

# History of the SDCCTFOA

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- I. Development of a the SDCCTFOA
  - a. Earlier comments and efforts to create such an association at least as far back as 2018, and probably earlier
  - b. Tim Casper and Steve Charron were some early proponents of the idea
  - c. Serious efforts resumed again in the summer of 2023
  - d. Motivation for the association
    - i. Connect all Track and Field along with Cross Country officials
    - ii. With SDHSAA now requiring clinics, we wanted some control on the topics being presented
    - iii. Publish newsletters with best practices for officiating (Issued on last fall, and one of three for track season, with two more to come)
    - iv. Create greater input into track and field officiating guidance
    - v. Work toward a more standard payment schedule for track and cross country meets
    - vi. Try to do a better job to recruit and train new officials
    - vii. Could potentially
      1. Develop a schedule clearinghouse for meets to provide information to schools and officials looking for meets/officials
      2. Purchase items, such as starter shells in bulk to provide a better rate to officials and schools
      3. Provide a clearinghouse for officiating items, such as starter pistols, clothing or other officiating equipment
  - e. Organized a meeting in Pierre with SDHSAA (Jo Auch, Randy Soma and Aaron Magnuson)
    - i. Tim Casper—Lake Preston
    - ii. Larry Stevens—Rapid City
    - iii. Randy Thomas--Faith
    - iv. Steve Charron—Huron
    - v. Dana Nelson—Sioux Falls
  - f. Membership was automatically extended to all registered track and cross-country officials and an annual fee of \$5.00 already paid to SDHSAA was allocated to the association
  - g. Created the association and developed a constitution. Basically, took the volleyball association constitution and edited it to relate to track and field
    - i. Created four regions (Southeast, Northeast, Central, Western), again similar to what volleyball had done
    - ii. Determined officers, and appointed initial regional representatives, and conducted an election of the membership for a president-elect
      1. President: Tim Casper
      2. President-Elect: JD Evans--Salem
      3. Secretary/Treasurer: Dana Nelson

- iii. Provided notice to all members and conducted a Zoom call initial meeting of the association on August 22, 2023. 43 members of the association attended (53%-- note that SD had only 81 registered officials at that time)
- iv. Appointed full time regional coordinators
  - 1. Southeast: Tony Waterman—Tea, replaced Dana
  - 2. Northeast: Robert Kwasniewski—Webster, replaced Tim
  - 3. Central: Steve Charron
  - 4. Western: Larry Stevens & Randy Thomas
- h. Organized a clinic schedule for 2024 for officials to meet the new requirement with clinics in Tea, Pierre, Webster and Rapid City
  - i. SDCCTFOA board met to develop an agenda/lesson plan for the initial clinic, scheduled clinics, and here we are presenting them
  - ii. Future clinics will be moved around to other communities to try to accommodate officials throughout the state, and future clinics will be held in such places as Yankton, Mitchell, Huron, Aberdeen, Watertown, Brookings, Spearfish and other locations.
  - iii. Made a point to invite head track coaches and Athletic Directors in an effort to keep all of us on the same page, and to some extent revive the annual rules meetings which brought coaches and officials together.
  - iv. We are very pleased to provide this information to the SDHSAA and our constituents.
  - v. Best way to stay updated with all SDCCTROA is to connect to the officials' page on the SDHSAA website.
  - vi. [Track & Field Officials – SDHSAA](#)
- i. Questions/Comments