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Message from USATF Adirondack President Bill Quinlisk

Holiday and New Year's Greetings from the USATF Adirondack Officers and Board of Directors to all of our members, member clubs, coaches, officials and administrators. We sincerely hope and believe that 2021 will produce a return to competition for us all.

Don't forget to **renew your membership** for 2021. Go to: <https://www.usatf.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/membership>. USATF has once again updated their national website. All memberships are now being channeled through USATF Connect. If you are renewing your membership, you must first update your USATF Connect profile. This can be challenging. I suggest that you use the link for "Contact Support" if you have any difficulties. The national office staff has been surprisingly responsive. Our Adirondack Association 'go-to-guy,' John Pusateri, can also assist at treasurer@adirondack.usatf.org

The **Annual Meeting of USA Track & Field** (USATF) was originally scheduled for Reno, NV. To no one's surprise it was canceled. Instead USATF held online virtual meetings on December 3-6. The USATF Adirondack Association delegation was chaired by President Bill Quinlisk and included Craig Evans, Michelle Merlis, Molly Goodrich, Kristen Hislop, John Sestito, Steve George and Joe Shufelt. Thanks to our delegates for taking time out of their busy days to represent the Association. All annual meeting reports are due before our next Board meeting on January 12th.

The highlight of the annual meeting was the election of our own **Tom Dalton** to the national **Masters Long Distance Running Hall of Fame**. Tom was the first inductee in the new Cross Country 'Legends' category. Congratulations on this well-deserved accolade. An article about Tom Dalton can be found on our website at: <https://adirondack.usatf.org/news/2020/tom-dalton-elected-to-usatf-masters-hall-of-fame>

Kristen Hislop was appointed to represent the Adirondack Association on the newly formed national USATF **Women's Commission**. Bill Quinlisk was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the national Masters Long Distance Running Committee. Bill was also re-appointed to the national Cross Country Council Executive Committee. He continues to serve as the national Masters Cross Country Representative.

Congratulations to Adirondack Association high schoolers **Hannah Ielfield (2nd)** and **Kaylee LaCreta (7th)** who both finished in the top 10 in the Girls 17-18 age group at the 2020 USATF National Junior Olympics Cross Country Championships in Paris, KY on Dec. 13. Results are available at: <https://adirondack.usatf.org/events/2020/2020-usatf-national-junior-olympic-cross-country-c>

Jan. 1, 2021 marks the start of a new Olympiad. USATF certified officials must renew their certification for the next 4 years. Information about **officials' certification** is available at: <https://adirondack.usatf.org/information-for/officials>. New officials are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact USATF Adirondack Officials Committee Chair Steve George at officials@adirondack.usatf.org or USATF Adirondack Officials Certification Chair Joe Shufelt at harvshu@aol.com

The USATF Adirondack Association is looking for a volunteer to serve as our national **SafeSport representative**. Contact President Bill Quinlisk at president@adirondack.usatf.org if you are interested and would like more details.

Membership

[USATF Connect](#) is now active. This is the new portal for membership and includes SafeSport compliance, background screens and other important information for athletes, coaches, and clubs.

Membership prices are \$25.00 for youth and \$40.00 for adults. Clubs and members are still encouraged to purchase their memberships during the COVID-19 pandemic as fees contribute to Association programmatic and organizational budgets, especially now that restrictions are being lifted. It is important we unify during this downtime to ensure we can rebound with as little damage as possible. To renew your membership, use the following links.

[Individual Membership/Renewals](#)

[New Member Club/Renewals](#)

Event Sanctioning

A USATF sanction is an official designation issued by USATF, through a local Association, which approves and licenses the holding of a competitive track & field, long distance running or racewalking event in the United States. The sanction is also a contract, which evidences the event's commitment to follow national and international rules and regulations of the sport and to provide a safe environment for the participants and spectators. Once the event has satisfied the sanction requirements, the event's application for sanction is approved.

The benefits of sanctioning your event include increased prestige, liability insurance, sport accident insurance for athletes, calendar coverage, records and dispute resolutions. If you are interested in having your event USATF sanctioned, please contact Kristen Hislop, Sanctions Chair at sanctions@adirondack.usatf.org.

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