



# One Step Ahead

News and Notes

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## BACKGROUND SCREENING PROGRAM FOR YOUTH COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS

USATF-Long Island, in compliance with the national governing body and many other youth organizations, has instituted a procedure for doing criminal background checks for all coaches and volunteers who work with youth athletes. In 2005, USA Track & Field voted to implement such a program and in 2007, criminal background screening became mandatory for all youth coaches and volunteers who are members of USA Track & Field.

Background screening has been implemented by USATF to insure a safe, nurturing and supportive environment in which youth athletes can pursue their athletic goals and to prevent the sport of track & field from becoming a place where those who would seek to harm youth have access to them. (Please note that the screening is not intended to serve as a pre-employment background screening program.)

Criminal Background checks will be performed by TC logiQ, a Colorado-based company that has been approved by USATF. TC logiQ is a specialty consulting firm that provides professional employment services in the area of pre-employment and volunteer screening. More information about this company is available on their website at [www.tcllogiq.com](http://www.tcllogiq.com).

All members of USATF who work with youth athletes (18 years old or younger) and may have an opportunity to be alone with such youth must submit to background screening. Screening will take place on an annual basis.

The criteria that will be checked in background screens are as follows: any crimes against children; any sexual offenses; drug convictions (within 5 years); weapons violations, assaults, battery or any other crime of violence; lewd conduct.

**The procedure is simple and can easily be done on-line.** Go to the USATF-Long Island website [www.long-island.usatf.org](http://www.long-island.usatf.org) to initiate and pay for a USATF Background Screen. Click on "Coaches/Officials" on the menu on the left side of the screen. Click on "Background Screening" which appears in red and follow all instructions. Upon clicking on the link, the Applicant will be directed to the next page where he/she will be asked to create an account. USATF-Long Island will reimburse the \$8.00 fee that must be paid in order to initiate the background check so the cost to our members is zero.

### MASTERS ON THE GO FRANCE – MARCH 2008

**Betty Horstmann and Kathy Martin** were among the Long Islanders who attended the Indoor World Masters Championships in Clermont, France in March 2008. They are pictured receiving their medals for the 8K Cross Country Championship. Thanks go to Sue Nesbihal Cordero for the great photo and Congratulations go to all the Long Islanders who participated.



#### COMING EVENTS

##### LDR Grand Prix Races – June 2008

June 1 – New Hyde Park 8K  
(Association Championship)

June 14 – Schwachman Diamond Dash 5K

##### Youth, Open & Masters Meets

Check the USATF-LI website for information on the dates and locations of the Spring Meets and the Thursday evening Summer Twilight Meet Series

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