



**Adaptive Track and Field, USA
2018 Annual Report**

The 2018 ATFUSA Board Board Terms

(term ends in 2018)**

Philip Galli	Chairman / Long Distance Racing Chair		2017-2020
Jerry Clayton	Vice-Chair – Officials/Jr		2018-2021
Charlie Sheppard	Treasurer		2016-2019
Jessica Cloy	Secretary	**	2015-2018
Pam Carey	Member at Large (MAL) – High School		2018-2021
Pam Chiavaroli	MAL- Records	**	2015-2018
Darla Clayton	MAL – Cerebral Palsy (CP)		2016-2019
Mark Braun	Athlete Representative		2016-2019
Teresa Skinner	MAL –High School		2016-2019
Tom Southall	MAL- Masters		2016-2019
Randy Chiavaroli	Field Chair		2017-2020
Paul Johnson	Track Chair		2017-2020

2019-2022 Election Candidates

CANDIDATES

- Jessica Cloy
- Pam Chiavaroli
- Frank A. Anzaldi Jr
- Denise Hutchins

About:

Adaptive Track & Field USA (ATFUSA) is a 40 year old Texas based 501(c) 3 organization that was formed to support Adaptive Track & Field and Adaptive Road Racing in the USA.

Until 2000 ATFUSA was the National Governing Body (NGB) for Wheelchair Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA. In 2002, the United States Olympic Committee became the National Paralympic Committee and U.S. Paralympics became the NGB for Para (all disabilities) Athletics (Track and Field) in the USA.

ATFUSA's Mission since 2002 is to support and promote community based Adaptive Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA (all IPC defined disability classes) and be the NGB for Juniors Under 14 and Masters Age groups 35, 50, 60 (not controlled by US Paralympics).

For these age groups ATFUSA:

- Sanction Track Field meets,
- Sanction Wheelchair Road races,
- Set the rules,
- Keeps the records (for all age groups U7 through Master),
- Sets Standards for entry into our junior and non-elite open/master national championships).

ATFUSA has a synergistic relationship with Adaptive Sports USA. In this partnership Adaptive Sports USA can sanction track and field meets when it is run in a multi-sport competition.

The Board is currently made up of 12 members but can expand to 15. Each member serves a 4 year term. The Board terms are staggered with a portion of the group up for election yearly. The Executive Board's (Chairman, Vice Chair, Secretary, & Treasurer) terms are staggered so that they do not all end their term on the same year. All positions outside of the Executive Committee are member-at-large positions. Chair positions for Track, Field, High School, Records, CP, etc. are appointed by the Chairman from the MAL members with the approval of the Board. We have Two board members whose terms end in 2018, Jessica Cloy, and Pam Chiavaroli.

An e-mail went out September 18th from the ATFUSA Secretary to all ATFUSA members asking for individuals interested in running for the board positions to submit a nomination. Jessica Cloy, Pam Chiavaroli, Frank Anzaldi, and Denise Hutchins expressed interest in running. Due to the 4 individuals running the election will be open to 3 of the 4 joining the board. This will bring the board back to an odd number which is a voting objective. The election results will be announced at the ATFUSA Board meetings on Nov 8th, 2018.

2018 General Focus Areas

1. To support the 2018 LOC in running a successful Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals.
2. To support the GLASA LOC in running ATFUSA's Adult Championships in Chicago, IL.
3. To continue to offer members information and to support them in inclusion of athletes with a disability in high school athletics.
4. To increase the number and quality of IPC trained track and field officials in the US.
5. To offer training and presentation support to ATFUSA member coaches, parents, and athletes.
6. To ensure the USA is complying with all IPC rules at its sanctioned competitions.
7. To maintain records in track and field for all classes/age groups of athletes with a disability.
8. To report meet results, in a database, in a timely manor so as to inform members of all meet results.
9. To move to paperless results and provide pre-event electronic heating-seeding / calendar / meet timeline at Junior Nationals.

10. To sanction/support wheelchair road racing in the USA.
11. Provide quality Track and Field Equipment for our members at reasonable prices.
12. To maintain ATFUSA's 501(c)(3) status.

2017 Detailed Focus Areas

1. To support the 2018 LOC in running a successful Adaptive Sports USA Junior Nationals.
 - a. ATFUSA supported the Turnstone LOC by:
 - i. Running their Regional Track and Field meet to ensure a quality Junior National Event.
 - ii. Providing officials / Refs.
 - iii. Running the track and field portions of the competition.
 - b. ATFUSA wishes to acknowledge the work of Jessica Cloy, Philip Galli, Jerry Clayton, Charlie Sheppard, Tom Southall and Kevin Crytzer in that effort.
2. To support the GLASA LOC in running ATFUSA's Adult Championships in Chicago, IL.
 - a. ATFUSA worked with GLASA to offer our adult members a national level event.
 - b. ATFUSA held an officials' training session to increase the number of locally IPC trained officials capable of supporting GLASA year-round.
 - c. Ran the Track and Field competition.
 - d. GLASA will be the host of the ATFUSA Adult Championships again in 2019.
3. To continue to offer members information and support in the area of inclusion of athletes with a disability in high school athletics.
 - a. ATFUSA (Pam Carey, Phil Galli, and Teresa Skinner) continued to work with states, U.S. Paralympics, and local high school officials to assist in the inclusion of our junior members in high school athletics.
 - b. Along with many other disabled sport organizations, we continue to be on the Athletics for All Task Force focusing on athletics for students with a disability. The Task Force wants to offer states/school districts "Best in Class" sports and programs to comply with the federal mandate.
 - c. ATFUSA worked with New York State to put in place High School rules for the Spring and Winter Track & Field seasons. We will put the NY State Rules on line on our WEB Site for all states to share. New York has adopted a Louisiana model set of rules with the exception that points can win the meet not just tie.
4. To continue to implement a USA exception form for field to allow an athlete, not IPC licensed, to be able to compete at a Level II and/or a Level III field meet in a seated position other than that which is described in the rules due to a physical issue. The form follows the IPC form and has a USA approval process. ATFUSA is working with the US classifiers to have the classifiers record the information in the class file so athletes can compete legally with the exception.
5. To increase the number and quality of IPC trained track and field officials in the US.

- a. Paul Johnson is managing the testing for the USATF officials taking the IPC Certification course and test online. ATFUSA is posting on the ATFUSA website the names and locations of all certified officials. LOCs can enter their zip code and the application will list the certified officials in their area.
<http://www.atfusa.org/find-certified-officials>
 - b. ATFUSA has run officials' training sessions for regional LOC teams to ensure their Level 2 and Level 3 competitions meet acceptable World Para Athletics (WPA) /ATFUSA rules and standards.
 - c. Phil Galli will run a Para official training session at the 2018 USATF conference in Columbus Ohio on Friday November 30th.
6. To maintain records in track and field for athletes with a disability. This year was the sixth year junior athletes could set records at Level 3 regional events. We are making progress to update records during the year. This year we updated records from the spring in time for Junior Nationals. We will post the final 2018 records by 12/31/2018.
7. To sanction and support long distance wheelchair racing in the USA.
- a. ATFUSA sanctioned and/or supported 2 races in 2017:
 - i. The Kessler Foundation Wheelchair 10K was our National 10K Championship
 - ii. The New York City Marathon.
 - A. Reviewed race rules,
 - B. Determined the starting order for the race,
 - C. Organize the start,
 - D. Refereed the Wheelchair Division of the race,
 - b. ATFUSA is looking for a 5K, 10K, 15K, 1/2 marathon, and marathon to be our National Championships in 2018. If you are interested, e-mail philg1234@comcast.net.
8. To train and educate.
- In 2018 ATFUSA, with monetary support from CAF, ran an Ambulatory and Wheelchair athlete Field clinic at Junior Nationals where over 90 athletes participated, and we run 2 sessions at the Annual Meeting in Phoenix on coaching Ambulatory and Seated throws and coaching Para Long Jump. With this success it was suggested we move the athletic clinics to our regional meets so we can have smaller groups and give time to incorporate the learning in time for Junior Nationals.
- i. Athlete Clinic: ATFUSA ran a 3 hour clinic for ambulatory and wheelchair Field athletes at the 2018 Junior Nationals.
 - i. The Ambulatory Long jump session was led by Randy Housner, and Dave Bogenschutz. It focused on fundamentals of running to the board and getting more vertical lift.
 - ii. The Ambulatory and Wheelchair throws session was led by Scott Danberg focused on positioning and technics to throw the Shot, Discus and Javelin.

- ii. Coaches Clinic: ATFUSA will run a coaches' clinic led by Randy Housner and Dave Bogenschutz on long Jump and a throws coaches clinic lead by Scott Danberg supported by Phil Galli at the 2018 Adaptive Sports USA National Conference.

9. Equipment Sales:

We continued to market equipment to our members.

Partial proceeds of these sales go to ATFUSA (and Dixie). This year we sold equipment to Blaze Sports and others. Equipment included Clubs, Javelins, Shot Puts and Discuses.

10. Electronic Reporting:

ATFUSA developed and Electronic Tool to reduce the need for Paper at Junior Nationals and other Regional Meets. ATFUSA working with Kevin Crytzer, and Eric Hynds (who donated their time and work) developed an Apple and PC app to view Para Meet Management information on-line. The App publishes meet timelines, meet heating and seeding, and post event meet results by meet/event /athlete. The app can parse data specific to an athlete allowing the meet to print less paper. The App information can be found on the ATFUSA Website www.atfusa.org or at the apple store search for **ATFUSA**. For android phones and devises the data can be found on a HTML web page. For 2018 the app was trialed at Junior Nationals and covered track only.

11. To maintain ATFUSA's 501(c)(3) status.

- a. ATFUSA has filed the mandatory postcard with the US Internal Revenue Service and the state of Texas for 2018.
- b. ATFUSA maintains its Corporate Address as: 14900 Ranch Road 12, Wimberly, TX 78676 (residence of Wendy Gumbert).

The Board discussions and actions for 2019:

1. Review the rule changes from 2018 and determine if all went well.
2. Review the IPC 2017/2018 rule changes (if any) and make changes if needed.
3. Determine Track clinic goals and objectives for 2019
 - i. Athletes' clinic at 2019 Junior Nationals replaced by Regional clinics to give more hands on and provide skills which can be used to improve results at Junior Nationals,
 - ii. Coaches' Track clinic at the 2019 Adaptive Sports USA National Conference
4. Continue to review the Junior standards in track and field, specifically the CP T33/34.
5. Discuss and publish Best Practices for seated throws field cages for discus.
6. Put a full court press to sanction road racing in the USA. Need to replace the 10K Sanctioned event.
7. Provide enhancements to the ATFUSA website.
8. Continue the effort to develop Electronic tools to publish meet heating/seeding and results throughout the season. It is the objective to expand the app for Field.
9. Convene a committee to continue to update the ATFUSA By-Laws.
10. Continue to discuss having a Master's Championship.
11. Discuss recognition of National Records.
12. Change the Youth age groups to align with World Para Athletics move from U16, U18, U20 to U17, U20.
13. Work with US Paralympics to help choose a national team going to the WPA Junior Championships in Switzerland (in July/August)

This report is respectfully submitted by

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