



2020 USATF South Carolina Annual Meeting Youth Committee Report

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| Chair/Officer Title: | Youth Chair |
| Chair/Officer Name: | Steve Mullaney |
| Reporting Period: | September 2019 - August 2020 |
| Report Date: | August 22, 2020 |
| Committee Members: | Al Baron*, Anna Owens, Brian Jordan Diane Walker*, Michael Flournoy, Norman Venyah, Steve Mullaney (Chair), Tammi Dennis, Valerie Jacobs* <i>* Newest Committee Members; Added Fall 2019</i> |

2019-2020 Committee Program Activities/Events/Projects:

Year in Review

This past year (Aug 2019 – Aug 2020) was a strange one for USATFSC Youth. The USATFSC Youth Athletics Committee has two keynote JO (Junior Olympic) Association events: Track and Field, and Cross Country (XC).

- + 2019 SC Association XC JO: 264 athletes
- + 2020 Track & Field JO: 0 athletes

The 2019 XC Championships were contested Nov 09, 2019, at Generations Park, in Aiken, SC.

Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 the entire USATF Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships progression was canceled. Meaning all Association JO T&F Championships were also canceled.

2019 USATF-SC JO Cross Country

The 2019 USATFSC Association XC Meet attendance was down from the previous 2 years, down approximately 16% from 2018. The reason for the drastic decline is unknown, other than the location of the National Championship (Madison, WI).

| XC Year | Athletes |
|---------|----------|
| 2017 | 374 |
| 2018 | 313 |
| 2019 | 264 |

**2019 USATFSC Association JO XO Championships**

| | Entries | Finishers |
|--------|---------|-----------|
| Female | 117 | 113 |
| Male | 162 | 151 |
| TOTAL | 279 | 264 |

2019 USATF-SC JO XC Registrations by Club

| Name | Total | Male | Female |
|----------------------------------|-------|------|--------|
| City of Charleston Swamp Foxes | 13 | 6 | 7 |
| Columbia Project | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Darlington Track Club | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Florence Track | 19 | 10 | 9 |
| Lexington County Wildcats | 33 | 22 | 11 |
| Mt. Pleasant Track Club | 151 | 80 | 71 |
| Myrtle Beach Track & Field | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Palmetto Track & Field | 20 | 15 | 5 |
| St. Andrews Parks and Playground | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Summerville Catholic School | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| Summerville Thunderbolts | 13 | 9 | 4 |
| The Storm Track Club | 7 | 5 | 2 |

2019 JO XC Race Winners

| Race | Male | Female |
|-------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2000m 8U | MILES TONELIS | SAVANNAH HISLOP |
| 3000m 9-10 | GABRIEL HISLOP | JULIA GOLDMAN |
| 3000m 11-12 | GAVIN MOORE | KAYLANNA BURROUGHS |
| 4000m 13-14 | REECE BLUESTEIN | LAELA CAPLINGER |
| 5000m 15-16 | ANDREW ROWE | ABIGAIL HANRION |
| 5000m 17-18 | NICOLAS FIORILLO | <none> |



2019 USATF-SC Open and Masters Cross Country

The **2019 USATFSC Association Open & Master Cross-Country Championships** were held in conjunction with the **2019 USATFSC Association Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships** in Aiken, SC.

2019 participation was up by 600% over 2018 participation. In 2018 there were 0 participants, while there were 6 in 2019. We are in the process of trying to grow the event, and based on recruiting and raising awareness we anticipate possibly 12-15 Open and Masters athletes at the 2020 event (provided the event is held).

2020 USATF JO Track & Field

The 2020 USATFSC Association JO Track & Field Championships were canceled.

The event was scheduled for Spartanburg High School. The Spartanburg Visitors Bureau had a grant specifically for the 2020 JO T&F Championships.

2020-2021 Project/Program Expenses:

Upcoming 2020 events:

+ Saturday, November 07, 2020 – Open, Masters, and Youth JO Association Championships

It is unknown if this event will happen. As of Aug 19, 2020, USATF National has not canceled the 2020 USATF Junior Olympic Cross-Country Championships progression. Currently in a “wait and see” mode. National will see how Lexington, KY (host of the National Championships) is faring in September.

Unfortunately, on Thursday, Aug 20, 2020, Winthrop University announced they would not be able to host the Association JO XC Championships. They had some time ago cancelled all university FALL athletics.

We are currently exploring other options. Including possibly returning to Aiken, which is a public park. We have to be careful to not get too far out front in the event National does cancel the progression, which at this point is a distinct possibility.

2021 Events

The RFPs for 2021 will likely be reopened/reissued.

We had entities express interest in submitting proposals to host our Championship events, but when the COVID-19 pandemic exploded, submitting proposals to host athletic events was not at the top of anyone’s agenda.