

2018 Masters Track & Field West Region Report

There are 8 Associations within the West Region, the following held Masters Track & Field Championships in 2018:

The Southern California Masters Championships were held on June 16th at West Los Angeles College. The Jane's racing elite team of Tania Fischer, Kathleen Cushing-Murray, Kristin Leetch, and Judy Stobbe broke the Women's 50-59 4x800 relay record, running 10:26.85, narrowly missing the World Record by 4 seconds.

The Pacific Association held their Masters Championships at the College of San Mateo, the Pacific Association Championship (PAC), on Saturday/Sunday, June 9-10, combining Open & Masters athletes. The Meet was well-attended, it had approximately 380 Individual athlete event entries.

The New Mexico Association held the New Mexico Games on June 23, 2018, sparsely attended, it appeared to have approximately 15-20 Masters athletes competing.

Central California did not hold a Masters Association Championships.

San Diego/Imperial held their Championships on Sunday, June 17th, at University High School. They had 105 individual Masters Event entries.

Arizona hosted two Championships, one on Saturday February 17, the 27th Annual Arizona Indoor Classic & Arizona Association Indoor Championships at Mountain Pointe HS, one on May 20-21, at Mesa Community College, both combined Youth, Open, & Masters Divisions.

The Nevada Association had to cancel the USATF Nevada Track & Field Association Championships on June 8-10, 2018, due to the track renovations at UNLV.

The Hawaii Association held their Championships on July 7. They combine Youth, Open, & Masters and this Meet is primarily a Youth Meet. They typically get ten to fifteen Masters athletes competing at this Meet, a rather small turnout. This year they had 30 Individual Masters event entries.

The 2018 USATF Masters West Region Track & Field Championships were held again at West LA College, and more than 10 Region Records were broken. The most significant were two World Age Group Records. The first by the SoCal Track Clubs Men's 70-79 4x800 Relay Team, comprised of Fred Lindsley, Grady Cash, Salih Talib, and Tim Wigger. They ran 11.03.46, 12 seconds under the prior record. The second World Record was the W60-64 Mile Record, set by visiting athlete Lesley Hinz in 5:39.84. Lesley also set the American Record in the W60 800M, posting a time of 2:34.60. Her teammate, Sue McDonald set the W55 800M American Record in 2:28.88. This Venue once again yielded several Records with great competition.

Respectfully Submitted,
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