

2019 USATF NE Membership Stats

As of September 1, 2019

5924 members

M / F	F	M
	2376	3548

Membership	Expire 2019	Multi-year
	4742	1182

Affiliation	Club	Unattached
	4022	1902

By State	MA	NH	RI	VT	OTHER
	4154	769	635	225	141
2017 by state	3813	845	687	297	124
OTHER = cross association to join clubs, or moved/maintained NE					

Age	F	M
0-14	605	723
15-18	626	819
19-29	297	451
30-39	237	332
40-49	455	331
50-59	248	414
60-69	112	296
70-79	25	153
80-89	7	28
90+	1	2

Club Affiliation	Clubs with 50+ members		
160 Paid Clubs	Club #	Name	Members Youth only, Mix Yth/Adlt, Adult
		2019	
	55	Waltham TC	340 Youth
	68	Gr.Lowell RR	207 Mix
	1	B.A.A.	136 Adult
	374	NE Elite	124 Youth
	79	Green MtAA	123 Mix
	81	NashuaPAL	109 Youth
	232	Patriot PV	106 Mix
	9	CMS	102 Adult
	16	Gr.Boston TC	97 Adult
	49	Sentinel Str	86 Youth
	273	Mass Velocity	82 Masters
	366	W.MassDistPr	77 Adult
	168	TriValleyFronti	74 Adult
	194	GraniteStFlasf	74 Youth
	353	CLCF	68 Youth
	157	Gate City Str	66 Adult
	111	HFC Striders	63 Adult
	31	Camb Jets	62 Youth
	67	CambridgeRC	61 Adult
	485	BEN	61 Adult
	192	Whirlaway	60 Adult
	131	Somerville RR	56 Adult
	5	Battle Road	55 Adult
	474	Tracksmith Ha	54 Adult
	225	Dirigo	51 Adult

USATF-NE 2019 Annual Meeting
Managing Director's Report - Steve Vaitones

Bullet points on association activities and work

The New England association again met all national association accreditation standards covering competitions and services. Ranking #1 in sanctioned events (500+) and top 5 in membership. Our membership has among the largest percentage of members belonging to clubs.

Electronic media / communications / social media

- After several years of inefficiencies and operational issues, the USATF national database and website are being completely rebuilt, target finish in early 2020.

USATF-NE website continues to be among most detailed in the country.

- Electronic communication and operations have made office and association communications easier – but also more frequent and detailed.

- Thanks to Dave Teszler Social Media improvements in the past year.

Programs

- The association continues to maintain and grow relationships with communities, other groups (high schools, college), event managers, facilities, and other aspects of the sport.

- New England has a programs series wider than all associations except Pacific, with series for road racing, cross country, mountain, and indoor track & field, an "All Terrain Runner" series, and a full compliment of championships.

- The association will have hosted 2 National Championships (Masters 10K, Mountain), and expects to host at least 2 Nationals in 2020.

- Multiple Masters track & field records were set in USATF-NE competitions in 2019.

Background Screening and Athlete Protection

- USATF has strengthened athlete protection programs with USATF background screening and the US Olympic Committee "Safe Sport" program (to become annual for coaches and officials)

The new Restricted Volunteer Program was implemented for youth and championship events

Challenges

Facility access for indoor and outdoor track and field meets

Need for more volunteers and supporters for growing programs

Replacing retiring and aging certified officials base

Personal activity

- I continue in roles as Vice Chair of the USATF Associations Committee, member of the USATF Rules and USATF Cross Country Committees, active contributor to several other committees, and a certified official and IAAF road race course measurer.

These give New England an advocate for association needs as well as be on the leading edge to get information back to our board.

Special thanks to intern/employee Tommy Mazza for his efforts, ideas, and initiatives.

And thanks to president Chris Pasko who, beyond association duties, was elected as a member of the USATF Board of Directors last December.

Looking forward to working with the new board and with our member clubs for another year.

NEW ENGLAND Men's LDR Chair report

22 September 2019

Dear USATF-New England competitors,

My third year on the USATF-NE board as the Men's LDR Chair has been a busy and exciting one. In working with new LDR chairs Amanda Watters and Steve Viegas plus great help from Steve Vaitones, Tommy Mazza, and Stephen Peckiconis, we've sought to improve, streamline, and/or rework several aspects of the USATF-NE LDR world-from the relatively mundane (how to better position USATF-NE signs and logos at grand prix races) to involvement in the development of proposed bylaws revisions.

One of the first things that we did as a newly formed group of chairs to finish up the bid process for the 2019 series, reach out and receive bids from race directors. We were able to give members a good selection of races to vote on and throughout the year as we have completed races in the series we learn new things about what our members want in races and it will help us in this years efforts of getting a great variety and number of high quality events to choose from next year. We are also very excited to see how our new scoring changes of increasing the number of scorers for women to match the men in all open and some masters categories has affected club and overall participation in the series.

At the USATF Annual Meeting in Columbus in December, I was able to attend many informational meetings on the sport, as well as learning about the 2020 Marathon Trials in Atlanta. I was able to get information on a race that Atlanta Track Club was putting on for Olympic Trials hopefuls, and we had a couple athletes compete at that this past March!

In January, we had a meeting with USATF-NE grand prix race directors or their representatives. We were able to meet before all the grand prix races started this year to come up with conformed guidelines throughout the entire series. We made sure all the races were aware that we had decided to change the number of women scorers at events to match all of the men's required runners as well as some of the men's masters categories. Over the course of the meeting we explored and brainstormed ways that USATF-NE can help the grand prix races build their brand and elevate the status of their race and the ways the the races can help the association. Race directors were also able to share best practices with each other and we discussed the benefits of having a standard form for clubs to enter their members or the ability to use an online code for the USATF-NE discounted entry fees. Our marketing employee, Tommy Mazza, was present which led to a good discussion of how she can help promote the races *beforehand* and how races can utilize her during and after races to gain more exposure.

We successfully added into individual prize money last year since we took on more work as chairs rather than paying a part time employee to do the work for us. It has been a greater responsibility on the part of the chairs, but has been helpful in learning the ins and outs of championship races. We tweaked the age graded category this year in order to encourage members to run as many events as possible. Although I am unable to attend the meeting today, I am hopeful for the opportunity to help USATF-NE another year as the Men's LDR Chair.

David Teszler
Candidate for USATF-NE Youth Chair

Youth Philosophy

Track and Field is one of the best sports to grow self-esteem, independence, and long-term athletic range for youth athletes. The different events develop movement, power, speed, and endurance skills. The sport highlights the important actions outside of practice like rest and fueling. The secret sauce is the “PR”, the work to achieve it, and the athlete’s option to choose events. Our sport’s challenge and opportunity is positioning the long-term development advantage in an era of early specialization.

Youth Goals

Promote and provide our sport’s long-term development opportunity to more youth athletes throughout the New England association by increasing the participation and awareness of the opportunities. The audience we are supporting include the athletes, officials, coaches, clubs, and the parents.

Objectives

- Ensure the USATF-NE branded youth events are supported and well-executed
- Increase # of youth coaches in USATF coach’s registry
- Increase # of youth members
- Increase # of club affiliated youth members and # of clubs with youth
- Increase # of developmental meet opportunities
- Increase participation in Junior Olympic Association event (XC and T&F)
- Identify funding mechanism to keep athlete fees low and event accessible

Past Year

- Youth Cross Country: Coach at Waltham Track
 - Helped organize Waltham Track Club’s free XC developmental meet
 - Attended Massachusetts Middle School XC State Meet
 - Attended Junior Olympic Association, Regional, and National Championships
- Indoor Track and Field: Coach at Waltham Track Club
 - Coach shot put and distance
 - Support Waltham Track’s indoor developmental meet
- Outdoor Track and Field: Coach at Waltham Track Club
 - Officiated middle school and HS meets
 - Represented USATF-NE at the Massachusetts Middle School T&F meet
 - Attended Junior Olympic Association and Regional Championship
- Marketing and Communication
 - Along with Maggie Fox, developed social media content calendar
 - Supported social media based promotion of USATF-NE championships
 - Developed Information “passports” for JO and Open Championship meets
- USATF-NE Grant Committee member
- Participant in ATR, USATF-NE Outdoor and Indoor Masters Championships
- Coaching Certifications and related experience
 - USTFCCA: T&F Technical Certification, Strength and Conditioning Certification
 - Positive Coaching Alliance: Double Goal Coaching
 - 10 years on Newton Little League Board, 4 children competing from D-III to Middle School across many sports

NEW ENGLAND Master's LDR Chair report

September 22, 2019

Dear USATF-New England members,

I want to thank New England Association members for electing me Masters LDR chair at the 2018 Association Annual Meeting. I have been an active in the Masters LDR Grand Prix Series since 2017. I slowly converted from Masters Track & Field in 2015 to the point of running the Boston Marathon in 2016. I played a support role in the series while president of the association, attending many GP events. I now compete for the NE65+ Runners Club in the series.

I have attended LDR meetings at the national annual meeting since 2015 and I am the representative of the national LDR Committee to the Law & Legislation Committee, which reviews proposed changes to USATF's By-Laws and Governing Guidelines. This year is a Law & Legislation year. I will be attending that meeting on the Wednesday of the week of the annual meeting. We will be reviewing proposals and making recommendations to annual meeting. Masters LDR has presented an amendment to clarify the roles of Masters Track & Field and Masters LDR with respect to representation in the World Masters Association, which I will shepherd in committee.

This year has been a learning year about the various roles of the LDR group. I have brought myself up to speed about the procedures for selecting our GP series and the rules of competition in the races. I was the liaison to the 5K championship at Westfield in May and the 10 mile championship in Auburn, New Hampshire last month. The three LDR chairs confer, usually by telephone conference and emails to prepare for the GP selection as well as prior to each GP event. I have been an active participant.

Today I will also be standing as a representative to the annual meeting. I would like to continue to have a vote in the LDR meetings this year in Reno, NV.

I have served as the association Secretary and President and am currently the Massachusetts State Representative for Road Runners Club of America, with additional duties in the state of Rhode Island.

I would be honored to receive your vote to serve another one-year term as the association's masters LDR chair.

Respectfully,

Steve Viegas