



## OFFICIALS FAQ

### **1. Do I have to sign a waiver at all events where I am working as an official?**

At any USATF sanctioned event you should be asked to sign a waiver. The local organizing committee for each USATF sanctioned event should ask all participants, volunteers, and officials to sign the standard USATF waiver as this is a requirement of USATF's general liability insurance carrier.

### **2. I don't recall signing waivers at USATF sanctioned meets that I have officiated. Does this indicate that I was not covered by insurance?**

No. Each official is covered by multiple insurance policies. For USATF sanctioned events, officials are covered by the general liability policy for this event, as well as excess medical insurance coverage for USATF certified officials. Any physical injuries sustained by USATF certified officials at USATF sanctioned events are covered by the excess medical insurance policy. Additionally, the general liability policy will cover any negligent activities on the part of the official.

For non-USATF sanctioned events, USATF certified officials are covered by the Officials general liability policy.

### **3. Are meet organizers aware that their deductibles are higher if they do not receive waivers?**

Yes. This information is provided to meet organizers as they complete a USATF sanction application online. It is also available to them in the insurance summary on our website.

### **4. Who is required to sign waivers to be insured at USATF events?**

USATF sanctioned events are usually covered by the USATF general liability policy (sanctioned events can opt out of this coverage if they have their own insurance coverage), which requires that all participants, volunteers, and officials sign the USATF waiver. The waiver is a requirement of USATF's general liability insurance carrier. Separately, all current USATF members have an excess medical coverage policy that is available to them should they be injured while participating in a USATF sanctioned event.

### **5. Who is required to sign a waiver at a non-USATF sanctioned event?**

USATF has no involvement with non-USATF sanctioned events. You may wish to discuss this question with the event director for that meet.

### **6. Who pays for the USATF Officials general liability insurance policy?**

USATF pays for the Officials general liability insurance policy.

### **7. Is there any part of the insurance coverage that I must pay for?**

You are not required to pay for the Officials general liability policy nor the general liability policy that applies to USATF sanctioned events. A portion of your annual USATF membership dues pays for the excess medical coverage provided to you as a USATF member. Note, you must be a current USATF member and a current USATF certified official in order to be eligible for any insurance coverage.

**8. What coverage do I receive as a member of USATF while working as an official at a USATF sanctioned event?**

While working at a USATF sanctioned event, you are protected by the USATF Officials general liability policy for any negligent actions you may take while officiating the event. As a USATF Member, if you sustain physical injuries during a sanctioned event, you can receive up to \$10,000 in medical expense coverage through the USATF participant accident policy. This coverage is excess of any other collectible medical insurance.

**9. What coverage do I receive as a member of USATF while working as an official at a non-USATF sanctioned event?**

While working at an event that is not sanctioned by USATF, you are still protected by the USATF Officials general liability policy for any negligent actions you may take while officiating the event. These events must be organized by recognized sports organizations, leagues and associations. You are NOT covered by the USATF excess medical coverage at events that are not sanctioned by USATF.

**10. Does the USATF official's insurance policy cover my medical expenses if I get hurt while working as an official?**

No; however, as a USATF member, participating in a sanctioned event, you receive up to \$10,000 in medical expense coverage through the USATF excess medical coverage policy. This coverage is excess of any other collectible medical insurance.

**11. Are all officials required to complete the background screen and SafeSport course?**

Yes, all USATF certified officials must complete the USATF background screen every two (2) years and must complete the USOC SafeSport training as directed by USATF.

**12. Does the USATF officials insurance policy cover expenses incurred if I am sued as a result of my role in an event?**

Yes, the USATF Officials general liability policy will respond to any suits against you as a USATF certified Official in regards to your actions as an official at a meet.

**13. How do I file a claim for an injury I incur at a USATF sanctioned event?**

Obtain a claim form at: <http://www.usatf.org/membership/benefits/USATrackFieldSportAccidentClaimForm.pdf> and follow the claim submission instructions on the form.

**14. What do I do if I am sued for my actions as an official at an event?**

Immediately send any and all paperwork received to the USATF national office (attn: Legal Department) and contact the General Counsel to discuss how to handle the matter.

