



December 13, 2008

Dear Track Coach,

The 2009 Track & Field season will be here before we know it! I'm sure you have volunteers that assist at your meets during the year. The Pacific Association is holding several "Introduction to Track and Field Officiating" clinics in January and February at American River College in Sacramento on January 19 from 9 to 4:30, Wilcox High School in Santa Clara on January 31 from 9 to 4:30, Serra High School in San Mateo on February 15 from 10 to 5:30, Oakmont High School in Roseville on February 21 from 9 to 4:30 and North Salinas High School in Salinas on February 28 from 9 to 4:30. The cost for is \$35.00 and includes a copy of the 2008 USATF rulebook, the 2009 NCAA rulebook and the 2009 NFHS rulebook. The day of the clinic the fees for registration will be \$45.00. If you have people interested in officiating Cross Country or road racing then we recommend they attend the "Introduction to Long Distance Running Officiating" which will be held at Sacramento State on January 24<sup>th</sup> form 9 to 12 and Serra High School on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 to 5:30. The cost is \$20 since only the 2008 USATF rulebook is included. Again when you complete the clinic you will be a certified USATF XC and LDR Official.

The clinic student will be certified as an Association-level USATF official at the end of class. For clinic applications and the latest updates see [www.PAUSATF.org](http://www.PAUSATF.org). Once there, click on Officials and the 2009 Officials Clinic button. You will be able to register on-line or download and send in your application by mail if you don't want to use your credit card on-line. You can also renew or join the Pacific Association for \$29.95. Membership is required for officials to be certified and be covered by liability insurance for meets not sanctioned by USATF.

As a convenience for officials and coaches we have added the capability for on-line of bulk ordering of rulebooks to the PA website. This route is several dollars cheaper per book than ordering them on your own because of reduced shipping costs on bulk orders. Every coach should have a current rulebook for his or her area of responsibility.

The Pacific Association is always looking for more volunteers to become officials. There are many rewards as to be invited to great national meets as they move up the levels. They will receive invitations to work local and regional youth and high school meets along with periodic mailings of the Pacific Officials Newsletter: Turns and Distances.

Please send in the application early if any volunteers are planning on attending the Pacific Association's Introduction to Track & Field Officiating clinics.

"Please help us keep all the officials in the field of play safe for 2009"

Thank You!

Pacific Association USATF Officials Committee