

MTF Exec Committee Conf. Call 27Sep19

Agenda

A Athlete Services Fee

C SafeSport/Background Check

B Housing Arrangements

D Medical Services Program

Previously sent by email by Chair Rex Harvey was a preliminary document describing a medical services program for Toronto 2020. Members were asked to read it prior to the meeting and be prepared to make comments and suggestions so that the plan could be finalized before the registration opens about mid-Oct, 2019.

Attendees

Rex Harvey MTF Comm Chair

Jerry Bookin-Weiner MTF Vice Chair

Amanda Scotti MTF Secretary

Robert Thomas MTF Midwest Regions Masters Chair

Steve Cohen Anti Drug/Substance Abuse Subcomm Chair

Lester Mount MTF SW Region Masters Chair

Cristel Donley MTF Mid Amer. Region Masters Chair (stand-in)

Mike Travers East Region Masters Chair

Latashia Key Active Athlete Representative

Bob Weiner Exec Comm Chair Appointee

Meeting called to order at 9:08pm EDT by Rex Harvey who turned the meeting over to Jerry Bookin-Weiner to present the pressing issues that need to be finalized prior to the WMA Championships registration opening up.

Registration Charge USA MTF is proposing adding a \$10 charge to the WMA entry for US athletes to cover items our budget will not. The money will be used for things that directly benefit the athletes such as the two athlete parties. The projected number of 1400-2000 US athletes should provide enough funds for this. Rex asked for any objections, there were none, so this will be added to the registration. This information will be shared via MTF's social media accounts.

Medical Personnel Rex detailed the plans/arrangements for the projected team of 16 medical (trainers, massage therapists, chiropractors, and a doctor) personnel we want to have for the US team. Robert Thomas has made at the Homewood Suites for the above, three per room, which works out to \$70 per person, per night. Breakfast is included. The facility is a 20 min walk to the subway but they will also have three vans.

The US Team Management personnel will be housed at the Residence Inn, an eight min walk to the train station. Additional Housing info will get out on social media and in the MTF newsletter.

Medical Services Arrangements There was discussion over whether a fee for medical services should be mandatory, it was decided that voluntary was best. There was discussion over whether the proposed charges (see email copy below) are reasonable. It was decided that they are. It was discussed that tipping should be highly stressed and that if someone declines to sign up for services, they will not receive any, even if injured. There cannot be any purchasing at the meet as USATF will not allow any funds-handling. The scheduling was changed by vote from 15 to 20 minute session. It was decided to add a 24-session option as some athletes, for example, Combined Events athletes may need that many. Procedures for scheduling will be thoroughly described to the medical personnel and will be in writing. This program may cost around \$50,000, but the final amounts and the number of personnel will be finalized after registration closes. The registration process will require the athlete to purchase or decline. It may be possible to add this after registering by adjusting registration but this must be done before registration closes. WMA has no early/late registration deadlines.

There was discussion regarding the proposed circumstance of a likely multi-medal winner needing aid that had not purchased session. Should they be accommodated? It was decided to allow a little leeway for the team managers and Exec. Committee members to help out in an extraordinary circumstance only. This assistance would require approval by a small panel. It needs to be made very clear to the athletes that they are "on their own" if they opt not to purchase this service. It is unclear what will be available at the venue outside of what we provide. The Executive Committee accepted the proposed plan and approved its inclusion on the WMA registration.

Safesport, Background Checks The question was posed, "Should this be a requirement for all MTF administrative personnel?" Chair Rex Harvey feels it should be. Steve Cohen had spoken with USATF legal department and added that it appears USATF Officers, Administrators, Executive Committees members, Committee Chairs, Subcommittee Chairs, and perhaps committee members must be Safesport qualified. He was unsure whether that also included background checks.

Operating Procedures Changes. Small changes are being proposed to the MTF Operating Procedures prior to the Annual Meeting, including:
Changing the Active Athlete Representative term to two years and defining the responsibilities of the position and in the procedures for the allocation of WMA delegates between MTF and MLDR. The proposed new procedures would consider the numbers of events and entries of each.

Robert Thomas asked whether we can compel LDR to kick in for costs of trainers, medical team expenses, etc, saying that if LDR has 40% representation, they should kick in for 40% of the cost of these things. It was pointed out that with our new system of those who intend to use the services paying directly for them, this wouldn't matter. This topic may not belong in the operating procedures, as this is an agreement between the two committees.

There may be a change (increase) to the number of Masters Active Athletes allowed to vote at the Annual Meeting. The document defining the membership of the committee, it is not ours to change (L&L). To justify the increase in voting Masters Active Athletes it was pointed out that our (MTF) Championships have greater numbers competing than do other championships and this would give the athletes more of a voice. Also, many of the delegates are not active athletes.

Jerry Bookin-Weiner said that the Operating Procedures proposed revisions will be coming out next week by email to the committee and they need responses ASAP. The proposed changes need to be turned in 30-days prior to the Annual Meeting.

New Business At the end of this year's Annual Meeting Mike Travers will take over as MTF Treasurer. Rex Harvey asked that everyone get their Annual Reports in as soon as possible.

From 27 Sept. 2019 Email titled, Executive Committee Conf. Call. Sent by MTF Exec. Chair Rex Harvey:

Attached is a preliminary document describing a medical services program for Toronto 2020. Please read it before the meeting and be prepared to make comments and suggestions so we can finalize the plan before the registration opens about mid-Oct..

**2020 WMA World Championships in Toronto, Canada
Medical/Physiotherapy Services for Team USATF Athletes**

In order to provide medical/physiotherapy services for Team USATF athletes at the 2020 WMA Championships in Toronto, athletes must purchase a subscription to cover the costs of travel, housing, and meals for the physiotherapists. This is necessary because the anticipated number of athletes makes it impossible to pay for the needed large Medical Team out of the USATF Masters budget for 2020.

Subscriptions will cover a specified number of 15 minute appointments. **Those who do not subscribe cannot receive treatments from the Team USATF medical team;** they must seek treatment from those available to all athletes at the Championships on a paid fee for service basis.

Plans are to have Team USATF Masters medical staff at all venues and events where subscribed athletes are scheduled to compete.

Note that the subscription will only cover the costs for the medical team's travel, accommodation, and meals. They will be leaving their jobs and practices behind and will not be receiving any payment from USATF. Therefore, athletes should expect to give appropriate tips to their service provider for each appointment. If this is abused, then they simply will not come back to future Championships.

Athletes will purchase these services as an option offered during the registration process. Those buying the services will get a punchcard with their name and the purchased number of punch slots in their registration package when they pick it up from the Registration area. Only the subscriber can use the card. Cards are not transferable to anyone else.

Each member of the Medical Team will have a schedule of what location they will be at on each day. In addition, they will have the current day session schedule (and the next day's session schedule) posted on which athletes must sign up. This sign up can be done one competition day ahead or on the spot if there are session slots open. That way, each athlete can choose the Medical Team member they wish.

Athletes must be present at their session start, or else standbys will be serviced.

Remember to purchase the number of sessions that you think you will need for your normal competition plus any that you may need in case of minor injury. Also, some may want to schedule some double sessions (30 minutes). Note that, even with a minimal \$15-\$20 tip, these sessions are less than half of normal charges for such services at home.

Subscription Options

Number of 15 minute Appointments	Cost
3	\$60
6	\$110
12	\$195
