

Iowa Association of Track Coaches



Spring 2012 Newsletter
IATC Website: www.iatfcc.org

President's Message

Kirk Schmaltz, IATC President

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Greetings All,

This is my first note to each of you as president of the IATC and I am excited to begin my term. I want to thank Tony Bussan and Al Nepl for being great mentors in preparing me for my role with IATC. It is a role I really look forward to. Both of these individuals have made enormous improvements to our organization, and my hope is to continue our progress forward over the next two years. In addition to these two individuals, many of you have dedicated your time and energy toward our organization. I believe our organization is stronger today due to the efforts of many of our committee members and volunteers, who continue year after year to work towards improving our organization. These are valuable people who have dedicated their lives to making track and field a strong sport in the state of Iowa. I know I speak for many when I say how much their dedication has meant to IATC. Their expertise and experience have allowed our organization to grow and help others to get involved.

One of the biggest challenges I see for IATC over the next 5-10 years is recruiting young coaches and volunteers to step up and become active participants in our organization. It is one of my goals for the next two years to work towards getting more membership from our younger coaches and helping them to see the benefits of being involved in a professional organization like IATC. There is a lot of satisfaction to be gained by working and giving time to IATC and the lifetime friendship you make through participation in IATC are invaluable.

Years ago when I first became involved with IATC, I began by attending meetings with my former head coach Jim Duea Sr. After a few years, I took over the role as chair for the all-state selection committee for girls cross country and girls track and field. Several years later, I decided to run for office. I want to encourage each of you to take that first step in becoming involved in IATC. These steps have allowed me to grow positively in a professional way. I have never regretted any time that I have worked with IATC members. It has made me proud to be a member of such a great organization. Some ways to begin your involvement can be simply to attend a meeting, either in the spring or fall. Volunteering at one of the junior high cross country or track and field meet is another way. All of these opportunities will give you a chance to begin the steps toward becoming more involved and meeting fellow coaches.

One of the main keys to any organization's success is communication. We will be working closely again this year with both the Iowa High School Athletic Association (www.iahsaa.org) and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (www.ighsau.org) to provide information and feedback on issues related to track and field. Our input to both organizations is important, so please feel free to contact me when you have an issue or something you would like shared with these organizations. Our role with both the boys association and the girls union is to provide them with input from IATC membership. The IATC does its best to represent our membership with both groups. When it comes to making decisions regarding rules, dates, events, schedules, qualifying or results, however, the governing bodies of the IAHSAA and IGHS AU are the decision makers. By working together with these two organizations, we can provide a positive and productive way to support our student athletes.

You will see some new changes on the IATC website this year. We will be improving the power rankings for both the girls and boys teams by class. ASPI Solutions is going to be helping us with the power rankings this year. More information will be sent out via email to coaches as we get closer to the start of the season. With the help of ASPI, the amount of paperwork required for coaches should be minimized.

Another change that will occur this spring is the new qualification system for the state meet, both on the girls and boys sides. Information about these changes can be found at the Iowa High School Athletic Association (www.iahsaa.org) and the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union (www.ighsau.org). A final reminder to, all head coaches, is to be sure and complete the **required** online rules meeting. The link will be posted and available by March 1st.

This winter so far sure hasn't seemed much like winter here in central Iowa. I know there are parts of the state that have seen quite a bit of snow, but in Ames it has been minimal. It has seemed like we should have already started track. I hope the great weather continues as we begin our indoor seasons on February 13. Now that it's in print, I've probably jinx it. I guess you'll be able to blame me if the weather gets bad! Let's all hope for great weather as we enter the start of the track and field season!

Have a great spring and I hope to see many of you at a meet soon!

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First Vice President's Message

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As we approach the start of what will certainly be another exceptional track and field season here in the state of Iowa, I am excited to be settling into my new role as First Vice President of the IATC for the next two years. I want to take this time to thank Al Neppel for the outstanding leadership that he has provided to our

organization for the past six years, and especially during the past two as our President. I have learned a great deal about how our organization works from him. I also am excited to begin work with our new President Kirk Schmaltz and look forward to helping him lead the IATC in a positive direction for our membership over the course of the next two years. I also want to welcome new Second Vice President Steve Roth to the executive committee, and I look forward to the positive contributions that he will bring to our team.

One of the ongoing goals as an organization, is to continue to offer quality events to the athletes, coaches, and fans of this great sport of track and field. I would like to encourage you to become more actively involved in the many fine opportunities that we make available to our athletes and coaches each spring. We are always looking for younger coaches to become more active in the IATC, whether that means you attend a meeting or volunteer your time to work and/or attend an IATC sponsored event, we always welcome your support. I would not be in the position I am today without taking that first step to attend a meeting over twenty-five years ago. These are great opportunities to communicate and develop life-long connections with other coaches across the state. It also allows you a great opportunity to give back to the sport of track and field through your volunteer efforts.

This year we will once again be offering several meet opportunities for your student-athletes to participate in. The first opportunity comes in early May when the IATC hosts the Mike Henderson Boys and Girls Middle School State Meets on Saturday, May 5th. The girls meet will continue at Ankeny and the boys meet will be hosted by Woodward-Granger this year. These meets allow your middle school athletes an opportunity to run, jump, and throw against some of the best athletes in the state. Once again, your volunteer help would make these meets run more smoothly. At the end of May, Washington High School in Washington, Iowa will be hosting the State Pentathlons on Tuesday, May 22nd. Finally, in June the Senior All-Star Spotlight Meet will be held in Joliet, Illinois on Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th. Please make sure to nominate your outstanding senior boy or senior girl track and field athlete for this annual event.

With the exception of a couple of weeks this winter, the weather has been mild. Let's hope that this continues through the next month and into the much anticipated start of the 2012 spring track and field season. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact a member of the executive committee as we are willing to listen and help in any way. I look forward to a great spring track and field season. I wish

the best of luck to each one of you and to your teams this spring.

Marty Thomae, First Vice President
Benton Community High School

Second Vice President's Message

Steve Roth, Washington Community Schools

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I am really excited about working with the IATC the next few years. We have good bunch of men and women on board that work hard to keep this wheel rolling. If you would like to get involved contact one of us! There are a lot of committees that need your help!

I would like to thank Al Neppel for his awesome leadership the last 2 years! I got to know Al when we were coaching the senior spotlight meet few years back! Thanks Al for everything!

I know Marty talked a little about the opportunities this spring but I would like to add a few things. If you have chance, and I know you're all busy, but officiating a college meet is a great chance to keep involved in track in the winter months. I have been doing this for the last 20 years and have learned a lot of new drills and getting to know the rules better is always important! Check our web site and get involved if you can its a great experience! For \$15 dollar YOU can join the IATC also!

Last of all, check with your AD's and make sure they have sent this year dues in to Bill Neal! Have a GREAT spring and good luck to all of you. I hope to see you at state track meet and listening to the great voice of Mike Jay!!

Steve Roth, 2nd Vice President
Washington Demons

Looking for a Meet? Need Teams?

Send your meet information to the web-editor and have your meet placed in the "Looking for Meets" section. Be sure to periodically check for meets you might be looking to enter.

State Pentathlon

Steve Roth, Washington

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The Pentathlon will be held Tuesday, May 22nd at Case Field in Washington, Ia., beginning at 9 am! The rain date is Thursday, May 24th!! There are two completion divisions; a Junior Division (Junior High) and a Senior Division (High School) for both girls and boys.

Competition is open to both individuals and teams, medals and team plaques are awarded. Concessions are sponsor by the Washington Booster Club along with tee shirts for sale by IATC. For more information go to the IATC Website or contact Steve Roth at

sroth@washington.k12.ia.us

Have a great spring!

Mike Henderson Middle School State Track and Field Meets (New Home for the Boy's Meet)

Mary Madsen, Melbourne

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The Mike Henderson Junior High Boy's Meet will have a new home this season at Woodward-Granger. All of the members that have helped in the past boy's meets please contact George Ashman at gashman@woodward-granger.k12.ia.us to volunteer. The Girl's meet will continue at Ankeny High School Track as in the past contact Mary Madsen at runcoach@wildblue.net if you can help out at the girl's site. The date this year is Saturday, May 5. This is a great event and it gets better every year. We especially need exchange zone umpires that are members of the IATC for the relays that take place mainly in the afternoon. Check the order of events in the Mike Henderson Information letter on the IATC website under Middle School. Let us know if you can help if only for a few hours. Come and see the potential of the Junior High Track and Field athletes of this great state.

Senior All-Star Spotlight Track and Field Meet

Dick Washburn, Muscatine

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The fourteenth annual Senior All-Star Spotlight Meet for 2012 will be hosted by Team Illinois. Athletes will be housed at St. Francis University, Joliet, Illinois. Athletes arrive for lodging and pre-meet activities Friday June 8th with competition commencing Saturday, June 9th at the Joliet Memorial Stadium, located at 3000 West Jefferson St. within the Inwood Sports Complex on Joliet's west side. The complex is considered one of Illinois' premier sports facilities. It is the goal each year to have our best Senior Track and Field Athletes compete for Team Iowa, and in this way our tribute to honor them for all they have done for our sport. Each athlete only needs to

provide transportation to the meet site and all other expenses are covered.

Athletes may be nominated, both on-line or by an e-mail. E-mails may be sent to the Team Iowa Lead Coaches, (Girls) Bob Saunders – OA-BCIG and (Boys) George Ashman – Woodward-Granger. E-mail addresses and an on-line link can be found on the IATC Website in the Senior All-Star Spotlight Meet section.

Athletes will be invited to become a member of Team Iowa and contacted directly or through his/her coach. Acceptance notification will be by e-mail, phone or postal mail. Individual and meet information is posted on the IATC Website. Any other questions may be resolved by contacting Dick Washburn, Bob Saunders or George Ashman.

Junior High Track & Field Coach of the Year

Deb Anderson, Gilbert
msaxc@aol.com

Please send your nominations to Deb Anderson. Please include with your nomination information concerning the criteria used for the selection process for the Junior High Coach of the Year Award:

- Longevity will be taken into consideration
- Strongly promotes their sport at their level
- Must STILL be ACTIVELY coaching at an IATC member school
- Should be either a career junior high cross country or track and field coach (may be a varsity coach in another sport)

**Note that there are two separate awards – one for cross country (Fall) and one for track and field (Spring).

25 Year Award Recipients

Mitch Anderson, Mt. Pleasant
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The award is presented to coaches who have served as contracted high school or middle school track and/or cross country coaches for 25 years or more in Iowa. Please contact Mitch to nominate a deserving colleague or yourself. You will find a nomination form available on the IATC website under IATC Awards in the left navigation column, click 25 Year Award. Nominations must be received no later than **April 1st, 2012** in order for the recipient to be recognized at the 2012 state track and field meet. Awards are presented during the Saturday session of the state track and field meet at Drake Stadium.

T&F Team Power Rankings

Beginning the 2012 season the IATC Team Power Rankings will be a joint effort of both the IATC and ASPI Meetz through Quik-Stats. More information will be coming your way via e-mail and on the IATC Website in the coming weeks.

Academic All-State

Peggy Steva, Iowa City West
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Academic All-State Track and Field forms can be found on the IATC website in the “Track and Field” section under the All-State heading. Please be aware of the following reminders when filling out these forms:

1. Athletes MUST achieve all three criteria.
2. Fill out the entire form, completely.
3. We will take late forms but the turn around time could be slower.

Thank you for your attention to the above details.

All-State & Academic All-State Certificates (New)

All-State and Academic All-State teams will be announced following the State Co-ed T&F Meet. The All-State certificates will now be offered on-line through the IATC Website only. Many coaches have asked if they might be able to have the certificates made available at a sooner date in order to be completed in time for any season ending activities for their teams. The All-State and Academic All-State Certificates will be made available shortly after the State Meet and will be available for downloading for several weeks following the state meet. The certificates are in PDF format that can be easily enlarged to fit different paper sizes. A reminder of this information will be sent around state meet time.

IATC Clothing for Sale

IATC Clothing items are now available to be ordered from the IATC website. To do so just download an order form and send it to Bill Neal and the items will be shipped in a few days.

IATC/IATO SPRING 2012 Meeting

We would like to encourage all members to attend the spring 2012 IATC meeting on Saturday, June 2nd, in

Ames, at Ames High School. Committee meetings will begin at 9:00 A.M. with the general meeting beginning at 9:30 A.M. **(Note time change)** Voting for Coach of the Year Awards for track and field will take place at this meeting.

Join the IATC

Bill Neal, Williamsburg

bill.neal@mchsi.com

We would like to invite you and your school to become a member of the Iowa Association of Track Coaches (IATC). For the past several years, we have had over 300 individuals and schools join the IATC. We encourage you to take advantage of the many benefits the IATC has to offer for cross country and track and field coaches. Through your membership, we can continue to support the track and field/cross country coaches and athletes of Iowa.

You may join the IATC by either going to the IATC website and printing out the membership form and

sending it in or later in September you may go online and register through the IATC website. It is our hope to make joining the IATC much easier for member schools. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Bill Neal at 319-530-9703, or by e-mail bill.neal@mchsi.com. A complete and up to date listing of member schools may be found under membership on the IATC website.

IATC OFFICER CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact information for all IATC officers and committee members, including e-mail addresses and phone numbers can be found on the IATC website www.iatfcc.org. When you enter the website, click on the heading "Contact Us" at the top of the page to access this information. We encourage you to communicate any questions or concerns to us so that we might serve you more efficiently.

IATC Hall of Fame Tim Thomas Chairman

The IATC Hall of Fame committee is always looking for deserving candidates for consideration to the Hall of Fame. We make our selections at the spring meeting of the IATC Executive Committee meeting.

Our Hall of Fame can also be found at the Iowa Hall of Pride.

Candidates are up for consideration for a five year period at which time they must be re-nominated if they are not selected.

I have included the guidelines for selection in this newsletter. Applications can be downloaded from our website and submitted to Tim Thomas, IATC Chairman.

IATC Hall of Fame Guidelines

I. Criteria for nomination and selection to IATC Hall of Fame.

- A. Coach:**
- Must have coached a minimum of 20 years at any level.
 - Must have had outstanding success at the local level and success at the state level of competition and beyond.
 - Must have received the respect of his/her peers in coaching, shown leadership and character.
 - Must receive 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee membership present for the final selection.

- B. Athlete:**
- Must have performed in an exemplary manner in Iowa High School competition at the local level, state meet and/or the Drake Relays.
 - Must have demonstrated outstanding talents above that of the excellent high school athlete.
 - May have performed in a manner to have achieved recognition of talent which did or would make the athlete competitive at a regional or national level.
 - Must have completed their high school career at least 5 years prior to being nominated.
 - Must receive 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee membership present for the final selection.

LaVerne Kloster Service Award:

- Must have contributed to the sport of Track and Field in Iowa in some significant manner which is recognized by the Executive Committee as a supporter or contributor to the betterment of Track & Field in Iowa.
- Must receive 2/3 vote of the Executive Committee membership present for the final selection.

I. Other items to be considered in selecting people for the Hall of Fame.

- A.** A maximum of 4 candidates may be selected per year.
- B.** No more than one Service Award per year.
- C.** Final selection will be made at the spring meeting of the IATC Executive Committee.
- D.** Committee.
- E.** If a nominee is on the list for 5 consecutive years without becoming an inductee the name is dropped and it must be resubmitted. The person who submitted the nominee will be notified.
- F.** A nominee's name may be submitted by completion of the form found on the IATC website.



IATC

Membership Form

Print this page mail it to Bill Neal.

Send To:

Bill Neal
 P.O. Box 509
 Williamsburg, Iowa 52361
 Phone: 319-530-9703
 E-mail: bill.neal@mchsi.com

Membership:

Individual Membership - \$15.00
 1A Staff Membership - \$30.00
 2A, 3A & 4A Staff Membership - \$40.00
 College Staff Membership - \$40.00

***Note:** Be sure to include the first and last names of all staff members and individuals that you wish to receive a membership card. Use the back of this page if needed.

Sender's Name: _____

School Mailing Address:

School: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Schools Classification: (circle one)

1A 2A 3A 4A College/University

Please list the T&F and CC Coach(s) in your School System:

New Coach(s): _____

Veteran Coach(s):

Sample: Bill Neal _____ Years Coaching: T&F 5 CC 7

Name: _____ Years Coaching: T&F _____ CC _____

Name: _____ Years Coaching: T&F _____ CC _____

Name: _____ Years Coaching: T&F _____ CC _____

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Curt Anderson – IATO President

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January 2012

IATO Members:

Welcome to the Iowa Association of Track Officials. It is an honor to serve as president of the only organization, to my knowledge, which works to specifically improve the quality of officiating for a single sport. In our years of existence since 1999 track and field officiating has improved dramatically. The annual clinic and the officiating opportunities at the local, state, collegiate, and national levels have given IATO members exposure and recognition for themselves and our organization. While none of us work track and field for recognition, we can take pride that others do notice our efforts.

For the organization to remain vital and effective, it is necessary that our membership numbers reflect our commitment to the sport. Therefore, I encourage present members to renew and encourage others to become part of our group. Please complete the enclosed membership form and return it to Dave Suntken at your earliest opportunity.

We enjoyed a great clinic in December. It is my hope that our membership will continue to support the annual clinic, become involved in the local and state organizations when possible, and work with us to improve as a group. If you haven't done so, take the necessary exam to improve your state rating. I would also encourage certification with USATF. The more we work to improve our knowledge and skills, the greater will be our influence as we continue to improve track and field officiating throughout the state.

One of the "perks" provided by the IATO has been the bulk purchase of blanks for our IATO membership/starters. The shells are to be used by our members and not to be resold. IATO wants our members to enjoy the benefit of lower prices. If you have any ideas on how we can monitor our exclusive distribution, please let me or any board member know. Additionally, should you have any concerns, ideas, or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact us. The contact information for all the IATO board members is listed on the Iowa Association of Track Coaches website under Officials IATO. www.iatfcc.org

I hope you have a great track and field season in 2012.

Sincerely,

Curt Anderson,
IATO President

IOWA ASSOCIATION OF TRACK OFFICIALS
(2012) Membership Form

() **RENEWAL**

() **NEW MEMBERSHIP**

NAME _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE INITIAL)

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE (_____) _____ **WORK PHONE** (_____) _____

FAX (_____) _____ **E-MAIL** _____

I have worked as a registered and/or volunteer track & field or cross country official since _____ . (Please insert the year that you started officiating.)

Number of regular season **high school varsity** track and cross country meets officiated in **2011** _____ .

Number of **junior high & middle school** track and cross country meets officiated in **2011** _____ .

Total number of **post-season IHSAA** meets officiated thru **2011**: **District** _____ **State** _____ .

Total number of **post-season IGHSAU** meets officiated thru **2011**: **District** _____ **State** _____ .

Specific officiating area(s) of responsibility (Check all that apply):

_____ Starter/Referee, _____ Meet Management, _____ Clerk of Course, _____ Field Event Judge

_____ Finish Line (Judge, Timer, Picker), _____ Cross Country, _____ Umpire

****RETURN TO: DAVE SUNTKEN, 211 10TH AVE. S. CLEAR LAKE, IA 50428-2538** Enclose a check for your deductible **\$15.00** annual membership dues.

E-MAIL: damp211@netins.net

IATO members receive the printed materials of the **IATO Recommended Procedures Manual**, including Annual updates. Members are eligible for the 25-year recognition plaques, which are awarded at the State Track meet and "Official of the Year" recognition as voted on by the Iowa Association of Track Coaches. Each year every **IATO** member may also select one (or more) volunteer official(s) to recognize for his/her contribution to local meets. They are also entitled to order **IATO** clothing and .32 & .22 Caliber Black Powder Blank Shells bought at bulk discounts. **IATO** looks forward to having you as a member of our track and field official's organization promoting track in the **State of Iowa**