

## 2009 Youth Athletics USATF Annual Meeting Highlights

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12/02/09 – Arrived in Indianapolis at approximately 2:00pm by air from Durham, NC.

- In the evening, participated in several youth group discussions.

12/03/09 – Attended opening session and Youth Athletics General Session. Topics included:

- Approval of Agenda
- Introduction of Sub-Committee Chairs
- Reports from Chair (Lionel Leach)
- Reports from Sub-Committee Chairs (Rules, Records Law & Legislation.
- Introduction of World Youth Staff.
- Reports for National Site Selection Teams -2011 Cross Country, Junior Olympics and Youth Athletics.

12/04/09–Bids to host 2011 National JO Cross Country and JO T&F Championships.

- Winner of Cross Country Championships bid was Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Wichita, KS won bid for the 2011 National JO's.

12/05/09– Saturday Session 1.

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- Bids to host 2011 National Youth Athletics Championships were presented. Myrtle Beach, SC won the bid with a close majority vote over Greensboro.

12/05/09 – Saturday Session 2

- Status reports were given from host of 2009 Cross Country Championships (Reno), 2010 Cross Country Championships (Hoover, AL), 2010 Youth National Championships (Lisle) and 2010 Junior Olympics Championships (Sacramento).
- Computer Committee and Regional Coordinators reports were given by Henry McCallum.
- Youth Coaches Association Report, John Wissler.
- Calendar Committee Report by Linda Phelps and Inez Finch
- Qualifying Standards were presented and discussed
- Sub-Bantam (8 & under) age group was added to be implemented in the 2011 season.
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12/06/09 – Attended closing session.

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