

### **Virgin Islands to host CARIFTA 2010...NACAC Half-Marathon Championships 2009...NACAC Cross-Country Championships 2011...**

The North America, Central America and Caribbean Athletic Confederation (NACAC) has awarded three of its championships competition to the Virgin Islands. They include: The 2010 CARIFTA Championships to be held in St.Thomas; The NACAC Half-Marathon Championships 2009 to be held in St.Croix and The NACAC Cross-Country Championships 2011 to be held in St.Croix.

These announcements were in conjunction with the NACAC Bahamas Summit held in Nassau, Bahamas October 23 to 25.

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### **Beijing Olympic Games...**

Two Virgin Islands National Team athletes have qualified for the Beijing Olympics for the Virgin Islands. Lavern Jones: 100m, 200m, 400m; Tabarie Henry: 400m.

To qualify for the Olympics, athletes must be registered with the Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation to establish eligibility, once eligible, athletes must qualify by meeting the IAAF "A" or "B" Standard and meet the criteria of the Virgin Islands Olympic Committee.

Jones and Henry have met the "A" Standards. To review the IAAF Beijing Olympic Qualifying Standards logon to the IAAF website.

Athletes who are approaching the qualifying standards are: Adrian Durant 100m, 200m; Valma Bass 100m, 200m; Courtney Patterson 100m, 200m; Terry Charles 800m; Lisah Hamilton Marathon

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### **Upcoming Competition...**

Athletes, coaches and officials should be aware that the following upcoming competitions are scheduled for the upcoming months:

June 12-23 CAC University Championships--El Salvador, San Salvador

July 4-6 CAC Senior Championships--Cali, Colombia

July 8-13 World Junior Championships--Bydgoszca, Poland

July 18-20 NACAC Under-23 Championships--Toluca, Mexico

August 15-24 Beijing Olympic Games--Beijing, China

Other regional competitions will be added as they are finalized.

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### **CARIFTA 2008**

The Federation is preparing the V.I.National Team for CARIFTA which will be held in St.Kitts/Nevis March 22-24. Athletes, Coaches, Officials intent with being eligible for and representing the V.I. with team are reminded to complete your annual Federation Form and submit a valid passport promptly.

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### **VITFF Bulletin #: 17-8-07 Athlete Training Grants...**

The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation announced today that those athletes who are currently on Virgin Islands Olympic Committee Training Grants interested in continuing to receive the grants and others who are eligible should apply to the Federation with a letter to the Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation to request its support and justify the request by outlining their level of fitness (exemplified by competition results) individual training program and competition plans for the next year. Currently athletes on the grants include: Adrian Durant and Julio Felix, male sprinters; Laverne Jones and Valma Bass, female sprinters and Bill Bohlke, long distance runner. These athletes competed on Virgin Islands national teams in the North America, Central America and Caribbean Championships in El Salvador; the Pan Am Games in Brazil, the World University Games in Bangkok, Thailand and other international competitions.

Get this information to the Federation via email by August 23. The Federation registration and other information is available at: <http://virginislandstrackandfield.org>

Contact the Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation at: [isv@mf.iaaf.org](mailto:isv@mf.iaaf.org)

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**IAAF "B" Qualification Standard Project--**As a result of their fine performances this year, **Allison Peter** and **David Walters** are now eligible for the IAAF "B" Standard Program. The

project aims to assist athletes, who have the potential but lack of the appropriate athletics environment to develop their best results to the level of the "B" qualification standards to the IAAF World Championships in Athletics and the Olympic Games. The Federation is applying for the grants for these athletes pending recommendations from their respective coaches.

**Click on Forms to see standards and eligibility criteria...**

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For **Pan American Games** information including: schedules and results for entire competition, logon to: <http://virginislandsolympics.com>

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July 7 is a special day for **Laverne Jones**, V.I. world-class sprinter...the Baracudas Track Club is hosting a fun-filled day to raise funds for Laverne at the Ag Fair Grounds in St. Croix...

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**The Second Caribbean Scholastic Invitational Track and Field Meet** will be held in Carolina, Puerto Rico on Saturday, June 30, 2007. Plans need to be finalized re competing in this competition for high school athletes under 20.

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For **complete results** of the 2007 XXXIV Carifta Championships in Turk & Caicos Islands click this link <http://www.cfpitiming.com/>

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If you are an IAAF **certified Level I Coach** and are interested in being certified to level II, you must be in good standing with the Federation by completing your registration form and paying your current year's registration fee. You then are invited to Level II course by the Regional Development Center in San Juan.

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**Federation officials** are involved in the effort to install a new track at the Eudora Kean High School; to refurbish the track at Charlotte Amalie High School and to re-install the track at the St. Croix Educational Complex...

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**5th IAAF World Youth Championships - Age Categories:** Only athletes aged 15, 16 or 17 on 31 December in the year of the competition (e.g. for the 2007 Championships, born in 1990, 1991 or 1992) may compete.

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