

## March 2020 President's Letter

Fellow USATF New England Members:

I would like to dedicate this month's letter to the impact of the COVID-19 Virus. I want every USATF New England member to know that our top priority is your safety and the safety of our community. With much of our Association under a state of emergency, it is critical that everyone follows the safety precautions outlined by the Center of Disease Control and their state and local governments. By keeping healthy, we protect ourselves as well as our communities.

Please know that USATF, USATF New England, and race directors are in contact with federal, state, and local governments to make the best decisions regarding individual events. I hope everyone knows that safety above all else is driving the decisions on whether to hold, postpone, or cancel events.

As it relates to USATF New England, there are races which are part of our Long Distance (LDR), Mountain & Trail (MUT), and All Terrain (ATR) series. While USATF New England is not the owner or race director of those events, we will communicate any update or decisions by those race directors and their local governments as soon as we have them. If a race in any of USATF New England series is postponed and/or cancelled, we will review the series' events and/or scoring formula to ensure series participants are not penalized. The next two races in USATF New England series are the Frank Nealon Boston 15K on April 5<sup>th</sup> (LDR Grand Prix) and the Merrimack River 10 Miler on April 11<sup>th</sup> (Trail Championship and ATR Series).

In June, outdoor track season begins and USATF New England is the owner and meet director for five meets in June and July. We plan to make an announcement about the status of those meets no later than June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

We will post any updates through our website ([www.newengland.usatf.org](http://www.newengland.usatf.org)) and social media.

Finally, I want to thank our members for supporting USATF New England's indoor track meets. All three of our meets, USATF-NE Masters Indoor Championship, USATF-NE Youth Meet, and USATF-NE Open Championship, had record participation and spectator attendance. There were also many other wonderful events throughout New England this winter from the BU Meet Series to the SMAC Indoor Meet. With the Track at New Balance opening in 2021, indoor track will continue to grow in New England.

Please feel free to email me at [president@usatfne.org](mailto:president@usatfne.org) if you have any questions. I hope you and your families stay safe.

Best,

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