



2021 USATF South Carolina Annual Meeting Racewalk Committee Report

Chair/Officer Title:	Racewalk Chair
Chair/Officer Name:	Susan Heiser
Reporting Period:	September 2020 - September 2021
Report Date:	September 6, 2021
Committee Members:	Jennie Cirillo, Paul Cirillo, TaMara Sloan, Ian Whatley

Committee Program Activities/Events Projects:

2020 USATF-SC & NC 3000m Racewalk Championship: This event was held in conjunction with a 3000 meter college indoor qualifier at Columbia International University on November 21, 2020. There were fifteen (15) entrants with seven (7) South Carolina members and two (2) North Carolina members. Ten (10) college athletes competed, three (3) of whom qualified for the NAIA Indoor Nationals. USATF South Carolina top awards went to Frank DeVar (men open) and Caelin Sloan (women Jr), with Ian Whatley (men masters) and Jesi Heiser-Whatley (women open) finishing second. Top college awards went to Nathaniel Wilburn of CIU and Jesi Heiser-Whatley of Columbia College. USATF-SC member collegiate athletes Jesi Heiser-Whatley, Tori Heiser-Whatley and Shelby Winn all qualified for 2021 NAIA Indoor Nationals at 3000m with the Heiser-Whatley twins both finishing as All-American. The trio also qualified for the 2021 NAIA Outdoors Nationals at 5000m and finished with All-American honors for the twins, who just missed the top 15 ranking to qualify for the Olympic Trials (ranked 16th and 17th over 20K).

2021 USATF-SC Youth 15000m/3000m Racewalk Championships: This event was contested as part of the USATF-SC Youth T&F Championships held on June 25th, 2021. There were two (2) competitors, Nygel Joe and Chandler Jones, both from Team Blaze. Both athletes competed in the boys 11-12 age group with Nygel finishing 1st and Chandler setting a new PR. Nygel went on to finish 2nd at the Battle for the Peach and earned All-American status with 6th at the USATF JO Championships, while Chandler finished 3rd and 10th at these events.

2021 USATF-SC Open/Masters T&F Championships: The USATF-SC Carolina Open/Masters meet was held in conjunction with the South Carolina Classic Track Meet hosted by Greenville Track Club on July 17th, 2021. Seven (7) athletes competed in the racewalk with South Carolina athletes, Ian Whatley (men master) and Tori Heiser Whatley (women open) finishing first, with Jesi Heiser-Whatley (women open) in 3rd. USATF athletes from North Carolina, Tennessee and Michigan also competed.

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 Racewalk Committee expenses included awards, sanction costs and officials stipends. Other event cost were born by the primary meet organizers. The committee also invested in a full set of regulation racewalk paddles and a disqualification board. Estimated event & equipment costs: \$500.

2021-2022 Events: The RW Committee proposes to co-host the SC/NC Racewalk Championships at CIU on December 4th, 2021 and to work with the MUT committee on a combined event in winter 2022, that would include the SE Region 1-Hour RW Championships. The committee is requesting a roll-over of the \$500 remaining from the 2020-2021 budget and a total of \$1500 to cover both events.