TRACK AND FIELD OFFICIALS TRAINING CLINIC

A **USATF Level I officials training clinic**, covering all aspects of T&F officiating, and all four rule books, will be held on:

Saturday, **November 21, 2026** 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Kelly Family Sports Center at Grand Valley State University: 10945 Laker Village Dr, Allendale, MI 49401 (Classroom on track level)

The training and certification program provided by USA Track & Field (USATF) is the only comprehensive training for track and field officials available in the US. In Michigan this program is operated by the USATF-Michigan Association Officials Committee. We will cover the fundamental aspects of officiating all track and field events, utilizing all four rule books used in the US (high school, NCAA, USATF and the World Athletics rule book), pointing out the differences among the rule books. At the end of the clinic, you are given an opportunity to complete the paperwork for USATF certification, which consists of a data form for contact information, and a 75 item rules review.

Certified officials also are required to be members of USATF, which costs $55 per year, or $200 for four years (plus a processing fee). USATF membership provides the mechanism for establishing the liability and excess medical insurance that covers you when you are working as a track and field official. It is advisable to have your USATF membership prior to coming to the clinic (the certification process cannot be completed without the membership). **PLEASE WAIT UNTIL AFTER NOVEMBER 1st TO PURCHASE.** You may obtain USATF membership online here. USATF and the US Olympic and Paralympic Committee also now require every USATF certified official to pass a background check and undergo SafeSport training. Details on these requirements will be presented at the clinic.

Cost for the clinic is $45 (cash or check only), for USATF officials certification (this is separate from USATF membership noted above) through 2025 and a clinic notebook. Please contact Chelsea Flowers at durhamch33@gmail.com if you plan to attend.