

# Youth Committee

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## 2024 FALL PA Youth Committee Agenda Items October 12, 2024

- Welcome & Roll Call

Meia Tezeno called the meeting to order and initiated roll call. A non-exhaustive list, due to audio issues, of in-person and Zoom attendees included: Deborah Sample, Dante McCarthy, John Knowles, Andrea Johnson, Eric Stuart, Ed Hollshwandner, LaDonna Aubert, J.R. Heberle, Irene Hermann, Lee Webb, Jim Kelly, Teddy Hayes, Jay Devlin, Lewis Pugh, Robert Benoit, Will Pitman, James Nielson, Don Harding, Cris Houston, Nancy Lambert, Courtney Horner, Charlotte Sneed, Don Collins, Kime Nelson, Haley Orr, Kristi Berg, Terrence Gladney, Brunet Lux, Denise Williams and others who may have joined the Zoom meeting after roll call.

- Review Feb 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Meia summarized February 2024 PAYC meeting minutes. Motion was made to accept minutes as presented; seconded; approved with abstention by Cris Houston.

- XC Season underway

- Andrea Johnson provided update to current X-C season
- Rancho Cordova meet date changed to November 10 (same location)
- PA JO XC meet is November 24 @ Hayward HS (day after CIF-NCS meet)
- Region 14 JOXC meet will be at Woodward Park in Fresno
- Ed has been told all future Region 14 XC meets will be hosted by Central Assn and Region 14 Combined Events by Pacific Assn, resulting in Irene Hermann announcing issues with Central Assn USATF certification that may result in disbandment, parts of current Central Assn territory becoming part of PA. Likely decision, including changes in National Youth Committee and Region 14 positions, to be determined at upcoming Annual Meeting. Discussion ensued; no action to take until more information is known.

- 2024 Season Recap

- Top 8 Championship

Meia provided brief Top 8 meet summary, including post-meet survey comments. Agreed heat, not enough Officials, bathroom incident, and schedule were problem areas needing attention. Discussion ensued, primarily regarding earlier Officials notification and better Officials scheduling / participation.

- Birth verification process

Meia led discussion regarding need to promote birth certification process better/earlier to PAYC members to prevent last minute verification issues/delays. John Knowles reiterated

PAYC members need to take responsibility and make a priority. Discussion ensued. Short Zoom demo, more email reminders, and emails with links to current USATF Connect 'how to' videos was suggested.

- SJS Dead period (Jul 1-14)

Discussed current CIF-SJS dead period impact on clubs/athletes/coaches. 2024 waivers for CIF-SJS Top 8 high school athletes will likely not be repeated, meaning necessary JO qualification process for those athletes need to be completed in June. No actions proposed or taken at this time.

- Heat advisory

Impact of heat on June/July JO qualifier meets was discussed. Adjusting schedule and more hydration are only viable options, with need for some formal process to make meet scheduling changes and effectively communicate to participants. No action taken at this time

- Paralympics

- Lee Webb reported interest in including Para/Special Olympic events in youth meets. Lee reported a current member is interested in participating in YEC Para/Special Olympic planning activities. Ed will follow up with Lee.

- Combined Events

- Largest and most successful Combined Events meet held at James Logan HS June 15-16. James Logan may not be a viable CE venue in the future since PV equipment needs replacement and School district has not indicated willingness to fund. Brief discussion about incorporating non-CE events into 2-day meet to increase revenue and alleviate Top 5 scheduling issues. To be further discussed at February 2025 PAYC meeting once outcome of Central Association situation known.

- Officials

Extensive open discussion by Dante McCarthy, Teddy Hayes, Robert Benoy, and JR Heberle about reasons to become an Official, Officials scheduling / participation / compensation / treatment, and other topics. Key information/take-aways from this discussion include:

- Providing more advanced notice for scheduling was emphasized;
- Youth was behind movement to increase PA/Region 14 JO qualifier meets stipends to \$75/day;
- Current Officials proposal to be presented and voted on by BoA, including sufficient Master Official Youth meet participation to lower level Officials evaluation for advancement

- EDM equipment is mostly owned by individual Officials, not PABudget Report
- Ed presented information about responsibilities of PAYC Treasurer, PA portion of USATF membership fees not credited to a Sports program, proposed Youth 2025 Budget submission; and status of Club Meet Grants payout.
- Ed and JR Heberle discussed purpose of Club Meet Grant funds to offset increased sanctions / medical costs incurred by Youth clubs hosting a meet. Discussion ensued regarding 'value' of USATF sanctions vis-a-vie added Youth club costs/requirements. No specific action recommended or proposed at this time.
- Operating procedures (Introduce, vote will take place in Feb 2025 meeting)
  - Meia presented current draft of proposed Youth Operating Procedure changes and will post online. Any suggested changes must be circulated at least 60 days prior to any voting meeting; and will be planned to be voted on at February 2025 PAYC meeting
- 2025 Track Meet calendar
  - Due to time limit for rental of PAYC meeting venue, all proposed Youth meet dates are to be sent to Meia for consolidation and dissemination to Youth members
  - Preliminary list of club-sponsored 2025 track meets are:
    - 2/22 - God Speed Camp
    - 3/29 - God Speed
    - 4/19 - God Speed Eggstravaganza
    - 5/10 - Super Sub Bantams
    - 5/17-5/18 - 3M
    - 5/24-5/25 - Central Valley Roadrunners
    - 5/31 - East Bay Heat

**Meeting Adjourned at 2:05 pm**