



USATOWA

The Official Newsletter of the United States Amateur Tug of War Association

May 2019

Elko MN Information

May 19, 2019

Weigh ins 11 to 12:30 and pulling begins at 1 pm

Elko MN

Weight Classes – M560K, O600K, M640K, M720K and W540K

Entry fee - \$10 per wt class

Contact Bill Gallagher for more information – 952-292-0964

USATOWA Membership 2019

Memberships are due **now**. Please have each member of your club re-submit an application. The applications may be completed either online (<http://www.usatowa.com/links.html>) or may be submitted by mail. To mail the application and check, please send to Lisa Heindel at 1102 10th ST Monroe WI 53566. If application is done online please send dues payment to Tim Feller W3131 CTY RD EE Monticello WI 53570. Send completed to form to Lisa Heindel – roskb@yahoo.com. The membership fee is \$15 per new member or high school age, \$30 for returning members. Membership application can be found on last page of this newsletter.

USATOWA Annual Meeting Minutes – please click the link below

[USATOWA Annual Meeting minutes](#)

Officers elected at 2019 USATOWA Annual Meeting

Shelby Richardson – President

Treasurer – Tim Feller

Chief Judge – Harold Heindel

Loren Long appointed as Youth Development head.

Thank you, Ginny Nyhus, for your years of service as Treasurer of USATOWA.

Rudy Kopp Scholarship

Rudy Kopp scholarship applications will be due July 1, 2019. The committee will release a new application by June 1, 2019. Teams contributing to this fund, please contact Treasurer Tim Feller.

2019 Schedule of Events

United States Amateur Tug of War Association

OUTDOOR EVENT LOCATION	Contact Person	Weigh In Time	Start time	Event Date
Elko, Minnesota	Bill Gallager	11:00 AM to 12:30	1:00 PM	05/18/19
Greeley, Iowa	Dave Kruse	10:30 AM to Noon	12:30 PM	06/15/19
Footville, Wisconsin	Shelby Richardson	10:30 AM to Noon	12:30 PM	06/22/19
Monticello, Wisconsin	Shelby Richardson	10:30 AM to Noon	12:30 PM	07/13/19
Nationals / Monroe, Wisconsin	Joe Hunter	8:30 AM to 10:00 AM (*)	10:30 AM	07/20/19
<i>Tug Fest / Illinois & Iowa</i>	<i>Kari & Loren Long</i>		12:30 PM	08/10/19
Ryan, Iowa	Dave Kruse	Noon to 1:30 PM	2:00 PM	08/24/19
Princeton, Illinois	Keenan Campbell	10:30 AM to Noon	12:30 PM	09/09/19

<i>European Outdoor Tug of War Championships (Castlebar Ireland)</i>	Shelby Richardson	09/04/19	-----	09/05/19 to 09/08/19
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Notice: Date of Princeton has been corrected.

(*) Teams may reserve a five minute time slot from 8:00 AM to 8:30 AM for test weigh ins (Contact the Chief Judge to schedule a time)

As of 03/05/19

Non Sanctioned Event

TWIF Congress 2019 Bilbao Basque Country



Nineteen countries attended the Congress of TWIF in Bilbao Basque Country April 26 and 27. Congress attendees toured the 2020 World Championship sites, the Guggenheim museum and accommodation sites on Friday April 26th.

TWIF agenda items

Voting results of Agenda items –

Proposal by South Africa to change age that individual may compete in the JR category from the beginning of the year in which the puller reaches the age of 14 years until the end of the year that the puller reaches the age of 18 years. Rule states 15 years now. Motion passed 15-2-2

Proposed by Belgium that the minimum age for participation in the men U23 will be decreased to 16 years. Motion passed 14-3 with 2 abstentions.

Proposed by South Africa that both men and women pullers be allowed to participate in the Senior category from the beginning of the year that they reach the age of 18 years. Motion failed 5-12 -2

Proposed by South Africa if the above does not pass the age of male puller be adjusted to 16 years also. Motion passed 16-3

Proposal by South Africa that a specific judge be appointed for each weight class to insure compliance with regard to protective clothing. Motion passed 13-5-1. This proposal has been sent to the TAK commission to give guidance to the judges/exco.

Proposed by England that protective clothing is amended to standardize pullers protective clothing and anchor's vest. Motion failed 7-11-1. The reason stated that there will need to be a manufactured product.

Proposal by South Africa was withdrawn as it was dependent on the above proposal and difficulty to police.

Proposed by Switzerland that the M720 should not be pulled any longer. Motion Passed 13-6

Proposal by Switzerland of the classes to be pulled at WC 2022. M700 and MU19 JR – M640 and U23 JR - M580 and U23 women JR – MX580 and W520W. Motion failed – 2-15 -2

Proposed by Scotland that Mixed wt class not be pulled at same time as the heaviest mens wt class on the program. Motion passed 9-6-4

Proposed by Scotland that we change weigh in procedure. Weigh in same day as the weight class competes. Motion failed 4-14-1

Proposal by England to standardize shoes for indoor tug of war. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

New TWIF Executive Board



Left to right

Dan McCarthy – Treasurer

Anton Rabe – President

Maaike Hornstra – Secretary General

Jost Waser – Vice President

Pete Dyer – Senior Vice President

TWIF Seminar

Senior Vice President Pete Dyer reported on the importance of being in compliance with World Anti Doping Agency (WADA). We depend on this for funding to TWIF from the International Olympic Committee. Our participation in the World Games is contingent on being in compliance. (Presently USATOWA is one of the few countries in compliance for the doing the minimal testing). For those of you interested - more information there is a useful website with prohibited list [www, globaldro.com](http://www.globaldro.com). TWIF will be doing more in competition testing at World Championships. Please check with USATOWA Rep Bill Gallagher to update or submit a TUE form. Remember you as an athlete are solely responsible for any banned substance in your system. More information will be forthcoming.

Glen Johnson retires as Secretary General of TWIF



Glen Johnson relieves wall clock from TWIF President Anton Rabe for his 32 years of service as TWIF Secretary General. Thank you, Glen, for your guidance and dedication to the sport of Tug of War.

TWIF World Outdoor Championship 2024



Ralf Brauniger, Chairman of German Tug of War Federation, Anton Rabe, president TWIF and Uwe Kaliske, head of Sport Department of the city Mannheim shaking hands on the World Championships outdoor 2024, which will be held in Mannheim, Germany.

TWIF World Indoor Championship 2022



World Indoor 2022 was awarded to Singapore.

Accommodation prices will be available soon for the 2020 World Championship – Basque Country

3 different categories of rooms available. Rooms may either be by group (dorm setting), mid-range hotel or higher end hotel located downtown. Dorm rooms are very close to pulling site, mid -range hotels are about 15 minutes by bus and downtown hotels are about 25 minutes by bus. Subway tokens will be made available. Hotel packages are still being negotiated as well as transportation agreements.



Sports field site of the 2020 World Outdoor Championships

If you would like to see more photos of the Congress events, please check out our facebook page. For more information on upcoming events please see the TWIF facebook page.

Tug of War events



Mark your calendar on 26th-31st August 2019, for the inaugural Putrajaya - KL 2019, International Clubs Tug of War Championships. Registration is open soon.

For more information – Contact Bill Gallagher

International Club Tournament SF Goldscheuer Germany June 15-16, 2019

Start date	End date	City	Country
15-06-2019	16-06-2019	Goldscheuer	Germany

For More Information - <http://www.tauziehen-goldscheuer.de>

Six things to know when visiting Bilbao

1. The Bilbao airport is small. The airplanes have issues with wind while landing.
2. How to say Bilbao - Bil Bow
3. Basque region has its own language. When you are in doubt, find a young person. Most times they speak English!!
4. Public transportation is readily available. Taxis can be expensive.
5. The Euro is used as currency.
6. Dogs are everywhere – watch where you walk!



United States Tug of War Association Membership Application

Membership Status (Please check one):

New Member (\$15) High School Member (\$15) Returning Adult Member (\$30)

Club Name: _____

First & Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ (XXX-XXX-XXXX)

Date of Birth: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY) **Email:** _____

Gender: **Year started:** _____

This is an application to become a member of the United States Tug of War Association. This application **MUST** be completed and accepted before full membership can be granted. The USATOWA is a not for profit organization. Please read the following conditions before you sign.

In consideration of my participation in the sport of tug of war the undersigned independently and collectively and on behalf of himself/herself, his/her heirs, legatees, personal representatives and all those claiming by or through him/her, contest to and does hereby discharge, release, and hold harmless the United States Amateur Tug of War Association from any and all claims, actions, losses, damages or expenses for personal or bodily (including death) and property loss or damage incurred by him/her or arising from or in connection with his/her participation in the aforementioned association. Any Individual whose initials do not appear on this form will not be considered for membership and therefore, disqualifies that individual from participation.

By initialing the form here _____ you are agreeing that you have read the foregoing and are of legal age to consent to this waiver.

If the applicant is eighteen (18) years or under fourteen (14) years or older, this application must also be initialed by his/her legal guardian or parent. _____

Date Filled Out: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

Signature of USATOWA officer

Date

Please email completed membership form to: roskb@yahoo.com

Mailing address for Lisa Heindel 1102 10th St, Monroe, WI, 53566

Dues to be paid to Tim Feller W3131 CTY RD EE Monticello WI 53570