



Adaptive Track and Field, USA 2021 Annual Chairman Report

The 2020 ATFUSA Board

Board Terms

(term ends in 2021)**

Philip Galli	Chairman / Long Distance Racing Chair		2021-2024
Jerry Clayton	Vice-Chair – Officials/Jr	**	2018-2021
Tom Southall	Treasurer		2020-2023
Jessica Cloy	Secretary		2019-2022
Pam Carey	Member at Large (MAL) – High School	**	2018-2021
Pam Chiavaroli	MAL – Records		2019-2022
Brian Seamann	Athlete Representative		2020-2023
Teresa Skinner	MAL – High School		2020-2023
Cindy Latham	MAL – Field Coaching		2020-2023
Randy Chiavaroli	MAL – Field Chair		2021-2024
Jim Strunk	MAL – Track Chair		2021-2024
Denise Hutchins	MAL – Classification Chair		2019-2022
Frank Anzaldi	MAL – T20 Chair		2019-2022

2022-2025 Election Candidates

CANDIDATES

Jerry Clayton	- V. Chair
Pam Carey	- MAL

About Adaptive Track and Field USA (ATFUSA):

ATFUSA is a 35-year old Texas based 501C3 organization that was formed to support Adaptive Track & Field and Adaptive Wheelchair Road Racing in the USA. Until 2000 ATFUSA was the National Governing Body (NGB) for Wheelchair Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA. In 2002, the United States Olympic Committee became the National Paralympic Committee and U.S. Paralympics became the NGB for Para (all disabilities) Athletics (Track and Field) in the USA.

ATFUSA's Mission:

Since 2002 the ATFUSA mission is to support and promote community based Adaptive Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA for all World Para Athletics (WPA) defined disability classes and be the Lead for Juniors under 14 (U14) and Master Age groups M35, M50, M60 in the USA (groups not controlled by USA Para Athletics). Through this effort we continue to be the major US Paralympic feeder into the elite athlete ranks by doing the following:

- Sanction Track & Field meets (through Move United for multiple sport events and individually for just athletics competitions and our national championships),
- Sanction Wheelchair Road races,
- Expand Para Athletics in the USA
 - Work with states to set up or maintain High School Wheelchair and Ambulatory Athletic divisions at their Dual, Regional, and state level meets.
 - Partner with other organizations to Expand Para Athletics in the US; Challenged Athlete Fund (CAF), Move United (MU), USATF and others.
- Set the rule exceptions for U14 and Master athletes.
- Keep the USA records and event results for all age groups U11 through Master, championships.
- Work with US Para Track & Field and USATF to grow the number of Level 1 and Level 2 Para Officials in USA to prepare for Para Meet Growth and the 2028 LA Paralympics.

ATFUSA has a synergistic relationship with Move United. In this partnership Move United has been given the rights by ATFUSA to sanction Track and Field competitions usually when they are held in a multi-sport competition.

The Board:

The Board is currently made up of 13 members but can expand from 11 to 15. Each member serves a 4-year term. The Board terms are staggered with a portion of the Board up for election yearly.

The Executive Board's (Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer) terms are staggered so that they do not all end their term in the same year.

All positions outside of the Executive Committee are member-at-large positions. Chair positions for Track, Field, High School, Records, CP, etc. are appointed by the Chairman from the MAL members with the approval of the Board.

2021 Board Elections:

There are two positions up for election in 2021, the vice chair, and one (1) Member at Large board member. Currently these positions are held by Jerry Clayton, Vice Chair, and Pam Carey MAL.

Both Jerry and Pam have decided to run for another term.

A call for candidates was sent by the Secretary in November but no one came forward to challenge Jerry and Pam.

The Board therefore, would like to acknowledge the re-election of Jerry Clayton as Vice Chair and Pam Carey as a MAL.

2021 Focus Areas:

1. **Meet Management:**
Update the SAMS Meet management software.
2. **Develop Para Officials:**
Continue work to increase Para Certified Officials and start to develop Level 2 training and certification.
3. **Meet Results:**
Maintain the Standards, Results and Records database on the ATFUSA Website.
4. **Rules:**
Communicate and set the U14 Rules of USA Para Athletics to the community.
5. **501C3:**
Maintain ATFUSA's non-profit status.
6. **Long distance Racing:**
7. Equipment Sales
8. **Meet Support:**
Provide operational support for the Move United Athletics competitions and run the competition at the Move United Junior National Meet in Colorado.
9. **High School:**
Work with Athletes in Michigan and Pennsylvania to bring Wheelchair and Para Ambulatory divisions to these states Athletic Championships.
10. **Education:**
Work to improve our value to Athletes and Coaches on our Website.
11. **By-Laws:**
Continue the work to update the By-Laws to agree with the way we are conducting business.

2021 Detail:

1. **Meet Management:**
The IT Committee made up of Phil Galli, Kevin Crytzer, Jim Cuevas, Paul Johnson and Eric Hynds:
 - a. Is working to create SAMs 2. SAMs is meet management software equally owned by Move United and ATFUSA, which was created in the early 90's to help Meet Directors run a multi-sport Para meet. The original program was premise based and somewhat difficult to use if a region only ran 1 meet per year. The objectives of the updated SAMs2 program are:
 - i. Create a cloud and premise-based program

- ii. Offer; up to date data on records, results, and classification for just in time meet population
- iii. The ability to transfer meet results and post meet reports to MU and ATFUSA.
- iv. Simplify the administration screens to allow all meet directors use the tool without extensive training.

The program effort for this phase is being done in India and as you can expect has slowed due to the virus. They have delivered most of the port. Testing is underway to accept the work.

The mutual goal of Move United and ATFUSA is to have the program available for the 2022 Junior National Games.

2. **Develop Para Officials:**

All Officials must recertify as Para Officials every Quad. ATFUSA's Official's committee oversees this work

- a. To create and publish the new Para Official Level 1 Certification course and test. The 2021-2024
 - i. 215 Officials certified in the first year of the Quad.
- b. The committee is also working on the creation of a Level 2 certification.
 - i. The Official's Quick Para Athletics Reference Guide was published in draft form on our WEB Site.
 - ii. The Committee produced 4 Webinars which were well received with over 130 signing up for each.
 - i. The Level 1 Certification Course
 - ii. Visually Impaired.
 - iii. Seated Throws
 - iv. Starter

I would like to thank David Weicker and Jerry Clayton for leading this effort.

- c. We worked with US Para Athletics to organize and manage the Officials working the 2021 Para Athletics Trials in Minnesota in June.
- d. ATFUSA (Phil Galli) presented a summary of the 2021 Para Committee news to the USATF Officials committee at their Virtual conference on 12/2021. A copy of the presentation is available on the ATFUSA.org Home Page.
- e. Started the Evaluation process to rate the skill level of our Certified officials working Para meets.

3. **Meet Results:**

To maintain records in track and field for Para athletes.

- a. This year was the 10th year junior and Master athletes can set records at Level 3 regional events. Many national records were set.
- b. Pam Chiavaroli stepped down as Records Chair and Jim Strunk has taken over.
- c. Records were updated on the Web and in SAM's on 1/1/2021 prior to Junior Nationals, and in November to be ready for 2022.

- d. Certificates will be sent out to all 2021 Record setters by 12/31/2021.

4. Rules:

- a. There were no real rule changes in 2021.
- b. ATFUSA did institute a Relay rule change for Junior Nationals. The new rule only allows an Athlete to participate in 1 relay of a type (Ex: Male 4X100) no matter what the points are. There was some confusion about this change and needs further clarification for the 2022 season.

5. 501C3.

- a. ATFUSA has filed the mandatory postcard with the US Internal Revenue Service and the state of Texas for 2020 and is in good standing.
- b. ATFUSA maintains its Corporate Address as: 14900 Ranch Road 12, Wimberly, TX 78676 (residence of Wendy Gumbert).

6. Long distance Racing:

Racing was back.

- a. The Peachtree Road race was our National 10K and we served as the Para Referee for the event.
- b. Jerry Clayton and Phil Galli worked the Chicago, Boston and NYC Marathons as TD and Para Ref.

7. Equipment Sales:

We continued to market equipment to our members.

Partial proceeds of these sales go to ATFUSA (and Dixie). Actual 2021 sales accounting is included in the Treasurer report.

8. Meet Support:

- a. ATFUSA provided direct support for Desert Challenge, Glasa, Tri-State, and Louisiana.
- b. ATFUSA ran the competition at Junior Nationals.

9. High School:

- a. ATFUSA is giving direct support to both the Michigan and Pennsylvania Lawsuits. We are providing input on points Vs no Points and setting the Wheelchair and Ambulatory Standards.
- b. We started to track if our Officials who are certified are also High School Officials.

10. Education:

We did not make much progress to our goal to organize the available Training materials on the Internet and documenting where Educational/coaching materials need to be Developed.

11. By-Laws:

We need not make much progress on 2021 revisions to the By-Laws. Work will continue in 2022. We did discuss joining a non-profit to help us to update them.

The Board discussions and actions for 2022:

1. Rules:

- a. Review the rules from 2021 and determine if changes must be made.
- b. Review the WPA pending rule changes and make changes/communicate them as necessary.

2. Clinics/Education:

- a. Determine clinic goals and objectives for 2022 if any.
- b. Update the Best Practices on the WEB.

3. Standards:

Review the Junior standards in track and field.

4. Meet Growth:

Work to increase the number of athletes going to the 2022 junior Nationals in Denver. There were 217 unique athletes who competed in Track or Field.

5. Nationals:

- a. Work to support the 2022 Junior Nationals in Denver.
- b. Work with Move United to implement an open non-elite Championship as a part of Nationals.

6. Road Racing:

- a. Actively market and increase participation of athletes at the 2022 Peachtree road race (our National 10K) and our Adult Open championship held in concert with the GLASA Games.
- b. Work with Peachtree and Cedartown to again hold a Meet in the Heat as a part of the America Series in Marietta GA.
- c. Work to get additional Road Race Sanctions for 5K, 15K, ½ Marathon and Marathon.

7. WEB Site:

Provide enhancements and review the topics covered on the ATFUSA website.

- a. Continue to develop a coaching committee with the purpose to pull together on our Website all training and coaching videos and deliverables on the internet. The goal to have 1 place for our athletes and coaches to access topics by Para subject.
- b. Continue to enhance the Officials corner to develop Level 1 and Level 2 training deliverables.
- c. Develop additional Webinars for Coaches, Athletes, and Officials on specific topics.

8. Meet Management:

Implement the new SAMS.

- a. Implement the Base program
- b. Identify the differences needed for Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 meet management with cloud download and upload capabilities.

9. Para Officials:

- a. Support the challenge to USATF to get to 400 Officials certified by the end of the Quad. Get to 300 in 2022. We challenged associations to get to 10 or 20 Para Certified Officials by 12/31/2022.
- b. Continue to develop Level 2 training and training documents for our Officials to offer a pathway to a USA WPA NTO position.
- c. Continue the Para Official Evaluation work in 2022 to rank the skill level of our Certified Officials.

10. ATFUSA Revenue:

- a. Continue to promote Equipment sales and other income opportunities.
- b. Continue the MU MOU.

11. High School:

- a. Work with US Para Athletics, Cathy Sellers and Julie Cochran, Director of Sport NFHS to ensure the US Para High School Athletics Best Practices Document is updated and work to improve officiating at high school meets where Para athletes are competing by making the Level 1 Officials course available to high school only officials
- b. Look into modifying the Level 1 Officials course to address the simpler Ambulatory and Wheelchair High School divisions.
- c. Support the growth of States with Para Divisions:
 - i. Support the court cases in Michigan and Pennsylvania.

12. Donations:

Give out the remaining Field and Track chairs which were purchased for Emerging athletes. Brian and Jim to make their recommendations.

This report is respectfully submitted by;

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