

MTF Team Manager 2019 Annual Report

World Masters Athletics Championship - Indoor, Torun, Poland , March 24-30, 2019

The USATF team had 219 athletes entered and 178 competed. The events were generally well run. We did well, we earned 62 Gold, 48 Silver, and 49 Bronze medals, we placed second behind Germany in the gold medal count and third in the total medal count, with Germany and Great Britain & Northern Ireland ahead of us. In the 4x200 relays, the W80 team set a new world record and the W35, W40 and W45 teams set American Records and our teams earned 5 Gold, 3 Silver and one Bronze medals. One USA athlete had a severe heart attack, fortunately with quick and excellent medical care he made a full recovery.

NCC WMA Regional Championship, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, July 18-21, 2019

The USATF team dominated this event as we had the largest team entered, had several events where we won all three medals, In the relays, we earned 33 Gold medals and 2 Silver. Unfortunately we had one team DQed for using a substituted who was not on the declaration (they didn't contact the Team Management Staff when they realized they were short a runner).

The competition was generally well organized, there were some issues with athletes not declaring. The competition was delayed during a thunderstorm and the TIC / clerking / warmup area became too full and people were held outside. Events were held in two stadiums, with one serving as the main (and only) stadium on the first two days and the other on the second two days; the second stadium lacked proper warm-up areas. Due to the short duration of the meet, the relay selection process was rushed, in the end there were few issues.

Future WMA Championships:

2020 Outdoors - Toronto, Canada, July 20 to August 1

2021 Indoors – Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, April 6 – 12

2022 Outdoors – Gothenburg, Sweden, August 16 - 28