

USATF/RRTC Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2025

Meeting called to order

David Katz introduced himself as the Chair of the RRTC.

Around the room introductions

Andy Carr
James Guzmer
Gregg Hipp
David Katz
Justin Kuo
Mark Neal
Jane Parks
Doug Thurston

Meeting Minutes Approval

The minutes from the 2024 meeting were approved.

Registrar report – Jane Parks

As of December 1, 2025 the following certificates have been posted on the certifiedroadraces.com website. Note that these numbers include corrections and adjustments to previous courses (the reason the numbers are different from Justin's shown below), as well as new courses measured in 2025:

East 802 courses
West 504 courses
Total 1306 courses

This is slightly less than the 1378 USATF courses at the end of the 2024.

There are 365 World Athletics courses as of December 1, 2025. This is slightly less than the 401 World Athletics courses at the end of 2024.

We should be very close to matching the 2024 numbers for both USATF and WA certification by the end of December.

West Vice Chair Report – Jane Parks

There are 25 states in the West (west of the Mississippi). Some of the certifiers have more than one state because of low activity. South Dakota had no activity this year. Thirteen of the 25 states have certifiers who have been appointed fairly recently (although none in 2025). I would like give special acknowledgement for the dedication and efforts of those who take the time from their full time work and families to support USATF and the RRTC as certifiers.

I have ridden with and/or recommended 4 measurers for WA B status and 1 measurer for WA A status. The A recommendation and three of the B recommendations are in the Western region.

East Vice Chair Report – Justin Kuo

The USATF/RRTC East region has 18 regional certifiers, covering the 26 states east of the Mississippi River. Those states include AL, CT, DC, DE, FL, GA, IL, IN, KY, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, VA, VT, and WV.

Certifiers with Multiple States

- J. Kuo (7): Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont
- M. Studholme (3): Mississippi, Tennessee, West Virginia
- J. Parks (2): Connecticut, Ohio
- J. Werbler (2): Delaware, New Jersey
- N. Porch (2): Maryland, Pennsylvania
- R. Thurston (2): District of Columbia, Virginia

Certifiers with Single States

- D. Bean: New York
- D. Forbis: North Carolina
- D. Rogers: Kentucky
- J. Elmore: Alabama
- M. Neal: Michigan
- N. Marquez: Illinois
- T. Konieczny: Indiana
- W. Cornwell: Georgia

As of Dec 1, 2025, the East region certificates for 2025 accounts for approximately 64% of the total volume of the combined East and West regions.

East Region (720 Certificates)

State	Count	State	Count	State	Count
NY	108	FL	27	DE	9
GA	89	SC	24	RI	7
NJ	64	MA	24	MD	6

State	Count	State	Count	State	Count
IL	61	CT	23	MS	5
NC	51	TN	22	ME	5
AL	39	VA	20	DC	4
OH	32	IN	15	WV	2
PA	31	NH	10	VT	2
MI	31	KY	9	Total	720

The following individuals processed the highest volume of certificates for 2025:

- Kuo: 85 certificates
- Cornwell: 82 certificates
- Slocum: 59 certificates
- Marquez: 56 certificates
- Parks: 54 certificates

In 2023, the RRTC began issuing World Athletics course certificates. In 2025, the East Region created 245 World Athletic certificates, accounting for 67% of the 363 total certificates.

WA Certificates

Year	TOTAL	East	West
2023	265	179	86
2024	400	263	137
2025	363	245	118

Earlier this year, I started tracking the certificates I reviewed as the Vice Chair - East. Between Feb 14 and Dec 1, 2025, I returned over 160 certificates for various reasons. The top 3 reasons were:

1. Course Name Mismatch (22 counts): This was my biggest bottleneck.
 2. Return Requests (15 counts): A high volume of manual returns by registrars.
 3. Duplicate/Cropped Maps (21 counts combined): Simple scanning/PDF editing/Usage errors.
- Over the next year, I will work on solutions to finding solutions to make the online certification process more efficient and less time consuming.

As always, I continue to be impressed at the detailed and thorough effort the measurers and certifiers put into their work. The accurate measurement and detailed maps allow American and World records to be recognized and help to maintain the accuracy and integrity of the road running and race walk courses in the United States.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin F. Kuo,
Vice-Chair – East

Webmaster Report – Mark Neal

There were some changes to the procedures manual in 2025, and some proposed changes for 2026.

A new version of the Calibration Course map written by Washington measurer and computer science graduate student Nick Walker was installed on the RRTC website.

A link to the USATF page showing the all recognized record distances for multiple jurisdictions, i.e American, World Athletics, etc., is now included on the RRTC website.

A link to the USATF page showing the American Records for all records eligible distances has now been included on the RRTC website.

A proposed chart showing the measurement requirements for different records and championship events was presented.

Details of all of the above can be seen at the link below.

https://rrtc.net/Annual_Meeting_Minutes/2025/Webmaster_Report_2025.pdf

Validations Report – Andy Carr

Andy said that this has been a very busy year for course verifications with over 140 pending records. Most of those will not require a verification measurement. Andy briefly showed his spreadsheet of pending records

David interjected that we now do many fewer verification measurements than in the past. For pending age group records we will get together to decide if we have enough confidence in the original measurement that was done (how long ago and by whom) we will verify the course without a verification measurement. For Open records and some other very important records we will have a verification measurement performed.

Andy mentioned that championship and other big races are more likely to be pre-verified than in the past.

Validation of records process discussion

Justin explained that when a record was set the previous process for the course verification was that the validation chair would assign a WA “A” measurer, preferably a local one, to measure the course for verification that it was at least as long as the required distance. They would be paid a minimal fee, usually \$100 or so, and would have to work out arrangements for travel, food, and lodging with the race director.

The verification would be a re-measurement of the calibration or measurement of a new calibration course, and then a single ride of the race course.

David interjected that this process started to become quite expensive with so many records being set. The current process when a record is set is to review the situation of who did the original measurement of the course, how long ago, and what type of record was set. With all of those taken into consideration a decision is made by me (David), after consultations with Justin and Jane, about whether another measurement is necessary to verify the course. Also, pre-verification of important/big races (original measurement is by a WA “A” and second WA measurer) has been encouraged and for some events required. This has also reduced the need for verification measurements. It should be noted that the course where an American Open record is set must undergo a verification measurement unless the course has been pre-verified.

Los Angeles Olympic Games and US Olympic Marathon Trials– David Katz & Gregg Hipp

David said that for Los Angeles the only racewalk distances will be a marathon and a mixed gender marathon relay.

Gregg said that the deadline for submitting bids to host the Olympic Trials Marathon was September of 2025. There were 5 cities that had expressed an interest, but Gregg said he was not aware (as of December) how many had actually submitted bids. Site visits will take place between January and March. After that, a decision will be made by May 6.

One thing to note is that a specific date and time for the Trials has already been set. They will take place on March 28, starting at Noon EDT. That was included in the RFP that was sent out, so potential host cities are aware.

David mentioned that RRTC has been very involved with the Olympic Trials Marathon in the past, with both measuring the course and with having people present on race day to ensure the course is setup properly.

Certified Splits Discussion – Jane Parks

Jane reviewed the requirements for putting certified splits (CS) on certification map of a longer length race course.

- The location of a CS must be determined by measuring twice from the start, finish, or other known certified point on the course.
- Drop and separation information for the CS must be included on the certification map.
- Detailed description of the CS location, similar to a start, finish, or turn-around, must be included on the certification map.
- The CS point must be at a record-eligible distance.
- A person setting a record at a CS distance must complete the full distance of the race where the CS was located.

It was agreed that there is no reason CS locations need to be limited to record-eligible distances. They can be for any distance. So the 4th bullet item will be removed from requirements.

It was confirmed that the runner must complete a race in order for a record-setting performance set at a CS within the race to be recognized. However, this is true for the marathon distance and below and not for races that are longer than a marathon.

Mark pointed out that there is nothing in the current Procedures Manual about certified splits.

It was agreed that Mark and Jane will work on creating a new Certified Splits appendix in a new version of the RRTC Procedures Manual.

Unpaved Courses Discussion – David Katz

World Athletics certificates will now state the percentage unpaved, so we will no longer need to include that in the name of the course. US courses are the only ones that are getting WA certification when the course is over 10% unpaved. We will continue to do that in the US but only for courses longer than a marathon that are not the 50k and 100k distances because those are WA record-eligible.

New rules/requirements for both US and WA certification of courses with unpaved sections were agreed upon at the meeting. The details of those new rules/requirements will be included in a new version of the RRTC Procedures Manual.

Chart of Measurement Requirements for Records and Championship Events – Mark Neal

Mark presented a chart that shows the measurement requirements for different types of records under different jurisdictions, i.e. USATF, WA, etc., and also for championship events. David asked that this chart be sent out for review by everyone so it could be finalized.