

Association of Track Officials of Michigan

The Association of Track Officials of Michigan, known as ATOM, was started in 1987 by a group of Track and Field and Cross Country Officials, who were interested in bringing some uniformity and consistency to the officiating of their sport. At that time, despite being one of the largest participation activity offered by schools and the MHSAA, there was no real control over those who were being employed as Cross Country and Track officials,, except for the registration process offered by the MHSAA. Schools were content to hand a person a starter pistol, let them “fire away” and call these people Track Officials. This small group represented all sections of the State who worked diligently to involve others from their areas in their dream, a state wide organization that would foster a spirit of professionalism in the officiating of Track and Cross Country. Their foresight and devotion to the sport and the student / athletes who participated eventually evolved into the only state wide officials association which has as its

purpose the constant development of professional individuals serving as officials for two of the most popular sports offered to the young athletes in every school district in Michigan.