



The Virgin Islands Track & Field Federation...SINCE 1963

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To: President, The Virgin Islands University Sports Federation

From: The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation

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Subject: 2019 World Univ. Games

The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation is pleased to inform you that as has been the case historically, there a number of eligible Virgin Islands National Track and Field Team Members, some whom have met or are close to making the qualification standards for international championships. Also, VITFF has a Corp of certified coaches who are eligible and experienced with Univ. Sports World and Regional Championships.

VITFF requires the athletes and coaches to complete their annual registration and indicate their status re availability for national team competition (they are then recommended to V.I. Univ. Sports for the various teams as per request).

The following athletes (not all of them have registered for 2019) are eligible/qualified (8 athletes/14 events) for your competition (others may be eligible/qualified not known to VITFF presently):

Male:

Fred Dorsey Univ. of Kentucky 100m (qualified), 200m (qualified), 400m (qualified), Long Jump (qualified)

Malique Smith Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff 400m (qualified), 800m

Evan Jones Univ. of North Carolina Wilmington 1500m

Bart Peter Indiana Tech Univ. 100m, 200m (qualified), 400m (qualified)

Rodney Griffin Univ. of Arkansas Pine Bluff 200m, 400m (qualified)

Ahmed Joseph Central Mich. Univ. Javelin

Avery Joseph Central Mich. Univ. Javelin

Female:

Quashira Mc Intosh Univ. of Nebraska 100m (qualified), 200m (qualified)

Nia Jack Alabama State Univ. 100m (qualified), 200m (qualified)

Yashira Rhymer-Stuart Bellarmine Univ. High Jump (qualified)

Mikaela Smith Austin Peay Univ. 800m

Mya Dorsey Purdue Univ. 400m (qualified), 200m (qualified), 800m

Krystahl Gordon Lincoln Univ. Triple Jump, Long Jump

Stephanie Mathew Augusta Univ. 200m, 400m

As indicated above, as the athletes register, establish their status and meet qualifying standards, they are considered for national teams and or receive assistance with training and competition grants accordingly.



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For 2019 VITFF is obligated to nine IAAF/NACAC/CAC championships including the Pan American Games. It, as usual will be a major challenge to support and field athletes for these teams. One reason is that VITFF did not receive annual allocation for 2018 from Gov. of V.I. and has yet to receive 2019.

VITFF continues to seek allocated funds which will determine the direction toward funding its national teams for international championships scheduled for 2019. Additionally several athletes will graduate from their college/Univ. this summer and will require financial assistance to continue training and competing at the international level.

The VITFF, senior coaches and team male and female captains met and was charged with encouraging the athletes to complete their registration, establish their status and interest in competing in international championships. Another meeting will be held soon to update on this initiative.

As you are well aware the ultimate decision to compete is that of each individual athlete. VITFF identifies eligible and qualified athletes and V.I. Univ. Sports Federation selects those for its designated team and has the responsibility for fielding the team to include financing all associated cost. The list provided above with exception of Fred Dorsey are athletes who are technically under contract with their respective college/university, however they are eligible to compete for their national team provided availability of funding, they are in good standing with the IAAF, the VITFF and the VIOC. Of course their standing is also determined by their WADA compliance.

VITFF will update on the status of allocated funding so as to favorable consideration of your request.



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