



USATF-SC Important Update

Notice of changes to the USATF-SC Association Annual Meeting

now to be held via Zoom

Sunday, September 12, 2021 at 2:00 pm

Given the ongoing National health emergency and current spread of the Covid-19 delta variant, the USATF-SC Officers met on 8/26/21 and unanimously voted, pursuant to USATF-SC Bylaw Article 7A.4, to host the 2021 Annual Meeting on a Zoom virtual platform. The Officers also unanimously voted to utilize the ElectionBuddy electronic voting platform for election voting as permitted under USATF-SC Bylaw Article 9A.2g. All election rules, as detailed in Articles 9 and 10 of the USATF-SC Bylaws, still apply.

Similar to last year's Zoom Annual Meeting, we are requesting that all USATF-SC memberships be verified in advance. Since this is an election year, each member will also need to declare which of the five (5) constituency they intend to vote in -- athlete, coach, official, club or general member. If you wish to attend, **please email your request to the USATF-SC Secretary, on or before 11:59 pm on Friday, September 10, 2021, at secretary@southcarolina.usatf.org.**

Please title your email "**USATF-SC 2021 Annual Meeting**" and include:

- 1) NAME**
- 2) USATF membership #**
- 3) EMAIL Address**
- 4) CONSTITUENCY* you intend to vote in**

***NOTE:** If one request is made for multiple member/voters in a household, please include the name, membership number and constituency for each member. Also, a unique email address is required for each member as secure individual ballots will be emailed through the ElectionBuddy platform.*

A **Zoom Invite** will be forwarded to all verified members on September 11th. Only current members of USATF-SC, 18 years of age or older and not delinquent (USATF-SC Bylaw Article 6H), shall be allowed to vote at this meeting. All requests made on or before September 10th will be verified by the Credential Committee and entered into the voter database.

***Credentials:** The **USATFConnect** system will be used for voting verification and constituency certification. For example, all Officials and Coaches must have current certifications as well as current SafeSport and Background checks. Additionally, if you intend to vote in the Club constituency, you must be listed on the USATF Club profile or the Club President/Head Coach can submit a list of club members voting for their Club, and those intending to vote in the Athlete constituency must be an Active or 10-year athlete. All Active Athletes must list one USATF sanctioned event they competed in within the past 24 months. All members and clubs are encouraged to check their **USATFConnect** profiles and verify/update their information.

The tentative Annual Meeting Agenda has been provided in previous notice and is on the usatfsc.org website site. Information on ElectionBuddy and the USATF-SC election process will be posted on the USATF-SC website along with meeting reports and documents.

Please send any questions you would like addressed at the meeting to the USATF-SC Secretary - secretary@southcarolina.usatf.org.

This is YOUR USATF!