



## **2010 Age Group Committee Report**

### **Introduction**

The Age Group Committee represents the age group multi-sport athlete in issues that come before the Board. Generally, the Board will request the AGC to make a recommendation on issues that impact age groupers.

Aside from our advisory role on policy matters, the AGC oversees the Athlete of the Year Award and selects (through a sub-committee) its recipients each year. It, further, is responsible for coordinating and moderating the Annual Town Hall Meeting that is held in conjunction with the National Age Group Championship and it oversees the administration of the National Rankings process, monitoring any modifications that are needed to have the rankings be as accurate as possible.

### **2009 Accomplishments**

The Age Group Committee was responsive to several requests during the year from the Board of Directors and Staff for input on issues impacting age group athletes. Of particular note is the Town Hall Meeting which was held during the National Age Group Championship Weekend and which was highly successful with the participation by more members than seen in years. Much of this success is attributable to the scheduling of the event during a highly visible and integral part of the weekend. The meeting also was a very substantive one, with presentations by Board officers on the State of USAT.

The year was not without challenges, however. Active participation by members deteriorated from the previous year. Mid-year 2009, a "recruitment campaign" was conducted with an effort to have every region within the organization to be represented on the AGC. Regional Boards were requested to nominate an active USAT member who had the desire and commitment to contribute. While not every region responded, results have to be judged to have been quite successful. As of the writing of this report, the scheduling of the first meeting of 2010 is being organized with the anticipation that regular conference call meetings will be conducted during the year.

### **2010 Objectives**

- Continue to pursue representatives from regions not yet included on the AGC
- Schedule and execute regular bi-monthly meetings
- Review Athlete of the Year program to explore feasibility of increasing visibility and prestige of this award through a new format for presentation of awards and increased attention to award recipients.
- Organize and facilitate the Annual Town Hall Meeting and build upon the foundation created over the past year.



- Continue to be responsive to requests of the Board of Directors and Staff for input from the AGC regarding policies that impact age group multisport athletes.

### **Conclusion**

The year 2010 begins with a bright light for the AGC with several new and committed members. It is anticipated that this new energy will posture the AGC to be a committee which makes a significant contribution as part of the governing body of our sport.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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