

Colorado Association Officials Committee

2023 Annual Report

Officials Numbers

The association Officials Committee has 85 certified officials as of September 1st, 2023; but we lost approximately 10 over the past year. We have concerns that we will soon lose more older officials, and we will need to focus on recruitment efforts to increase our numbers of younger officials in the coming year.

Training

The committee conducted two successful officials' training/certification clinics in the past 12 months, and plans to hold 2-3 such clinics during the 2023-2024 Indoor season.

Kudos

We are proud of all our certified officials, but want to recognize several of them here.

The following folks were competitively selected to officiate 2023 US National & World championship meets: US Indoor Championship: **Ed Halik, Marianne Holmes, Rich Schornstein**

US Outdoor Championship: **Lauren Hill, Marty Johnson, Dan Pierce, Rich Schornstein**

World Outdoor Championship: **Lauren Hill, Marty Johnson, Dan Pierce**

World Masters Outdoor Championship: **Marty Johnson**

In September, three officials received USATF recognition for outstanding service over the past year; they were: **Jim Breglio, Jim Downey, and Randy Hopkins**.

In December 2022, **Rich Schornstein** was inducted into the USATF Officials Hall of Fame, recognizing his 35 years of service as an official and contributions to officiating at the local regional, and national levels.

In early 2023, **Marty Johnson** earned the World Athletics certification level of **Silver Referee**. Marty was the only US official who earned that distinction during this year's certification process, and he was the top scoring candidate in the North America, Central America, and Caribbean region.

Kara Winger was honored as the Colorado Track & Field Professional Sportswoman of the Year. In addition to being an excellent certified official, Kara's athletic career includes the American record in the Women's Javelin; a Silver medal at the World Outdoor championships; a four time US Olympian; a nine time USATF national champion; and a six time member of Team USA at the World Athletics Outdoor Championships.