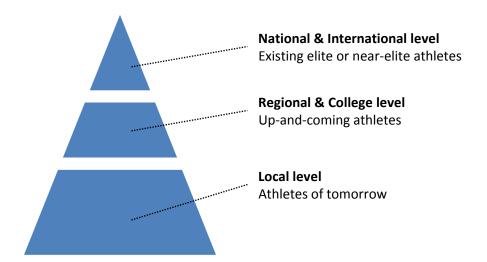
Strategic Plan to Improve Elite US Racewalking

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1. Provide the support needed to develop athletes at all levels



At each level, the problems are

- attracting athletes
- providing appropriate coaching
- getting an athlete to commit to necessary level of training
- retaining athletes
- providing a sufficient number of skilled judges
- providing appropriate events at appropriate times
- 2. Provide and publish a clear tactical plan to accomplish this strategic plan (with or without financial help from USATF)
- 3. Involve everyone to define and implement the tactical plan (including but not limited to the executive committee, national committee, associations, clubs, athletes, athlete's parents/spouses, past athletes, masters athletes, coaches, event organizers, judges and interested people)
- 4. Communicate, communicate (destroy the notion of an in-crowd by making information available to everyone about what needs doing and about who is doing what -- about everything)
- 5. Measure/evaluate tactical efforts and adjust the tactical plan (as experience dictates and as additional ideas are suggested)

Tactical Plan: See <u>twincitiesracewalkers.org/ideas</u> for the current state of a brainstorming session on ideas to improve US racewalking. Ideas presented in this meeting will be added. There is still time for you to contribute.

Next Steps:

- 1. Edit and publish the tactical plan. (by end of January 2010)
- 2. Let people volunteer to work on implementing portions of the plan.

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