



2020 USATF South Carolina Annual Meeting Racewalk Committee Report

Chair/Officer Title:	Racewalk Chair
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Reporting Period:	September 2019 - August 2020
Report Date:	August 23, 2020
Committee Members:	Jennie Cirillo, Paul Cirillo, Debbie Sammons, Tommy Sammons, TaMara Sloan

Committee Program Activities/Events/Projects:

SE Region 1-Hour Racewalk & College 3000m Racewalk

The USATF SE Region 1-Hour Racewalk was held in conjunction with a 3000 meter college indoor qualifier at Columbia International University on December 14, 2019. There were sixteen (16) entrants for the SE Region 1-Hour and fourteen (14) college athletes competed in the 3000 meter qualifier. The SE Region 1-Hour winners were AJ Gruttadauro from West Virginia Tech and Janelle Branch from the Georgia Association. The 3000m college indoor qualifier was won by Steve Smith (West Virginia Tech), and Jessica Heiser-Whatley (Columbia College, SC). Five (5) of the college athletes qualified for the NAIA National Indoor Championship at this meet. The event also included the SC, GA & NC 1-Hour Championships. South Carolina Awards went to Caelin Sloan of Florence TC -1st place JRW, Brittany Sloan 2nd JRW and Shelby Winn 3rd JRW. Open awards went to Jesi Heiser-Whaley 1st OW, Tori Heiser-Whatley 2nd OW and Brittany Robbins 3rd OW. Ian Whatley also took 1st place Masters and 2nd overall. SE Region Team medals were awarded for Association Junior, Open and Masters Teams. South Carolina Teams won both the Junior and Open divisions, while North Carolina won the Masters division.

USATF-SC 3000m/5000m Open/Masters Track Championships

The South Carolina Racewalk Track Championships was held scheduled to be held as part of the CIU Ram Classic Track Meet at Columbia International University in Columbia, SC in March 2019. This event was canceled due to the Covid-19 national emergency.

USATF-SC JO 15000m/3000m Racewalk Championships

This event is historically held as part of the USATF-SC JO Track & Field Championships. This event was canceled due to the Covid-19 national emergency.

Committee Program Goals:

To promote involvement in Racewalk throughout all age groups in South Carolina and to help provide training and experience to Racewalk Coaches and Officials.

Project/Program Expenses:

The National 1-Hour broke even and the Track Championships costs about \$300.

The Racewalk Committee is waiting till October to determine if the SE Region/SC 1-Hour will be held this year or moved to early in 2021. We will also be looking at partnering with CIU to host the Open/Masters Track Racewalk Championships in the spring.