

2018 USATF MTF Rankings Report

USATF MTF Rankings History

USATF MTF Rankings started with a group of people compiling lists using index cards. This transitioned over the years to eventually becoming lists on a website which were compiled by a couple of people (one who developed a program to partially facilitate compilation) plus some additional volunteers. USATF MTF provided a stipend to the compiler in exchange for annual Indoor and Outdoor Top 25 delivered to National Masters News (NMN) for publication.

The website hosting the rankings and compilation process radically changed by the beginning of the 2006 – 2007 Indoor Season. The website included all known legitimate performances and athletes were able to submit their results which were instantly listed. The revolutionary changes were very popular with athletes.

Compiling 2018 Rankings

This committee elected to continue what has been previously done and compile Top 25 Indoor and Outdoor Rankings for publication in NMN. This committee asked MastersRankings.com, Inc. (MR) to provide these lists because replicating MR's lists would be very costly and probably not the same quality. MR compiles results from meets throughout the year then takes a few weeks to final check lists for errors, duplicates and eligible performances. Indoor Top 25 Rankings were provided to National Masters News on May 3, 2018. MR is targeting to have Outdoor rankings to NMN by the end of February. Year to date numbers are later in this report.

2017 Rankings

Throughout the year, MR searches for meet results to insert and continually reviews lists for accuracy. MR allows athlete entries for one month after the end of a season. The following month is spent checking whether there are any more available meet results plus final accuracy checks then sends finished, checked Top 25 Rankings to National Masters News. Final 2017 numbers are later in this report. The Final Top 25 Outdoor Rankings were provided to National Masters News on March 6, 2018.

2018 Spending

Recipient	Cost	Purpose
MastersRankings.com, Inc.	\$10,000.00	Service to compile Top 25 rankings
Chair	\$0.00	

This committee believes that MastersRankings.com, Inc. is invaluable to USATF MTF and therefore committed 100% of our budget to them.

Numbers and Trends

MR has strived to increase listed athletes, listed meets and participation. MR uses metrics to track list status and take action and / or make changes to improve same. For example, athlete submissions, which are used to identify meets contested and where to find results, are down so MR has developed more relationships with meet organizers and is finding meets historically run to offset. The tactics MR has employed are clearly working.

MR has executed a plan that has reaped significant results. The chart below is a comparison of rankings numbers before MR's plan (2006), effects of plan (2015), effects of fewer athlete submissions (2016) and results of MR's plan for overcoming fewer athlete submissions (2017 – present). The Year to Date figures for this year are much higher than last.

Item	2006	2015	2016	2017	2017 YTD	2018 YTD
Listed Athletes	4,315	11,360	8,987	12,656	9,533	12,166
Total Performances	14,406	52,578	44,349	51,194	42,025	45,415
Top 25 Performances	6,944	14,944	14,103	14,971	14,211	14,985
Imported Meets	Unknown	704	670	707	497	557
Meets Represented	630	1,894	1,833	1,691	1,330	1,446

2019 Plans

Our committee plans on continuing the successful practice of engaging MastersRankings.com, Inc. to compile our Top 25 lists. The fair market value of their services is much higher than our budget. The lists they maintain above what they compile for us, which they strive to keep updated throughout the year, increase interest, awareness and participation in ways that cannot be measured.

Respectfully submitted by:

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Rankings Subcommittee Members which is unchanged from last year.

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