when you serve a qualified organization as a volunteer. The amounts must be: un-reimbursed; directly connected with the service; expenses you had only because of the service you gave; and not personal, living or family expenses. The amount must be reduced by the value of any benefit you received from the organization.

For USATF officials, these may include expenses incurred for the following:

- Travel while away from home performing the volunteer service. You must perform the volunteer duty in a genuine and substantial sense throughout the trip; if you perform only nominal duties or no duties for a significant part of the trip, you cannot deduct the expenses of the trip. Allowable expenses include:

- Automobile cost directly related to the use of your car in getting to and from a competition. Deduct either actual gas and oil expenses or use the standard rate of 14 cents per mile; also parking fees and tolls.
- Meals which you eat while you perform the volunteer services, if it is necessary for you to be away from home overnight while performing the service.
- Lodging, air, rail and bus transportation
- Taxi/shuttle fare for travel between airport or station and the hotel
- Dues paid to the USATF and Official's Association
- Rule books and specialized equipment not suitable for other everyday use (for example, field implement weights and measures equipment, pole vault crossbar lifters, starter's pistol, ammunition, and orange sleeve; etc.)
- Convention expenses; un-reimbursed travel,



Chester Bradley (Coordinator of one of the combined event competitions, **Jeannie White** (clerk), **Bob Hughey** (clerk this time not starter) and **Dan Reynolds** (clerk) model the latest in rain gear, not that you need such in Sacramento in June.

transportation, and reasonable meals and lodging expenses while you are away from home overnight in connection with the convention – if you are a chosen representative attending USATF convention (simply attending as member does not qualify)

What Expenses Do Not Qualify?

- The value of your own time or services
- The cost and upkeep of uniforms – because all of our uniform items, despite the USATF logo, are likely to be considered suitable for away from competition venues, they probably don't meet the IRS criteria of "...not suitable for everyday use..."
- The cost of meals while performing volunteer service, if not away from home overnight
- Equipment which has other everyday uses; for example clipboards, folding chairs, tape measures, adhesive tape, etc.

What if I Receive Some Payment for My Services?

- If you receive a daily allowance or per diem to cover reasonable travel expenses (including meals and lodging while away from home overnight, then you:
- May deduct the necessary travel expenses that are more than the allowance
- Must report as income the amount of the allowance that is more than your travel expenses

How Do I Claim These Deductible Expenses?

Enter your total out of pocket charitable expenses on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions, in the "Gifts to Charity" section, on the line for "Gifts by cash or check." Keep

People of some note seen at track meets lately...



Ah, the loneliness of the lonesome Marshall Bill Hawkes.



Weights and Measure guys Phil Watkins and Mike Sullivan are hidden away and seldom hear an encouraging word.



Hal Harkness, the chief of CIF track, shares his wisdom.

detailed records on every meet name and sponsoring organization, date, location assignment, and mileage; and expenses for mileage, parking, tolls, air/rail/bus/taxi/travel lodging, and meals. Also keep meet assignments sheets, invitations or selections for meets and conventions. If expenses for any one item or event are \$250 or more, you'll need a written statement from the recipient organization (See Pub 526). Charitable contributions may be limited for some individuals. See Form 1040 instructions.

Final Thoughts

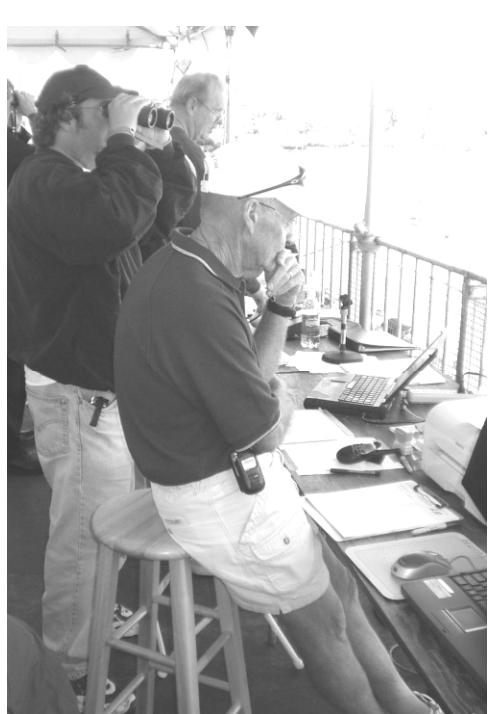
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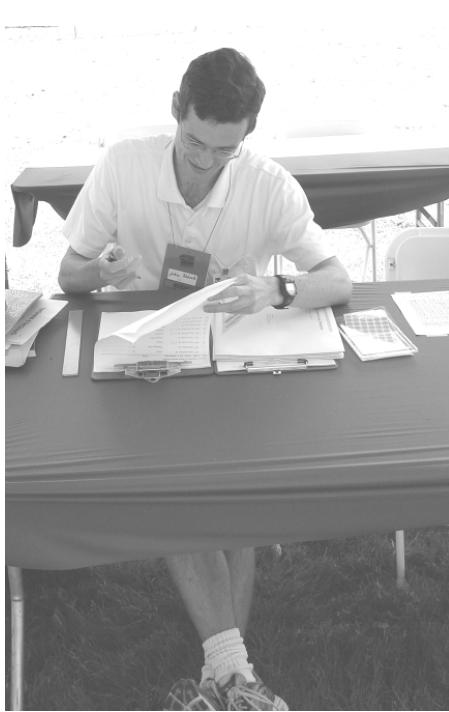
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Downloads or to order copies of IRS materials. The following are of particular use for this topic:

- Publication 526, Charitable Contributions Form 1040 Forms and Instruction booklet Publication 17, Your Federal Income Tax



Bob Rush, with spotter **Mark Foyer**, intently watch the action at the Big Meet.



John (JR) Heberle is a Newbie official, a grad student in engineering at Stanford, and was quite active this last season. Here he checks in athletes at the NCAA Nationals.



Starters **Joe Harper** and **Tiffany Banks** sure made lots of meets this year...CIF, NCAA and the fun and games at UC Davis. Having some spare time...Tiffany also had a baby.

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One of the nice perks from the CIF (California State High School) T&F Championship Meet is this group picture of all of the officials. Thanks go to **Tom Crumpacker** and **Peter Sawyer**, the Meet Directors, for good thinking!



Could it be that CIF officials **Barbara Hart, Frank Hart, Pat Randell, Mike Sands, Rick Milam** and **Andy Anderson** are awaiting food? Or are they well fed?



Peter Jensen and **Rick Milam**, both the announcer types at the CIF meet, compare notes and culinary delight before the meet begins..



The Sierra High PalmPilot People at the CIF T&F Meet.
Back Row...**Jake Hurd** and **Juan Casteneda**
Front Row...**Jimmy Elam**, **Stefhani Jimenez**, **Cherise McNair**, **Lisa Shrock** and **Alexis Snyder**



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