



2021 USATF South Carolina Annual Meeting Officials Certification Committee Report

Chair/Officer Title:	Certification Chair
Chair/Officer Name:	Norman Venyah
Reporting Period:	September 2020 - September 2021
Report Date:	August 29, 2021
Committee Members:	John Blackburn, Maurice Campbell, Ron Geohaghan, George Illingworth, Freddie Young

Committee Program Activities/Events /Projects:

Certify and recertify officials
Share officiating tips with officials via email
Verify officials' certifications for USATF meets and as requested
Evaluate officials that apply for major USATF T&F meets
Ensure that officials are current on certification requirements
Grade rules reviews
Mail certification cards to officials
Oversee the discussion and voting for officials requesting upgrade to National, Master, and Referee Levels
Encourage and assist officials in their desire to upgrade to the next certification level through email conversations, phone conversations, and mentoring
Inform officials of officiating opportunities via email
Select officials for the Outstanding SC Official Award. All officials should continue to send me their annual track resume at the end of the year so I can see the meets you worked.

The outstanding SC officials for 2021 are:

Susan Heiser – National Level
Ian Whatley – National Level

As of 9/4/21, there were 81 certified SC officials

38-Apprentice
23-Association
10-National
10-Master

Committee Program Goals:

- Prepare SC officials to become qualified National and Master officials capable of working National Championship meets and representing SC in a positive manner.
- Search for qualified SC officials who can be submitted to the National Officials Committee for official awards or the official's Hall of Fame. Sam Kennedy has been nominated for the Charlie Reuter Award for his 28 years of officiating and leadership as an umpire and starter.
- Encourage young officials, under 40 years of age who have not worked a National Championship, to apply for the Young Officials Grant. Rashonda Venyah was awarded a \$500 grant and officiated at the JO Youth Championship meet in Jacksonville, FL in July 2021.
- Encourage officials to mentor youth, 13-17 years of age, to be junior officials.

Project/Program Expenses:

1. Mailing badges- \$249
2. Printer ink and paper- \$98.22