



## USA Track & Field Sanctioned Event Terms and Conditions

**IMPORTANT:** By completing a USA Track & Field, Inc. (“USATF”) Sanction application, you (“Organizer” or “Organization”) are agreeing to be bound by the terms and conditions below.

PLEASE READ THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING A USATF SANCTION APPLICATION. BY COMPLETING AND SUBMITTING A USATF SANCTION APPLICATION, YOU ARE AGREEING TO BE BOUND BY THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IF YOU DO NOT AGREE TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, DO NOT COMPLETE AND SUBMIT A USATF SANCTION APPLICATION.

1. **General.** Any event within USATF’s sport disciplines (which may be amended from time to time) and conducted as described in an accompanying USATF Sanction application, which has been approved by USATF (hereinafter, a “USATF Sanctioned Event”) shall:
  - a. be scored or have results (participants will receive a place and/or a performance mark and/or time);
  - b. not apply for a sanction through another organization (e.g. AAU, NCAA, any state high school federation);
  - c. not be conducted as a triathlon, walkathon, stair-climb, snowshoe, or other event outside USATF’s jurisdiction; and
  - d. not include man-made obstacles, mud pits (natural or man-made), or any hazardous obstacles (note: regulation hurdles and steeplechase barriers used for a track and field competition do not apply).
  
2. **Organizer Obligations.** In connection with the organization of a USATF Sanctioned Event, Organizer shall:
  - a. comply with any and all requirements of USATF’s Safe Sport program, and the US Center for SafeSport (USCSS) policies in conducting a USATF Sanctioned Event;
  - b. file an Incident Report Form for any injuries or incidents that occur during the course of any USATF Sanctioned Event;
  - c. file the required Post-Event Report Form within fifteen (15) days of the USATF Sanctioned Event and will submit electronic results to USATF;
  - d. ensure the entry form for any USATF Sanctioned Event will state that such event is sanctioned by USA Track & Field. The organizer may obtain a copy of USATF’s Sanctioned Event insignia for this purpose. Permission to use the USATF name and trademarks for any other purpose must be expressly obtained in writing from a duly authorized representative in the National Office prior to such usage;

- e. comply with USATF's Policy & Procedures for [Accommodation Requests](#) pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act;
  - f. not transfer any USATF Sanction to any other event; and
  - g. don't assume any contractual liability for the actions, omissions, losses, or damages of others.
3. **Waivers.** Organizer will require all participants, officials and volunteers of any USATF Sanctioned Event to sign the [USATF Waiver of Liability](#) that releases the race organizers, volunteers, officials, and USATF from claims to damages. All waivers will be maintained in a secure location for at least ten years (or longer if your state's statute of limitations on liability claims is longer than ten (10) years). The event director MUST be able to produce this waiver in the event of a claim against any of the named parties.
  4. **Compliance with Rules and Regulations.** Organizer shall abide by any and all USATF Rules and Regulations, including any policies, Safe Sport policies, and/or other guidance issued by USATF. Further, Organizer shall abide by any and all applicable statutes, orders, regulations, rules, and other laws, including those instituted by USCSS or the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA), in conducting the USATF Sanctioned Event.
  5. **Safe Sport Compliance.** Organizer shall be subject to the jurisdiction of USATF and/or the U.S. Center for SafeSport ("USCSS"), including with regard to the investigation and resolution of any allegations that such Organizer may have violated any USATF Safe Sport policies, Minor Athlete Abuse Protection Policies ("MAAPP"), or the SafeSport Code. Further, Organizer shall be subject to any action taken by the USCSS or USATF as a result of such allegations, including without limitation, suspension, permanent suspension, and/or referral to law enforcement authorities, all as set forth in the USCSS Policies and Procedures.

**FURTHERMORE, ORGANIZER SHALL:**

- a. **MAINTAIN A USATF CONNECT PROFILE THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF ANY USATF SANCTIONED EVENT;**
  - b. **COMPLETE ANNUAL SAFESPORT TRAINING COURSES, AS INDICATED BY USATF, THROUGH THE COMPLETION OF ANY USATF SANCTIONED EVENT;**
  - c. **ENSURE NO PERSONS INVOLVED IN A USATF SANCTIONED EVENT, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO EVENT ADMINISTRATORS, PARTICIPANTS, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS, WHO ARE LISTED ON EITHER THE [USATF DISCIPLINARY LIST](#) OR THE [USCSS DISCIPLINARY LIST](#); AND**
  - d. **ENSURE USATF'S [MAAPP DOCUMENT](#) IS DISTRIBUTED TO ALL EVENT ADMINISTRATORS, PARTICIPANTS, OFFICIALS, AND VOLUNTEERS ASSOCIATED WITH THE RESPECTIVE USATF SANCTIONED EVENT.**
6. **Application of Deductible.** Organizer shall be responsible for the payment of a deductible to USATF under the following circumstances:
    - a. In the event a USATF Sanctioned Event incurs a claim wherein the Organizer is unable to produce the required waiver for the participant, official, or volunteer involved in the claim, the Organizer will be responsible for paying a \$10,000 deductible on the claim, payable to USATF;

- b. In the event a USATF Sanctioned Event is conducted on property not intended for the purpose of the USATF Sanctioned Event (e.g. a golf course) and such use causes excessive property damage (at USATF's sole discretion), the Organizer will be responsible for paying up to a \$10,000 deductible on the property damage claim, payable to USATF; and
  - c. In the event a USATF Sanctioned Event fails to abide by any or all USATF Rules and Regulations, including any USATF sanction regulations, USATF may impose a deductible against the Organizer for any claim incurred against such USATF Sanctioned Event. A deductible amount of \$2,500 may be assessed for the first offense by the Organizer. A deductible amount of \$5,000 may be assessed for the second offense by the Organizer. A deductible amount of \$10,000 may be assessed for the third, and subsequent, offense by the Organizer. Additionally, following the third offense by the Organizer, USATF may refuse to sanction any future events for the Organizer, at USATF's sole discretion. Offenses will be attributed to event directors and/or organizers irrespective of the USATF Sanctioned Event involved; therefore, offenses will be cumulative and do not need to be of the same type or need to occur all within the same USATF Sanctioned Event.
7. **Indemnification.** Organizer shall indemnify, hold harmless, assume liability for, and defend USATF, its member Associations, employees, officers, agents, and volunteers from any and all claims, actions, demands, liabilities, losses, damages, judgments, settlements, awards, costs, fees, and expenses including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, court costs, third party claims, and all other sums which USATF and its member Associations, employees, officers, and volunteers may pay or become obligated to pay on account of any and every demand, claim or assertion of liability, or any claim or action founded thereon, arising or alleged to have arisen of the (a) negligence or willful misconduct of Organizer or its agents, employees, or representatives, (b) violation of any applicable laws or rules and regulations of USATF or the World Athletics by Organizer or its agents, employees, or representatives, or (c) sanction issued by USATF and/or its member Associations, or by any action or omission of the Organizer, its members, agents, employees, volunteers, officers, or directors in relation to the USATF Sanctioned Event.
8. **Organizer Warranties and Representations.** Organizer represents and warrants that it is fully familiar with all the rules and regulations of USATF and World Athletics applicable to the USATF Sanctioned Event to be conducted, including USATF Competition Rules, USATF Article 15 and Regulation 23 of the USATF Bylaws and Regulations, and that it shall take all necessary precautions to protect event participants, spectators, volunteers, and workers from harm of any kind. Organizer further warrants and represents that (a) it thoroughly understands all rules and regulations of USATF and World Athletics, (b) it assumes responsibility for the USATF Sanctioned Event and agrees to be held accountable for any irregularities that might occur, and (c) it has complied with all requirements applicable to USATF Sanctioned Events it conducts. Organizer understands that USATF shall be under no obligation to grant a sanction to an organization that has failed in the past to abide by the rules and regulations of USATF, or has defaulted on its obligation to give prizes to athletes, as stated in any contract, entry form or advertising literature. Organizer warrants that the information provided herein is true to the best of its knowledge. Organizer warrants that it has received the proper permission and permits to conduct the USATF Sanctioned Event. Additionally, Organizer asserts that the information it is providing is legitimate and correct to the best of its knowledge. Organizer also consents that USATF may freely reproduce and redistribute this information in any and all forms, including, but not limited to, on websites and in publications. Organizer also agrees that it has read, understands, and accepts the posted USATF [Privacy Statement](#) and [Terms of Use](#). Further, USATF may communicate with Organizer and use its information in accordance with USATF's Privacy Statement.

9. **USATF ELITE ATHLETE SANCTION ADDENDUM (“ELITE ADDENDUM”).** Any USATF Sanctioned Event which includes one of the following elements will be subject to this Elite Addendum provision:
- a. Awards at least one individual prize greater than \$500;
  - b. Serves as a National Championship or selection trial for an international team (other than Youth or Masters); or
  - c. Subject to formal drug testing procedures.

The Organizer affirms that it will not pay athletic funds based on performance to any **ineligible** athlete. All qualified athletes finishing below a disqualified athlete shall be moved up one place and shall receive athletic funds based on performance in accordance with such adjusted place finish. Compliance with this paragraph forms part of the conditions upon which the USATF Sanctioned Event is granted. All athletic funds based on performance shall be paid to athletes in accordance with the prize schedule. Compliance with this payment schedule and the Elite Addendum are integral conditions upon which the sanction is granted. Notice of any changes must be submitted to USATF and no change will be effective without USATF approval.

Additionally, the Organizer agrees as follows:

- a. Appropriate measures have been taken to protect the eligibility status of athletes who will take part in the competition and to protect their eligibility to compete in international amateur athletics competition.
- b. Appropriate provisions have been made for the validation of records which may be established during the competition. If drug testing is necessary to validate a world record, the Organizer will pay the cost of such test.
- c. Due regard has been given to World Athletics requirements specifically applicable to the competition.
- d. The competition will be conducted by qualified officials.
- e. Upon request, the organizer will furnish to USATF an audited/notarized financial report of similar events conducted within the past four (4) years.
- f. If the USATF Sanctioned Event is selected for drug testing, appropriate facilities for doping control will be made available by the Organizer. In addition, all entry blanks or related published materials must contain the following language: **“Athletes who participate in this competition may be subject to formal drug testing in accordance with USATF and World Athletics rules, in accordance with USOPC, USADA, or WA procedures. Athletes found, after a disciplinary hearing, to be positive for prohibited substances, as defined by the WADA Code, WA and/or AIU, or who refuse to be tested, will be disqualified from this Event and may lose eligibility for future competitions. Any prize money payable to an athlete who has tested positive shall be withheld until the final disposition of all disciplinary proceedings. BEWARE: Some prescriptions, over the counter medications, and nutritional supplements may contain prohibited substances. Information regarding drugs and drug testing may be obtained by calling the USADA Reference [Hotline at 719-785-2000](tel:719-785-2000), or [www.usantidoping.org](http://www.usantidoping.org).”**
- g. The Event represents and warrants that it has fully complied with all Elite Addendum requirements, including payment of prize money, for USATF sanctioned competitions that it has conducted within the preceding four-year period.