



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

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Update...

VIRGIN ISLANDS

HALL OF FAME

TRACK & FIELD

Announcing the Virgin Islands Track and Field Hall of Fame...

logon to: <http://virginislandspace.org/vitff.html> to participate.

Congratulations!

Mikaela Smith on your performances at AAU Club Championships and the Youth Olympic Games

Eduardo Garcia on your performances at the historic Peachtree 10k in Atlanta...25th out of 40,000 Plus!

Your 9th place finish at the Great Cow Harbor 10K...30:15!

Billy Bohlke on your first place 5k finish in the military race in Nebraska

Shane Degannes on your first place male finish in the Bay Ridge Half-Marathon in Brooklyn

2019 Annual VITFF Registration...

It is of utmost importance that all complete the annual registration as it is necessary to have updated contact information and overall status for the purpose of applying and distributing vital grant information and more. This year there is a V.I. National Team commitment clause added.

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Championships Teams Planned for 2019

The Virgin Islands National Championships...St. Thomas, V.I. (for team selection)
CARIFTA Junior Championships...Cayman Islands
IAAF World Relays Championships...Yokohama, Japan
NACAC Under 23 and Under 18 Championships...Queretaro, Mexico
NACAC Cross-Country...Trinidad & Tobago
NACAC Half-Marathon Championship...Coamo, Puerto Rico
NACAC Age-Group Championships (
IAAF World Cross-Country Championships...Aarhus, Denmark
Pan American Under 20 Championships...San Jose, Costa Rica
Pan American Games...Lima, Peru
IAAF World Championships...Doha, Qatar

For a full calendar of track and field for IAAG, VIOC, NACAC, CAC, VITFF logon to:
<http://virginislandspace.org/vitff.html> (subject to frequent adjustments)

Qualification for Championships

Understand that there are qualifying standards for each of the championships listed above except the V.I. Championships which is by invitation.

IMPORTANT!

The IOC, IAAF, NACAC are regularly making revisions to the qualification system for their respective competitions. As this information is passed on to VITFF it will be posted by email and via VITFF website.

Examples:

1] IAAF and NACAC are now strongly requiring that not only must an athlete make the published qualifying standard but must achieve a specific ranking on the IAAF and NACAC Ranking.

2] In addition to the ranking and meeting of standard, one should achieve points in designated area and world competitions such as CAC Games, NACAC Championships and IAAF Championships.

Qualification system information will be posted by email and on
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The first step in the whole process is to register with VITFF...if you are a candidate for one of the above teams and other VITFF programs...REGISTER!



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Student Athletes and Professional Athletes

Traditionally V.I. National Teams consist of seasoned student athletes and professional track and field athletes. As the nominees come for the Hall of Fame this will become more obvious. The challenge is to make the transition from college to the national team on an annual basis for the student/athlete; to be able to live on minimal income on an annual basis for the professional athlete.

The VIOC and VITFF has great appreciation and respect for all track and field athletes, especially those in these two categories and continues to make available resources available accordingly. Both continue to look at ways to expand on that capability.

GRANTS

VITFF is pleased to announced that it has received a disaster recovery grant from the IOC/VIOC. Those funds are being used to buy four sets of high school standard hurdles for the track at the St. Croix Educational High School and three sets of IAAF standard hurdles for the Kean High School Track (to add to set previously purchased)

IAAF Disaster Recovery Grant

This grant was awarded to seven countries in the NACAC area following hurricanes Irma and Maria. These funds are used for the purchase of technical equipment, four additional sets of hurdles for each track to complete the sets, a storage container for each of the track and field facilities, an additional electronic timing system for St. Thomas, storage, etc.

These grants were awarded after rigorous application process and have strict accountability clauses in the award contracts.

The equipment and supplies are available to VITFF clubs/schools on request.

IAAF Dividend Grant

This grant is specially for the staging of the V.I. National Championships which were held in St. Croix this year, it also covered travel for a few senior athletes to St. Croix, to Guyana to compete in an extension of the national championships. It was also used to purchase a supply of Mizuno uniforms to supplement existing inventory for hopefully three years.

For further information: logon to: <http://virginislandspace.org/vitff.html> email: isv@mf.iaaf.org or wallacewilliams@msn.com call:310-643-2557



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