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Questions being asked and Answered!

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Several questions have been asked over the past week or so. I will try my best to provide the most complete answers possible.

Q: Is the information sheet on the USATF-Iowa website correct? It has Junior Olympics on it.

A: It was correct except for that part. The wording has been changed and the information sheet on the site is correct now.

USATF Iowa Meet

Q: Are participants going to be required to have a USATF membership?

A: Yes. This is the association championship meet and it is appropriate that they be members of the association to compete and medal.

Q: Is there a quick, easy sheet that tells me what to do to obtain membership and be eligible?

A: Yes

Things to know.....about your USATF membership

With the release of USATF Connect (the new USATF membership system) last year there are a few areas we thought would be helpful for everyone to know and understand with respect to your USATF membership:

Renewing your membership - if you have tried to renew your membership and run into issues you may still need to recover your old account - [click here](#) to "recover" your old account and then follow the prompts.

Date of Birth Verifications - there is a new process for submitting your date of birth verification documents. The new process is to upload the document to your USATF Connect account. Please note, it will take up to five days to process the verification so please plan accordingly. [Here is a helpful video](#) that shows exactly how to navigate to the document upload feature.

Club affiliation changes - we (USATF-Iowa) no longer have the ability to update club affiliations. Requests for club affiliation updates should be sent to membership@usatf.org for processing. Be sure to include the following:

- member name and date of birth,
- membership # (if available),
- the date you last competed for a club in a sanctioned event and the name of the club, and
- name of the club you would like to be affiliated with.

If additional assistance is needed for any of the above do not hesitate to email Jim Walczyk or Emily Hansen. (contact info is on the championship flyer)

Q: When is the deadline for registration?

A: The deadline is June 12. But, you can not get through the registration process without a valid membership (including birthdate verification) As mentioned above, the verification process could take up to 5 business days. Don't procrastinate.

Q: As a coach or club leader can I enter memberships for my team members?

A: No, athletes or their guardian will need to complete this process.

Q: How do I qualify for the Regional meet?

A: The Regional meet will be an "open" meet. Everybody will be allowed to register – providing you have your membership and verification is complete.

Q: What is the status of the National Meet?

A: The national meet will be held – but with some very different guidelines. The meet will be "open" to all. However, they will only take the top 40-80 seeds, depending on the event. For more information, please read [USATF National Meet](#).

Q: What Covid protocols will be observed?

A: While the state of Iowa currently does not require masks, they will be strongly encouraged. Social distancing will be required.

Q: Is there anything else I need to know about the meet?

A: The concession stand will not be open. You will be allowed to bring in coolers.

We will continue to review questions and keep everyone posted.