

**Youth Committee Meeting
USATF San Diego – Imperial Association
January 15, 2009**

Present:: Michael Adkins (Chair & ‘N Step), Randy Thompson (Team San Diego Panthers), Eddie Ford Jr. (Mercury), Michael Landry (San Diego Golden Stars), DeCola Groce (MLK Blasters), Hurvie Milner (North County Jaguars), Trebor Calloway (North County Jaguars), Cedric Adams (Alexander’s Light’n Express), Marcus Sims (San Diego Cheetahs), Mike Mena (San Diego SoCal RoadRunners), Jeanette Mena (San Diego SoCal RoadRunners)

Call To Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting was called to order by the Youth Chair at 6:30PM
2009 Youth Chair’s Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair outlined (7) goals for calendar year 2009. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advance the Sport of Track & Field by making it an enjoyable experience for youth and families. 2. Assist in providing coaching education to advance the technical skills of coaches. 3. Organize the Committee by creating possible positions such as Cross Country Chair, Track & Field Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and others as needed. By-laws or youth committee rules will need to be developed; 4. Support efforts that enhance cooperation from member teams and coaches. We must all put aside past differences and look to the future for ways to benefit our youth and their families. All of us must work together to have good meets that are competitive, organized and advance our athletes to the regional and national meets. 5. “Grow the Sport.” Seek ways to introduce the public to the sport of youth track & field. Align with youth high school track coaches to promote track and field to high school athletes after their competitive season; 6. Conduct an outstanding Association Meet; and 7. Promote the sport by seeking press coverage of track meets.
2009 Youth Committee Meeting Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair announced arrangements have been made to hold the Youth Committee’s meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the City Heights Recreation Center. The Chair inquired as to the availability of those in attendance to meet. • Coach Mike Mena asked consideration be given to hold the meeting on a quarterly basis in North County. After discussion, attendees agreed to meet in North County. • Coach Mena indicated the meeting would likely be at Orange Glen High School in Escondido.
2008 Cross Country (XC) Recap	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair thanked Coaches Mike & Jeanette Mena for a well run Association XC Championship. • Mike served as the Meet Director & Jeanette was the processor for the event held on November 15, 2008. • Jeanette reported there were no out of pockets expenses for

	<p>the meet. The receipt for the Hy-Tek disk will be provided. Approximately 150 athletes participated. 100 qualified for the regional and 78 qualified for the nationals. Participating teams were the SD SoCal RoadRunners, North County Jaguars and Imperial Valley Suns. Some also competed as unattached.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair reported attending the Regional Championship at Mt. SAC. Jeanette served as the Association processor. • The Chair congratulated the SD SoCal RoadRunners for an outstanding showing at the regional and national championships. • Coach Mike Mena reported on the National XC Meet held in Hanover, VA on December 13, 2008. Coach Mena reported a number of teams have inquired about San Diego-Imperial hosting a national championship meet. The meet was great. The weather was good about 30 degrees compared to past meets.
<p>Websites Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The youth page of the Association’s website has been recently updated. Special thanks to Lish Bache, the Association Treasurer for updating the site. • Featured on the website is the SD SoCal RoadRunners XC Team • The youth page is the most active link on the website. Coaches are encouraged to visit the site: www.sdusatf.org.
<p>2008 Annual Meeting Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Standard • 2009 Youth Outdoor, Cross Country, Junior Olympic Championships • Elections • World Youth Meet • 2010 XC, Outdoor, & Junior Olympic Championships • Rule Changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of the Youth Committee, the Youth Chair reported attending the annual USATF meeting held December 3 – 7, 2008 in Reno, Nevada. The following information was shared: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 2009 Performance Standards for the Youth Outdoor and Junior Olympic Championships were distributed. 2. The 2009 Youth Outdoor & Junior Olympic Championships will be held in Michigan and North Carolina respectfully. Both events should have information posted on the USATF website. 3. This was an election year for the general board and youth committees. Stephanie Hightower was elected president. Lionel Leach was elected to a new term as youth chair 4. Qualification for the World Youth Meet will be held in conjunction with the 2009 Youth Outdoor Meet. 5. The 2010 XC, Outdoor & Junior Olympic Championships will be held in Hoover, Alabama, Lisle, Illinois & Sacramento, California respectfully 6. The Chair did not highlight rule changes. 7. Coach Landry reported he believed a rule was adopted that required youth and above to use blocks. The Chair did not recall this rule being voted upon and will report

	out next month on approved changes.
2009 Officials Clinic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Officials Association of USATF will hold an officials clinic on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at Mesa College in classroom L501. Start time is 8:30 a.m. • Some members expressed an interest in attending a “hand on” clinic, which Coach Elizabeth Tate and Sharon Powell conducted last year. The Chair will consult with Coach Tate to determine her availability to conduct a clinic. • Coach Groce reported she nor Coach Robert Savage has received their cards from last year. Coach Ford and Coaches Mike & Mark Mena also have not received their cards. The Chair agreed to check with Coach Tate or Jim Skelly to determine the status.
2007 Youth Award Recipients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair renewed the pledge made at the 2008 Association Championship to award the 2007 Youth Award Recipients a \$25 restaurant gift certificate of their choice. Coaches of recipients are asked to provide the information.
Background Screening Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC LogiQ has been contracted to do the background screening for USATF. All coaches/volunteers are required to undergo a background check. The link to TCLogiQ is on the youth page of our website. The cost of the check is \$8.00. • The Chair reported still trying to work with the national office to recover the “extra” cost of some coaches who completed the check in 2007. • Coach Landry questioned could the Association utilize someone other than TCLogiQ (e.g. local sheriff department). The Chair reported the national youth committee has designated TCLogiQ as the sole entity to do background checks.
Major Maintenance at High Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mira Mesa, Morse and San Diego High Schools are scheduled to have their tracks resurfaced in 2009. The exact dates are unknown. The maintenance projects will affect three member teams (Millennium Express, MLK Blasters and ‘N Step Track Clubs.
2009 Youth Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The schedule was finalized and will be posted on the website.
Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coach Thompson reported his 2009 practice site will be at Patrick Henry High School.
ADJOURNMENT	
Following a motion by Coach Randy Thompson and seconded by Coach Cedric Adams, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45PM.	
Distribution	USATF Member Teams, Jay Beltz, Association President, and Lish Bache, Acting Webmaster