

## Officials

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### Officials Certification Fees for 2009-2012 Olympiad

\$30.00 fee for your 2009-2012 Official Certification coupled with maintaining your current USATF Membership will keep you listed as an active official in the Niagara Association. If you are not currently a member of USATF please consider joining for 4 years. It's the best deal and you won't have to bother to renew every year to keep your certification valid. If you are renewing, please consider renewing for 4 years. In addition to your payment, to complete the process please send the following to Jim Glinsky, Niagara Officials' chair:

1. A completed 2009-2012 Officials Database Form.
2. A Completed Rules Review for each dicipline in which you wish to be certified.
3. A listing of meets worked during the 2005-2008 Olympiad with your duties at each meet.

4. A digital head shot photo of yourself.

[Click Here for Database Form, Rules Reviews, and Rule Books](#)

2009 - 2012 Certification

Officials Certification \$30.00

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NIAGARA OFFICIALS IN ACTION

Jim Glinsky(R), Niagara Officials  
Chair, presents 2009 National  
Outstanding Official Awards to  
(L-R) Chuck VonHoltz, Perry  
Jenkins, and Kathy McLymond  
at the Niagara Association Annual  
Meeting, 13 September

NIAGARA OPEN Track & Field CHAMPIONSHIPS 18 JULY  
09

Lawrence Guilford, Umpire  
Bryan Kemmerer, Starter

Ed McCarthy, Throws  
Chris Snyder, High Jump

Kathy McLymond, Field Referee

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Officials Materials:

2009 USATF Competition Rules Book 2009\_usatf\_competition\_rules 2.41 Mb

2009-2012 Officials Database Form officials\_database\_form 76.07 Kb

5-Alive for Vertical Jumps Presentation 5-alive\_for\_vertical\_jumps 1020.58 Kb

2009 Starters Monograph 2009\_starters\_monograph 221.77 Kb

2009 Implement Inspector's Handbook 2009\_implement\_inspectors\_handbook 2.52 Mb

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Meets Needing Officials:

MAC Championships, Buffalo, NY, 13-15 May 2010 officials\_app\_for\_mac\_champs\_may\_10 271.89 Kb

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## Certification Levels:

As an official gains experience, exposure to correct officiating practices, and additional training, USATF recognizes this skill development through progressive levels of certification: Association to National to Master.

### Association Level Official

To become an Association level official, an individual is expected to attend a training clinic, satisfactorily complete an open book examination on the rules of all aspects of the sport, and submit a completed certification form to the Niagara Certification Chair.

### National Level Official

After serving as an Association level official (preferably for at least two years), an official seeking the National level must submit a resume listing meets at which he or she has officiated during the prior two (2) years, indicate any clinic(s) they have attended during this period, and meet any Association-specific requirements for attaining National level certification. A National level official should be able to head up an event at a major meet in an Association and work as an official at national championships.

### Master Level Official

Master level certification is reserved for a limited number of the most outstanding officials who have achieved mastery in a specific area of officiating. Through years of experience, demonstrated competency, and a commitment to high-quality objective officiating, these officials have developed the skills necessary to serve in a leadership role in their area of specialization at a major national or international competition. To be considered for this high level official, a candidate must provide two (2) written recommendations outlining their qualifications, one from a current Master level official and one from a meet director or coach. Additionally, a candidate must present a resume listing meets in which he or she has officiated during the prior two years and indicate any clinic(s) they have attended during this period. Prior to submitting an application, a candidate must have a minimum of three (3) years experience at the National level. A Master candidate will be required to indicate his or her area of mastery from the following categories of officiating:

Starting

Track Events

Vertical Jumps

Horizontal Jumps

Throws

Combined Events

Long Distance Running

Race Walking

A Master level official should serve in a leadership role to develop other officials in his or her area of expertise. He or she should be able to be a lead official at a national championship.

### Master Referee

The Master level certification as a referee is reserved for a very small number of outstanding officials who have demonstrated their ability and competence as lead officials and who have a great deal of technical and practical knowledge of the rules. To be

considered for this level, a candidate must (1) take an open-book test on the rules of USATF, the NCAA, and high schools, particularly where they differ significantly from USATF rules; (2) have a minimum of three (3) years experience as a referee in the discipline in which a candidate seeks to be upgraded; (3) have two (2) written letters of recommendation, one from a meet director and one from his/her certification chair, NTO, ATO or ITO; (3) have a resume from the last three (3) years showing assignments as a National level referee. Here are five (5) discipline areas for certification:

Track Referee

Field Referee

Combined Events Referee

Race Walking Referee

Long Distance Running Referee (includes Cross Country)

### National Technical Official

This is an IAAF level of certification that was added in 2002. It is reserved for Master Level Referees who want to become internationally certified to work international meets in the United States. It is the first step in IAAF certification. To be considered, a candidate must be a Master Referee in at least two (2) of the five (5) disciplines (see above) for a minimum

of three (3) years in each discipline.

Each certification level is subject to review each Olympiad. Officials inactive or minimally active during the previous Olympiad may have a

specific skill area or their entire certification level reduced by one level.

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#### Officials Shirts:

#### USATF Certified Official Moisture Management Short Sleeve Polo Shirt

Short sleeve three button blue with red panels moisture management short sleeve polo is comfortable all day under any conditions. This 100% polyester and moisture management shirt displays USATF Certified Official embroidered on the upper left in blue and white. These shirts are pre-purchased and provided as a service and convenience for Niagara Association Certified Officials only. Officials from other USATF Associations can order shirts at the USATF Officials' website.

\$45.00 for small, medium, large, and x-large

\$50.00 for xx-large

all prices include shipping and handling

#### Sizes

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Medium \$45.00

Large \$45.00

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