

## USATF MASTERS TRACK AND FIELD RECORDS GUIDELINES

No record shall be accepted unless it is set in a competition held in compliance with the rules (Rule 262.3(a))

The competition must be properly sanctioned by USATF. Sanctioned events can found or confirmed in the events section of USATF Connect. (Some college competitions may be eligible without a USATF Sanction if certain criteria are met. See application forms for details.)

The most current record application forms must be used. Follow instructions on each form to complete all applicable sections. Complete forms legibly and include appropriate signatures. Incomplete applications will not be processed.

Athletes, Coaches, Officials, and Meet Directors should be familiar with the current application forms and carry current copies with them.

All signing Officials must be currently USATF Certified and in good standing. A minimum of three currently certified USATF Officials in good standing are required to be present for a record to be valid.

For track events up to and including the 800m, the appropriate FAT system must be used. The FAT Zero Control Test (ZCT) Image, accurate to at least 0.001, must be included with the application. The Photo Finish image must be included with the application.

If an FAT system is used for races longer than 800m, the FAT Zero Control Test (ZCT) Image, accurate to at least 0.001, must be included with the application. The Photo Finish Image must be included with the application. If hand timing is used, all appropriate signatures and documents must be submitted. Lap times must be included for races 3000m and longer.

For field events, copies of the field event sheets must be included.

For field events, all distances or heights must be verified using a certified steel tape, bar graduated in centimeters, or by an approved scientific apparatus by three currently Certified USATF Officials in good standing.

All implements must be properly inspected and the currently USATF Certified Implement Inspector must complete the implement section and sign.

The Surveyor Section must be completed by one of the currently certified USATF Officials at the event. A currently Certified USATF Official that is present must indicate on the application by checking whether cones or a raised border was used, must list the length of one lap, must print their name, sign, and list their current USATF Officials Certification #. The official can get verification about the track's compliance from the Facility Manager, Athletic Director, Coach, etc. The official may also make the measurements themselves. Reports from licensed surveyors, contractors or other outside organizations are not required.

If a wind gauge reading is required, the appropriate currently Certified USATF Official must list the reading and print and sign their name.

A copy of a birth certificate (preferred - required by WMA) or a passport must be provided as proof of age.

The USATF Application and supplemental material is all that is required for submission to WMA for WMA Age Group Records.

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