



**Adaptive Track and Field, USA  
2025 Annual Chairman Report**

**The 2024 ATFUSA Board**

**Board Terms**

**(\*\* term ends in 2025)**

Philip Galli	Chairman / Long Distance Racing Chair		2025-2028
Jerry Clayton	Vice-Chair – Officials Chair	**	2026-2029
Steven Kessler	Treasurer		2024-2027
Jessica Cloy	Secretary		2023-2026
Pam Carey	Member at Large (MAL) – High School	**	2026-2029
Pam Chiavaroli	MAL – MAL		2023-2026
Brian Seamann	Athlete Representative		2024-2027
Teresa Skinner	MAL – High School & Coaching Chair		2024-2027
Randy Chiavaroli	MAL – Field Chair		2025-2028
Jim Strunk	MAL – Records & Track Chair		2025-2028
Denise Hutchins	MAL – Classification Chair		2023-2026
Frank Anzaldi	MAL – T20 Chair		2023-2026

**ABOUT ADAPTIVE TRACK AND FIELD USA (ATFUSA):**

Wheelchair Athletics of the United States of America, Inc., now Doing Business As (DBA) as Adaptive Track and Field USA (ATFUSA) is a 38+ -year old Texas based 501(c)(3) organization that was formed to support Adaptive Wheelchair Track & Field and Adaptive Wheelchair 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 (USOC now USOPC) became the National Paralympic Committee, and U.S. Paralympics became the NGB for Para (all disabilities) Athletics (Track and Field) in the USA.

In 2025 United States of America Track & Field (USATF) took over as the NGB for Para Athletics in the USA for the Elite Para Athletes and ATFUSA remains the governing body to set rules and standards for the Community Youth (U7, U11 & U14) and Master (M35, M50, M60) Para Athletics Athletes in the USA.

## ATFUSA'S MISSION:

Since 2002 the ATFUSA mission is to support and promote community based Adaptive Track and Field and Road Racing in the USA for all World Para Athletics (WPA) defined disability classes and be the Lead for Juniors under 14 (U14) and Master Age groups M35, M50, M60 in the USA (groups not controlled by US Para Track and Field). Through this effort we continue to be the major US Paralympic feeder into the elite athlete ranks by doing the following:

- Sanction Track & Field meets (through Move United for multiple sport events and individually for Athletics only competitions and our national championships),
- Sanction Wheelchair Road races at the 5K, 10K, 15K, ½ Marathon and Marathon level
- Expand Para Athletics in the USA
  - Work with states to set up or maintain High School Wheelchair and Ambulatory Athletic divisions at their Dual, Group, Regional, and State level meets.
  - Partner with other organizations to expand Para Athletics in the US; including Challenged Athlete Fund (CAF), Move United (MU), USATF and others.
- Set the rule exceptions for U11, U14 and Master Para athletes.
- Keep the USA records and event results for all age groups U11 through Master, championships.
- Work with US Para Track & Field and USATF to grow the number of Level 1, and WPA NTO Para Officials in the USA to prepare for Para Meet Growth in the USA and the 2028 LA Paralympics.

ATFUSA has a Memo of understanding with Move United. In this partnership Move United has been given the rights by ATFUSA to sanction Track and Field competitions (usually when they are held in a multi-sport competition) and ATFUSA provides management services to oversee the sanctions and direct support at the major Level 2 and 3 Track & Field competitions.

## THE BOARD:

The Board is currently made up of 12 members but can range from 11 to 15. Each member serves a 4-year term. The Board terms are staggered with a portion of the Board 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 in the same year.

All positions outside of the Executive Committee are member-at-large positions. Chair positions for Track, Field, High School, Records, CP, Intellectual Disabilities (II), etc. are appointed by the Chairman from the MAL members with the approval of the Board.

## 2025 BOARD:

There are Two positions up for election in 2025, Vice Chair – Jerry Clayton, (MAL) High School – Pam Carey,

These members terms on the board are being extended through 2029 due to the USA Para T&F merging with USATF. After the full integration. ATFUSA will reassess its role and mission.

## **2025 FOCUS AREAS:**

1. **Meet Management:**  
Update the SAMS Meet management software.
2. **Develop Para Officials:**  
Continue work to increase the number of Para Certified Officials throughout the country and Run one or more NTO courses to meet the number of NTOs required for the 2028 LA Paralympic Games and beyond. .
3. **Meet Results:**  
Maintain the Standards, Results and Records database on the ATFUSA Website.
4. **Rules:**  
Communicate and set the U11, U14 and Master rule exceptions.
5. **501(c)(3):**  
Maintain ATFUSA's non for profit status.
6. **Long distance Racing:**  
Grow the number of ATFUSA Sanctioned Road Racing events.
7. **Equipment Sales:**  
Provide Track and Field implements to the Para community.
8. **Meet Support:**  
Provide operational support for the Move United Athletics competitions and run the competition at the Hartford, Move United, Nationals in Grand Rapids, MI.
9. **High School:**  
Continue to help states create Para Divisions for Athletics for both Wheelchair and Para-Ambulatory athletes.
10. **Education:**  
Work to improve our value to Athletes and Coaches on our Website and through clinics
11. **By-Laws:**  
Work to maintain the By-Laws to agree with the current way we are conducting business and adhering to the related legal requirements.

**2025 DETAIL:**

**1. Meet Management:**

The ATFUSA IT Committee made up of Phil Galli, Kevin Crytzer, Jim Cuevas, & Paul Johnson:

- a. Is working to Finish SAMs 2. SAMs is a meet management software equally owned by Move United and ATFUSA. It was created in the early 90's to help Meet Directors run a multi-sport Para meet. The original program was premise based and somewhat difficult to use if a region only ran 1 meet per year. The objectives of the updated SAMs2 program are:
  - i. Create a cloud and premise-based program,
  - ii. Offer; up to date data on rules, records, results, and classification for just in-time meet population,
  - iii. The ability to transfer meet results and post meet reports to MU and ATFUSA,
  - iv. Phase II - Simplify the administration screens to allow Meet Directors a simple way to use the program without extensive training.

The program is operating from a Move United Server and a programmer has been commissioned to close the existing bugs and then write output reports which were not in the original program.

**2. Develop Para Officials:**

Continue to grow USATF Certified Para Officials

- a. 416 total USATF officials have been certified in this 1<sup>st</sup> year of the Quad. This is more in the first year of the Quad than all 4 years of the last Quad.
- b. Continue the evaluation process to rate the skill level of our certified officials working Para meets so those meeting the criteria can qualify for the NTO course.
- c. In 2025 we did 387 evaluations in the 25 Para meets with 230 officials having worked at least 1 Para Meet. Based on this and the meets the officials have worked in 2023, 2024 and 2025 we currently have

	<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Number Passed</u>
i.	APPRENTICE	59.1%	246 •
	i. Passed the test – No Mts		
ii.	Apprentice	20.1%	84 •
	i. Work 1 Para Mt		
iii.	Association	6.0%	25 •
	i. Work 2 mts in 1 yr.		
iv.	National	4.6%	19 •
	i. Work 4 Mts (2 per single yr.)		
	ii. W/1 being National/WPA		
v.	Master/Pending NTO Rec	6.47%	27 •
	i. Work 6 meets, 2 or more yrs		
	ii. W/ 2 being National/WPA		
vi.	NTO/Master	13.4%	14 •
vii.	WPA ITO/Master	0.2%	1.

Under the new certification Level criteria.

- d. We have 27 officials ready to take the next NTO course. We are hoping to hold the course in mid-2026.
- e. The goal in 2026 is to move as many Officials as possible up from Association and National to the Master Level so they can be ready for the NTO class/test.

**3. Meet Results & Records (Records Report input by Jim Strunk):**

To maintain Meet Results & Records in track and field for Para athletes.

- a. We uploaded all Para meet results to the Results Database at ATFUSA.org.
- b. This year was the 13<sup>th</sup> year Junior and Master athletes can set records at Level 3 regional events.
- c. Records were updated on the Web and in SAM's in July of 2025 prior to the Hartford Nationals.
- d. ATFUSA is working with The Boston Athletic Association (BAA) to certify record performances in the Boston Para ½ Marathon, and Boston 10K. The course/events were WPA approved.
- e. It ..... (JIM) list record info

**4. Rules:**

- a. New WPA rules are expected the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2026. Jerry Clayton will keep us abreast of the changes.

**5. 501(c)(3).**

- a. ATFUSA will file the mandatory postcard with the US Internal Revenue Service and the state of Texas for 2024.
- b. ATFUSA maintains its Corporate Address as:  
14900 Ranch Road 12,  
Wimberly, TX 78676  
(residence of Wendy Gumbert).
- c. ATFUSA maintains its working address as:  
ATFUSA  
9 Boulder Lane  
Orleans, MA 02653

**6. Long distance Racing:**

- a. The Peachtree Road race was our National 10K and Philip Galli served as the Para Referee for the event. Peachtree has approved to continue hosting the championship into 2026.
- b. Jerry Clayton worked the Chicago Marathon and Phil Galli and Jerry worked the Boston and NYC Marathons as TD and Para NTO.
- c. In addition, Phil Galli served as the Para Ref/TD for the Boston ½ Marathon. Brian Reynolds, a T62 Amputee, set a World record in the Event.

**7. Equipment Sales:**

We continued to market equipment to our members.

Partial proceeds of these sales go to ATFUSA (and the Dixie Regional Organization run by Randy and Pam Chiavaroli).

<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Implement Item</b>	<b>Price per item owed to ATFUSA</b>	<b>Total Due to ATFUSA for 2025</b>	<b>SOLD TO:</b>
11	Shot put Templates	4.50	49.50	Joe Bullock (Endeavor)
6	Discus Templates	14.00	84.00	Joe Bullock (Endeavor)
1	Scale	52.50	52.50	Joe Bullock (Endeavor)
1	Javelin Board	30.00	30.00	Joe Bullock (Endeavor)
4	2K/club	5.00 each	20.00	US Para
1	Para Implement Inspection	315.00	315.00	Tri-state Grant
		Grand Total	551.00	Check# 1127

**8. Meet Support:**

- a. ATFUSA provided direct support for GLASA, Tri-State, Palmetto Games, Dairyland, ATFUSA Para Track & Field Championships, New England Disabled Sports, and Louisiana Gumbo Meets.
- b. Galli, Philip 5/3/2025 CSH Invitational 5/24/2025 Tri-State Regional 5/30/2025 DCG 2025 6/14/2025 GLASA 6/21/2025 NE Adaptive Sports 7/15/2025 Hartford MU 7/23/2025 Warrior Games 8/1/2025 USATF Championships
- c. Carey, Pamela 5/2/2025 GUMBO State 6/5/2025 2025 UCO Endeavor Games 6/14/2025 GLASA 8/1/2025 USATF Championships
- d. Hutchins, Denise 5/30/2025 DCG 2025 7/15/2025 Hartford/MU 6/1/2025 DairyLand 5/23/2025 UCO Endeavor Games
- e. Kessler, Steven 6/5/2025 2025 UCO Endeavor Games 6/14/2025 GLASA 6/28/2025 Miller Family Open 2025 7/15/2025 Hartford/MU 7/23/2025 Warrior Games 8/1/2025 USATF Championships
- f. Strunk, Jim 4/25/2025 2025 Texas Parasport Games 5/7/2025 CSH Invitational 5/24/2025 Tri-State Regional 5/31/2025 2025 Meet in the Middle 6/5/2025 2025 UCO Endeavor Games 6/14/2025 GLASA 7/15/2025 Hartford MU
- g. Navarra, Pam 8/1/2025 USATF Championships
- h. Chiavaroli, Randolph 8/1/2025 USATF Championships
- i. Cloy, Jessica 6/21/2025 Peachtree Para games 7/15/2025 Hartford MU

**9. Clinics/Education:**

- a. We Continued to review the Best Practices and post them on the ATFUSA WEB.
- b. Phil Galli with Paul Johnson ran the Zoom review of the 2025-2028 Para Level 1 Certification course.

## **THE BOARD DISCUSSIONS AND ACTIONS FOR 2026:**

### **1. Rules:**

- a. Review the rules from 2025 and determine if changes must be made.
- b. Continue to communicate important rules to Coaches, Officials and Athletes.
- c. Ensure that the new 700g Jav is being used.
- d. The ATFUSA board has voted to offer a grant of up to \$70 to team's to purchase one new 250g Aero Jav.  
~\$70 X 10 to 15 units = Financial exposure \$700 - \$1100.00.  
Note: The Northeast Teams have them through the Hartford Equipment Grant.
- e. Await any WPA Rule changes.

### **2. 501©(3):**

Maintain the 501© (3).

### **3. Clinics/Education:**

- a. We will run Official's clinic(s) as needed.
- b. Continue to review the Best Practices and post them on the WEB.
- c. Phil Galli, Denise Hutchins, Duke Fuller and Faith Hogan will host a National Para Official's Webinar covering Seated Throws Setup and Best Practices on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **4. Standards:**

- a. Review the Junior standards in track and field and make appropriate changes.
- b. Review the Open Standards in Track and Field and make appropriate changes.
- c. Vacate all Turbo Javelin records due to the change, but do not change the Standards based on the Turbo.
  - i. Evaluate the 2026 results using the new Aero 250g javelin to determine if a change in standards is necessary.
  - ii. Classes affected: All U11 Classes

### **5. Meet Management & Meet Growth:**

#### **Nationals:**

- a. Run T&F at the Hartford Move United 2026 Nationals in Grand Rapids MI.
- b. Work to increase the number of athletes going to the 2026 Hartford MU Nationals.
- c. Place/Approve the Refs at all major Para only competitions to run the Para Track and Field Events and to provide a consistent level of competition across all MU Level meets.
- d. Provide USATF the Names of the Para Leads for the USATF combined National Championships
- e. Work with Move United and Athletes Without Limits to possibly add T20, I12 athletes to the Games as T22's.

6. **Road Racing:**
  - a. Actively market and increase participation of athletes at the 2025 Peachtree Road Race (our National 10K).
  - b. Continue our support for the Boston Athletics Association Para Events.
  - c. Work to improve the quality of the Para Ambulatory division at the Boston Marathon, ½ Marathon and 10K to help grow this division in the other USA major Road Races.
  - d. Work to get additional Road Race Sanctions for 5K, 15K, ½ Marathon and Marathon.
  
7. **WEB Site:**

Provide enhancements and review the topics covered on the ATFUSA website.

  - a. Work with the Disability committee to enhance the content for Coaches, Athletes, and Officials on specific topics.
  
8. **Meet Management:**

Implement the new SAMS.

  - a. Continue to fix the outstanding issues.
  - b. Develop electronic transfer mechanisms for Track/Field/Swimming input or results, to eliminate mistakes and improve Data import/export.
  - c. Develop import apps to allow for auto replacement of the Classification, Standards, and Record tables, as they change.
  
9. **Para Officials:**
  - a. Deliver a Video Webinar for Seated Throws Setup and Best Practices.
  - b. Support the challenge to get at least 600 (our 400 goal was achieved in year 1 of the Quad) ATFUSA Para certified officials by the end of the 2025-2028 Quad.
  - c. Organize and name Officials to qualified to attend the WPA NTO course.
  - d. Continue the Para Official Evaluation process to rank the skill level of our Certified Officials,
  - e. Work with USATF to add Eval questions to the USATF Eval program at meets which support Para Competitor and the EVALs are being performed.
  - f. Continue to Evaluate the need for a Level 2 USATF certification course and test once we know the new NTO course Criteria.
  - g. Create a Guide for officials working Road Races where Para Athletes compete (Wheelchair and/or Para Ambulatory divisions) to ensure all Para rules are implemented consistently.
  
10. **ATFUSA Revenue:**
  - a. Continue to promote Equipment sales and other income opportunities.
  - b. Maintain the Move United Memo of Understanding.
  - c. Continue and expand ATFUSA sanctioned Road Events (Peachtree 10K and The BAA Para Events).

**11. High School:**

- a. Support the growth of States with Para Ambulatory Divisions when asked.
- b. Aid any state wishing to organize a Para Division.

**12. USATF Integration:**

- a. Continue to work with USATF Disability Committee and USATF Officials Committee to work the transition of Para Track and Field into USATF.
- b. ATFUSA will start to populate Para Best Practice intellectual property from the ATFUSA website to the USATF Best Practices Web Site.

This report is respectfully submitted by;

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