

2022 USATF MTF Records Report

Introduction

The current committee for USATF MTF Records was appointed at the end of March 2021. The committee consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and three members with as diverse a representation as possible. We quickly defined the committee's charge and purpose. The purpose of the committee is:

The Masters Records Subcommittee shall maintain and update age-group American Records for Masters Athletics. The Subcommittee shall periodically submit a report to the Executive Committee consisting of a list of records that are recommended for ratification.

Evaluating 2022 Record Applications

The committee has been hard at work evaluating record applications as they are submitted. We have been continually updating and refining our defined procedures and protocols for accomplishing this task. Our "Procedure Manual" has been updated to reflect the changes made this year and the updates made to the IT apparatus. We have been identifying common areas of concern and issues to be addressed and have adapted to improve clarity and compliance. This year's application forms (rev. 20220129) were posted in February and have been utilized since then, including a stand-alone Relay Application form which has proven to be useful. As we progressed through the year, we evaluated the process and application forms and found a few areas that could be improved. The committee approved some changes to the record application forms after input from many sources. The updated record application forms will be posted as soon as possible and distributed as widely as possible by the end of 2022. We have continued to work closely with John Seto and MastersRankings.com to adapt and refine the method of recording and presenting application statuses and reports for the executive committee. We have also approved the design of the digital certificate for athletes with approved record applications. IT support for creating and distributing digital certificates has been created. We have also continued to compile and present previous records in an effort to create a history of masters records.

Numbers

In the time period from the beginning of January 2022 to the creation of this report, the committee has processed 140 applications. 124 applications were approved, 9 were rejected, and 7 are awaiting further action. Excitedly, this includes several Masters Records set at elite competitions.

Budget

No budget was utilized in 2022. We do not expect a budget to be available for 2023.

Future

The MTF Records Committee has plans to formally adopt the revised version of the "Procedure Manual". We will also formally post and distribute the updated versions of the MTF Record Application Forms (rev. 20221109). We will also formalize the digital certificate template to be used and implement the IT to be utilized to distribute the digital certificates. Our goal is to begin distributing the digital certificates within the first quarter of 2023. We will continue to distribute, explain and advise as many sources as possible about the updated application forms, guidelines and procedures for MTF Records. We will continue to compile and present as complete a history of previous masters records as possible. All of these goals are intended to achieve consistency, clarity and transparency in regard to evaluating MTF record applications to improve the efficiency and validity of MTF Records.

Respectfully submitted by:

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