

2019 Annual Report for USATF Masters Track & Field Northwest Region

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2019 saw fewer Masters meets contested than normal this past year in the Northwest Region. This is primarily due to the Hayward Meet in Eugene didn't have their meet because Hayward Field was being renovated for the World Championships.

Most of our Masters meets happen on the I-5 corridor. Seattle, Portland and Eugene. Many attempts to have it in other parts of the region in the past have had very poor participation.

Our 2019 Region meet was held in Seattle on August 10th. This was primarily due to conflicts in July with our national and NCC-WMA meet in Toronto during the month of July. Also, the Washington Senior Games meet and the lack of officials because the region Junior Olympics was in Seattle in July.

This is the first time we had the region meet in August and it proved to be a great success. We more than double our entries for 68 in 2018 to 141 in 2019. We believe this is because there are very few Masters meets after July and there is a pent-up demand for meets after July. We plan on trying to have the region meet in August again in 2021. We are skipping 2020 in August because we are holding the two day USA National Masters Throws meet in Seattle on August 22nd and 23rd.

We will be holding our Northwest region outdoor track & field championships in Seattle on July 18th 2020.

Also, The Patti Petesch Seattle Parks Masters meet will be held on June 13th, 2020. Portland Masters should be holding their annual Masters meet again toward the end of June.

We still haven't been able to secure a venue for a region indoor facility for a northwest region indoor championship. We are looking forward hopefully being able to have the use of the new Spokane Sportplex indoor facility which should be completed in 2021.

The following recent report from Cherie Gwinn of the Spokane sports Commission shows the meets booked for Spokane and being submitted For the new indoor Sportplex.

We think this facility and the new Hayward Stadium will be a big draw for many big meets in the Northwest region.

Cherie's report 10/10/2019

update on upcoming track & field events:

2021 NCCMA Outdoor Track & Field Championships- had a site visit with the committee in September and won the event.

2022 USATF Indoor Track & Field Championships- submitted a bid to USATF to host 2021. Will be in Reno to present.

2023 WMA Indoor Track & Field Championships- submitting bid Oct. 31. Presenting at General Assembly in Toronto at WMA Outdoors.

Also, submitting bids to host NJCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships, NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships.

So, in short the building is expected to be complete by Summer 2021. Soft opening Fall of 2021 (run local track events) and fully operational by January 2022.

With that being said, we will definitely need the help of your association for officials, expertise, and equipment.

The Northwest Masters region (Seattle Masters Athletic Club) will be supplying most of the implements for many of these meets.

The following is a listing of how the 2019 Northwest Masters Track & Field budget was expended

Travel	\$2,070
Equipment	\$2,197
Services	\$1,893
Total	\$6,160

Submitted by George Mathews 10/14/19