

TI Track & Field Team 2021 Virtual Corporate Track Meet Results ***UPDATE***

The USCAA was hopeful for in person meets again in 2021, but it became obvious that corporate travel restrictions would dampen that effort. They decided to hold the virtual meet again. There were a few changes from 2020 virtual meet. There are more team awards and they added team scoring for the 5K, 10K, and field events. Here are the final TI participation stats:

2021 TI Team Stats - Participants

- TI Track & Field Team members= 67 (49 males, 18 females)
- Average age = 45.6 (youngest = 19; oldest = 80)
- Employees=35; Retirees=18; Alumni=5; Family=7; Adult Children=2

We had participants from: Freising, Germany; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Melaka, Malaysia; the Philippines; and Aguascalientes, Mexico. In the US we had participants from TX, ME, AZ, CO, NH, TN, WI, and MA.

The event submission period ran from May 1 – Aug 15. We held a number of time trials on Saturday mornings at Plano Senior High. As usual, many waited until late, but we ended up with 258 posted events.

And before I get too deep into details here are the people who deserve credit and thanks for their efforts:

Rio King – He's been coaching us every year since 1979. In addition, he still completes in every event. He inspires us with his knowledge and his actions. Rio is a real gem.

Claude Cirba – You heard from me a lot in the early months because I am retired and Claude is still working. He did so much behind the scenes – getting the budget approved, handling the finances, and generating internal TI publicity. Then, as I took off on vacation, Claude handled everything during the crunch time. He even entered himself as a female on the official entry site to try and boost his team points. His ethics training kicked in and he corrected it at the last minute.

David Tucker – Dave has organized the TI Team for the MECTA meets for many years. He does a great job getting people out and competing. And he is still a very competitive athlete as well.

Michael Reynolds – Michael was always ready to step up and assist with video or timing at the time trials.

You (all of you) – Every year I say every person and every event matters. Several of you were battling injuries and didn't think you could participate, but you kept working and got back in late to contribute. Every event mattered - you'll see in the results.

For the individual events we had some outstanding performances. Here are this year's awards:

World Class Award: WMA of 90 is considered world class. We had a few people reach that lofty level of performance:

Benjamin Batoosingh, age 23, 100m, 10.72, WMA 91.3

Herb Coolidge, age 65, 800m, 2:25.8, WMA 90.0

Russ Haschke, age 66, high jump, 1.32 meters, Decath score: 928 (WMA equiv of 92.8)

Thirty other events scored over 80 WMA, which is national class, including a few that would round up to 90!

Iron Man Award: Rio King. Decathletes are often called the greatest athletes in the world. Decathletes compete in 10 events. Add three more events and you get a Triskaidekathlete. Rio did all 13 and won 4 of them. He scored 110 points by himself.

Iron Woman Award: Terry Gonzalez competed in 12 events – two more than a decathlon. She won 11 of the events and scored 117 points – the most points of anyone on our team.

Decathlete Honorable Mention for those who did at least 10 events: Heidi McCauley did 11 events, won 6 of them, and scored 97 points.

Points Perfection: People who entered at least 3 events and won everything they entered were: Wally Capps (9), Viola Schaffer (5), Jason Green (3), and Michael Reynolds (3).

Win, Win, Win Again: Quite a few had at least (5) 1st place finishes in various events: Heidi McCauley, Terry Gonzalez, Sheri Phillips, Viola Schaffer, Wally Capps, and Jim Dietz.

Where It Counts: About 27% of our submissions were used in the virtual relays. These people and events score for us in the individual points, and make up our relay/field/road teams. The females who contributed the most were Julie Rembold (6 events) and Viola Schaffer (4 events). For the men it was Jim Dietz (5 events) and Alex Boedeker (4 events). The entire table is below.

Table of people/events used to assemble the relay/field/road teams.

	Track								Road		Field				SubT2	TOTAL
	100	200	400	600	800	1200	1600	SubT	5K	10K	HJ	LJ	SP	DI		
Julie Rembold	1	1	1		1			4	1	1					2	6
Viola Schaffer			1		1			2	1	1					2	4
Becky Angeles					1			1	1	1					2	3
Sheri Phillips		1						1				1		1	2	3
Ashley Cox		1	1					2								2
Heidi McCauley									1	1					2	2
Jennifer Jordan		1	1					2								2
Elizabeth Ferguson		1						1								1
Sara Hames			1					1								1
F total	1	5	5	0	3	0	0	14	4	4	0	1	0	1	10	24
Jim Dietz			1	1	1			3	1	1					2	5
Alex Boedeker					1		1	2	1	1					2	4
Brian Schmidt						1		1	1	1					2	3
Jason Green	1	1	1					3								3
Nathan Tew			1		1			2							0	2
Alex Wang		1	1					2								2
Benjamin Batoosingh	1	1						2								2
Claude Cirba		1	1					2								2
David Tucker											1		1		2	2
Herb Coolidge					1			1	1						1	2
Patrick Schmidt							1	1		1					1	2
Paul Barker		1	1					2								2
Rich Doyon	1		1					2								2
Russ Haschke											1	1			2	2
Stephen Rothwell													1	1	2	2
Anthony Fagnani		1						1								1
Christian Cortes			1					1								1
Michael Reynolds			1					1								1
Paul Westbrook		1						1								1
Pinghai Hao									1						1	1
Stefan Herzer					1			1								1
Steve Boedeker			1					1								1
Wally Capps										1					1	1
William Maines							1	1								1
M total	3	7	10	1	5	1	3	30	5	5	2	1	2	1	16	46
Total All	4	12	15	1	8	1	3	44	9	9	2	2	2	2	26	70

Team Championship #1: Most Individual Points

We had a lot of participation – more than any other team. But those participants also have to score well – and we did. In the late frenzy of official data entry some of you didn't enter all your times/data. If it's missing from the list, it didn't make it in officially. No critical events were missed, so it didn't impact our score.

Competition

There were 10 teams total. Four entered almost every event, one entered several, and the others were scattered. If you are wondering how many people you competed against here's the breakdown (it's M and W combined, but 2/3rd of the participants were men). You can see my age group (60-64) had many competitors in the 100 and 200 – and I beat them all! The gaps in the 600 and 1200 are why we encourage people to try those – you'll score well. The field events are always lightly populated.

Age Grp	100	200	400	600	800	1200	1600	5K	10K	HJ	LJ	discus	shot	Totals
18-29	13	13	11	2	8	0	6	10	5	1	7	5	8	89
30-34	8	9	9	3	5	3	6	7	6	1	0	0	0	57
35-39	6	8	9	6	6	4	4	5	3	0	4	0	4	59
40-44	7	10	14	2	10	4	6	11	10	1	0	1	1	77
45-49	10	7	7	2	5	2	6	9	7	0	3	2	3	63
50-54	12	14	12	11	13	10	13	17	11	1	5	5	6	130
55-59	13	16	17	10	14	6	9	10	8	3	4	6	6	122
60-64	18	21	19	11	16	7	10	16	12	5	7	9	11	162
65-69	9	10	7	3	6	3	5	10	5	3	3	3	4	71
70-74	4	4	3	3	3	3	2	4	5	0	0	0	0	31
75-79	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	6	3	1	1	2	2	38
80+	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	2	20
	105	118	114	58	91	46	72	107	77	16	34	34	47	919

Here's our table sorted by F/M and **points scored**. (Points: 1st=10, 2nd=8; 3rd=7, 4th=6, 5th=5, 6th=4, 7th=3, 8th=2, 9th and lower = 1). A few didn't make the official submission. Still quite impressive:

Sum of Points	Texas Instruments 2021 Virtual Team (10=1st; 8=2nd; 7=3rd; 6=4th; 5=5th; 4=6th; 3=7th; 2=8th; 1=9th or higher)																
Row Labels	100	200	400	600	800	1200	1600	10K	5K	shot	discus	HJ	LJ	Grand Total	Events	Points/Event	#1st place
F	64	80	80	37	76	17	60	60	80	55	34	30	45	718	86	8.3	40
Terry Gonzalez	10	10	10	10	10	10	10		7	10	10	10	10	117	12	9.8	11
Heidi McCauley	7	7	10		10		10	10	10	8	7	10	8	97	11	8.8	6
Heidi Nagel	8	5	7	7	6	7	10	6	6					62	9	6.9	1
Sheri Phillips	10	10								8	10	10	10	58	6	9.7	5
Julie Rembold	10	8	8		10			10	10					56	6	9.3	4
Viola Schaffer			10		10		10	10	10					50	5	10.0	5
Ashley Cox	6	5	6	10						10	7			44	6	7.3	2
Elizabeth Ferguson		10	7						7	8			10	42	5	8.4	2
Lena Wood					7		10		8	6			7	38	5	7.6	1
Becky Angeles					8		10	8	8					34	4	8.5	1
Vonnie Howard		7	8	10	8									33	4	8.3	1
Sara Hames	8	7	10											25	3	8.3	1
Jennifer Kass								8	8					16	2	8.0	0
Dianna Sulser								8	6					14	2	7.0	0
Jennifer Jordan	5	3	4											12	3	4.0	0
Amy Schnoor		8												8	1	8.0	0
Beth Michalak					7									7	1	7.0	0
Annie Tucker										5				5	1	5.0	0
M	114	130	159	65	153	48	140	115	171	51	24	58	56	1284	172	7.5	53
Rio King	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	7	7	8	8	10	10	110	13	8.5	4
Wally Capps	10	10	10	10	10		10	10	10	10				90	9	10.0	9
Jim Dietz			8	10	10	10	10	10	10					68	7	9.7	6
Paul Barker	5	7	10	8	8	7	7	6	6					64	9	7.1	1
Brian Schmidt		3	4	6	7	10	8	10	8					56	8	7.0	2
David Tucker	6	7	6	8	7					7		8	7	56	8	7.0	0
Claude Cirba	7	7	7	5	6					8	6		8	54	8	6.8	0
Herb Coolidge		6	8		10		10		10					44	5	8.8	3
Rich Doyon	8	6	6									10	8	38	5	7.6	1
Alex Boedeker					10		10	8	8					36	4	9.0	2
Nathan Tew			7		10		10		8					35	4	8.8	2
Russ Haschke	7	7										10	10	34	4	8.5	2
Stefan Herzer			8		10			8	8					34	4	8.5	1
Jason Green	10	10	10											30	3	10.0	3
Michael Reynolds			10	10	10									30	3	10.0	3
David Cannon			5		8		6					10		29	4	7.3	1
Stephen Rothwell	6									10	10			26	3	8.7	2
David Shumate	7											10	7	24	3	8.0	1
Paul Westbrook	10	10	4											24	3	8.0	2
Leonardo Pierre		7	4					6	6					23	4	5.8	0
Pinghai Hao						6	10		7					23	3	7.7	1
Steve Russo		1	1		3		4	8	6					23	6	3.8	0
Manny Murret	8		6					5	3					22	4	5.5	0
Patrick Schmidt							7	7	7					21	3	7.0	0
Alex Wang		10	10											20	2	10.0	2
Benjamin Batoosingh	10	10												20	2	10.0	2
Xiao liu							10		10					20	2	10.0	2
Casey Gonta	5									8			6	19	3	6.3	0
Nate McNutt					7		6		5					18	3	6.0	0
Alex Stur								8	8					16	2	8.0	0
William Maines					8		8							16	2	8.0	0
Chad Kaneshige							8		7					15	2	7.5	0
Steve Smith					4	7			4					15	3	5.0	0
Mike Elliott		8	7											15	2	7.5	0
Jim Drumm						7			5					12	2	6.0	0
WX Woon								6	6					12	2	6.0	0
Steve Boeeker		4	7											11	2	5.5	0
Christian Cortes			10											10	1	10.0	1
Wai Kit Chow								6	4					10	2	5.0	0
John Harvey Pua								5	3					8	2	4.0	0
Keith Johnson					3		1		4					8	3	2.7	0
Mitchel Fulce					8									8	1	8.0	0
Anthony Fagnani		7												7	1	7.0	0
Chuck Hull									7					7	1	7.0	0
Rich Cheney					6									6	1	6.0	0
Alex Szczapa	5													5	1	5.0	0
Robert Rich								5						5	1	5.0	0
John Paul de Guzman									4					4	1	4.0	0
Radu Matcovschi			3											3	1	3.0	0
Grand Total	178	210	239	102	229	65	200	175	251	106	58	88	101	2002	258	7.8	93

Here are the individual point standings for all teams. **The winner is: Texas Instruments**

We had a big lead in total points – 301 more than AT&T. We also scored very well in points per event entered (we had a lot of quality – not just volume).

INDIVIDUAL	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH
Individual Points	2002	1704	762	1357	271	67	61	30	21	21
People	67	51	21	31	6	4	6	1	1	1
Events	258	236	105	231	38	14	10	3	7	3
	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH
Points/Person	29.9	33.4	36.3	43.8	45.2	16.8	10.2	30.0	21.0	21.0
Events/Person	3.9	4.6	5.0	7.5	6.3	3.5	1.7	3.0	7.0	3.0
Points/Event	7.8	7.2	7.3	5.9	7.1	4.8	6.1	10.0	3.0	7.0
	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH
Place by Points	1	2	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	9

Team Championship #2 - Virtual Relay Teams

There were 20 virtual relay/road/field teams that we filled with our individual performances. Each person/event could only be used in one leg (for teams with more than 25 participants). I was filling out matrixes before many people even signed up. I chased down people to fill gaps and pestered people to join the team – then get out to the track. I knew the slots we needed to fill and the times we needed. That's the easy part. Getting people to the track and turning in data is the challenge.

All teams agreed to make the data blind until the end, so I couldn't see the other team performance data. I had to make good guesses on relay placement based on past performances. I spent a couple of nights trying to decide if I should flip a couple of pair of runners between events to boost our chances. We guessed well.

Here are the event results:

4x100 (2nd)

4x100 with one open age female and three males (open, 40+, 50+). This one is fairly easy to seed. Just take the fastest 100m times for each position. We had a solid team with great times from all capped by Benjamin's amazing 10.72 time. We finished 2nd.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
4 x 100 Relay	100	F	18+	F	41	Julie Rembold	0:14.23
4 x 100 Relay	100	M	50+	M	50	Rich Doyon	0:13.80
4 x 100 Relay	100	M	40+	M	44	Jason Green	0:12.30
4 x 100 Relay	100	M	18+	M	23	Benjamin Batoosingh	0:10.72
Total-4 x 100 Relay							00:51.05

Event	Team	Time	PI	Pts
4x100	AT&T	48.84	1	40
4x100	TI	51.05	2	34
4x100	GE	51.28	3	31
4x100	Aero	57.27	4	28
4x100	TPC	74.8	5	25

4x200 (3rd)

4x200 with one open age female and three males (open, 40+, 50+). This was a close race with 3 teams less than 3 seconds apart (would have been exciting to run it on the track as an actual relay). We had a very strong team, but came out third. Ashley Cox was a late find and it's great to have her on the team.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
4 x 200 Relay	200	F	18+	F	24	Ashley Cox	0:31.08
4 x 200 Relay	200	M	50+	M	52	Paul Barker	0:29.22
4 x 200 Relay	200	M	40+	M	44	Jason Green	0:25.44
4 x 200 Relay	200	M	18+	M	23	Benjamin Batoosingh	0:21.99
Total-4 x 200 Relay							01:47.73

4x200	Team	Time	PI	Pts
4x200	AT&T	01:44.9	1	40
4x200	GE	01:45.8	2	34
4x200	TI	01:47.7	3	31
4x200	Aero	02:05.5	4	28

4x400 (2nd)

4x400 with four legs (open, 40+, 50+, 60+). The female leg is not specified in this one, so there are many possible combinations. We ran a time that would have just won last year, but ended up 2nd. AT&T found a female who ran a 62 second 400m leg. Again, we had a very solid team. Rich Doyon celebrated turning 50 this year with great times in the 100m, 200m, 400m races.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
4 x 400 Relay	400	F	18+/40/50/60	M	30	Alex Wang	00:58.38
4 x 400 Relay	400	M	60+/18+	M	61	Jim Dietz	01:08.20
4 x 400 Relay	400	M	50+/18+	M	50	Rich Doyon	01:05.60
4 x 400 Relay	400	M	40+/18+	F	40	Sara Hames	01:14.72
Total-4 x 400 Relay							04:26.90

4x400	AT&T	04:17.8	1	40
4x400	TI	04:26.9	2	34
4x400	GE	04:39.0	3	31
4x400	Aero	05:47.5	4	28

Executive Relay (1st)

This race is for managers of managers or certain level technical staff members. We tapped into our Freising, Germany site for 2 of the legs, and paired them with Captain Claude for the win.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
Executive Relay	800	M	30+	M	40	Stefan Herzer	02:19.00
Executive Relay	400	F	30+	F	47	Viola Schaffer	01:18.98
Executive Relay	400	M	30+	M	56	Claude Cirba	01:04.90
Total-Executive Relay							04:42.88

Exec Relay	TI	04:42.9	1	40
Exec Relay	GE	04:50.2	2	34
Exec Relay	AT&T	05:00.8	3	31
Exec Relay	Aero	05:10.8	4	28

Master's Plus Relay (1st)

For an event for people over 40, we certainly went big on a few ages. Yet, they still prevailed for the victory by a large margin. Dietz and Coolidge ran incredible 800m times for their age. Jason won his age group in all three sprints, and Julie came out late and posted many great times. Look at Captain Claude bringing home another gold medal team.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
Masters Plus Relay	800	M	40+/50+	M	61	Jim Dietz	02:23.50
Masters Plus Relay	400	M	40+/50+	M	44	Jason Green	00:58.60
Masters Plus Relay	800	M	40+/50+	M	65	Herb Coolidge	02:25.80
Masters Plus Relay	200	F	40+	F	41	Julie Rembold	00:33.83
Masters Plus Relay	200	M	50+/40+	M	56	Claude Cirba	00:28.78
Total-Masters Relay							06:50.51

Masters+ Relay	TI	06:50.5	1	40
Masters+ Relay	GE	07:30.8	2	34
Masters+ Relay	AT&T	07:34.2	3	31
Masters+ Relay	Aero	08:02.8	4	28

Senior's Relay (2nd)

Injuries took a toll on quite a few of our 50+ runners – including me. Dietz and I battled back and kept working to get some decent times. Steve was just starting to turn in times when he had to stop running due to a detached retina. Barker was having a very good year and filled slots in several of our relay teams. And Sheri – her strength, energy, and enthusiasm are boundless. We were just a few seconds from 1st.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
Senior's Relay	200	M	60+	M	61	Paul Westbrook	00:29.93
Senior's Relay	400	M	50+	M	52	Paul Barker	01:02.04
Senior's Relay	200	F	50+	F	59	Sheri Phillips	00:35.03
Senior's Relay	600	M	50+	M	61	Jim Dietz	01:45.00
Senior's Relay	400	M	50+	M	52	Steve Boedeker	01:04.10
Total-Senior's Relay							04:56.10

Senior's Relay	AT&T	04:53.1	1	40
Senior's Relay	TI	04:56.1	2	34
Senior's Relay	Aero	05:38.3	3	31

Submaster's Sprint (1st)

This was an interesting win. Michael had been out working and improving for a few months. Anthony only made it out once – and ran this 200. Nathan came out late after working through some injuries and ran lights out with little training. And Elizabeth, after threatening to come out for years, finally showed up and it was worth the wait.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
Submasters Sprint	200	F	30+	F	39	Elizabeth Ferguson	00:31.29
Submasters Sprint	200	M	30+	M	33	Anthony Fagnani	00:27.97
Submasters Sprint	400	M	30+	M	35	Michael Reynolds	01:01.74
Submasters Sprint	800	M	30+	M	33	Nathan Tew	02:17.00
Total-Submast Sprint							04:18.00

Event	Team	Time	Pl	Pts
Submaster Sprint	TI	04:18.0	1	40
Submaster Sprint	GE	04:19.2	2	34
Submaster Sprint	AT&T	04:44.8	3	31
Submaster Sprint	TPC	05:35.0	4	28
Submaster Sprint	Aero	05:47.4	5	25

3-Lap Sprint (2nd)

We have struggled for years to find some solid young 400m runners. I've run it for decades and I know it hurts. I know you have to train at it and be a bit fearless. Christian showed up and just trained for a short period before running a very respectable time. Nathan again added an excellent late run. Alex has also turned in a couple of excellent runs to appear in a couple of our relays. And Jennifer, who trains at the track with us as much as anyone, lowered her 200m time nicely. All good enough for 2nd place.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
3 Lap Sprint	200	F	18+	F	25	Jennifer Jordan	00:32.30
3 Lap Sprint	200	M	18+	M	30	Alex Wang	00:23.50
3 Lap Sprint	400	M	18+	M	24	Christian Cortes	00:58.34
3 Lap Sprint	400	M	18+	M	33	Nathan Tew	01:00.60
Total-3 Lap Sprint							02:54.74

3 Lap	GE	02:50.1	1	40
3 Lap	TI	02:54.7	2	34
3 Lap	AT&T	03:15.1	3	31
3 Lap	Aero	03:27.5	4	28

Distance Relay (1st)

Just great legs all around including the father / son Schmidt pairing. Result was a win!

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
Distance Relay	1200	M	18+/40+	M	52	Brian Schmidt	03:53.70
Distance Relay	400	F	18+	F	41	Julie Rembold	01:16.03
Distance Relay	800	M	40+/18+	M	22	Alex Boedeker	02:13.00
Distance Relay	1600	M	18+/40+	M	22	Patrick Schmidt	04:57.35
Total-Distance Relay							12:20.08

Dist Relay	TI	12:20.1	1	40
Dist Relay	AT&T	13:51.8	2	34
Dist Relay	Aero	14:17.5	3	31
Dist Relay	GE	14:54.9	4	28

Women's Relay (1st)

Sometimes the math just works for you. The runners in this event have to add to at least 90. We nailed it. And the performances were all great. Julie came out late and added some great times, and Jen and Ashley worked hard and kept getting better – so much so, they won the event.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data
Women's Relay	800	F	Add90	F	41	Julie Rembold	02:40.00
Women's Relay	400	F	Add90	F	25	Jennifer Jordan	01:15.10
Women's Relay	400	F	Add90	F	24	Ashley Cox	01:09.40
Total-Women's Relay					90	<add to 90	05:04.50

Women's Relay	TI	05:04.5	1	40
Women's Relay	GE	05:20.4	2	34
Women's Relay	AT&T	05:20.5	3	31
Women's Relay	Aero	05:53.3	4	28

Women's 800 Team Race (2nd)

I mentioned the problem finding young men to run the 400m. The same challenge exists with young women in the 800m. The extremely talented and hard-working Viola and Becky stepped up again to carry our team. Their competitors were 22, 24, 24, 30, 36, and 41. And they still took 2nd place.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data				
Women's 800 Team	800	F	18+	F	47	Viola Schaffer	02:48.48	Women's 800 Team	AT&T	04:46.7	1 40
Women's 800 Team	800	F	18+	F	44	Becky Angeles	02:52.11	Women's 800 Team	TI	05:40.6	2 34
Women's 800 Team	800	F	18+	F	44	Becky Angeles	02:52.11	Women's 800 Team	Aero	05:53.3	3 31
Total-Women's 800							05:40.59	Women's 800 Team	GE	06:12.7	4 28

Men's 1600m Team (1st)

The good thing about this year was we had people from around the world running with us. The bad thing is I don't get to meet them all and watch them run. William ran as a family member of a TI employee in Maine. Alex is the son of our long time team member Steve who worked in Attleboro, MA. I would have liked to watch these excellent runs that won this race – by 77 seconds!!!

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data				
Men's 1600 Team	1600	M	18+	M	19	William Maines	0:04:50.72	Men's 1600 Team	TI	09:38.7	1 40
Men's 1600 Team	1600	M	18+	M	22	Alex Boedeker	0:04:48.00	Men's 1600 Team	AT&T	10:56.1	2 34
Men's 1600 Team	1600	M	18+	M	22	Alex Boedeker	0:04:48.00	Men's 1600 Team	TPC	11:49.5	3 31
Men's 1600 Team	1600	M	18+	M	22	Alex Boedeker	0:04:48.00	Men's 1600 Team	Aero	11:49.7	4 28
Total-Men's 1600							09:38.72	Men's 1600 Team	GE	12:03.3	5 25

Men's 5K (2nd)

They added the 5K/10K teams to this year's virtual event. You submit your best 5 WMA scores that add together for your team score. High score wins. Solid scores across the entire team, but they couldn't overcome a 96 WMA score from a 24 year old on the AT&T team (13:31 5K – 2nd in the NCAA Div 1 Meet).

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2				
5K Men	5K			M	61	Jim Dietz	18:06.00	88.95	Men's 5K	AT&T	427.5	1 40
5K Men	5K			M	65	Herb Coolidge	20:09.00	82.65	Men's 5K	TI	413.4	2 34
5K Men	5K			M	22	Alex Boedeker	15:25.00	81.87	Men's 5K	GE	396.8	3 31
5K Men	5K			M	52	Brian Schmidt	18:23.00	81.49	Men's 5K	Aero	356.7	4 28
5K Men	5K			M	53	Pinghai Hao	19:15.00	78.43	Men's 5K	NG	183.1	5 25
Total-5K Men								413.4	Men's 5K	BP	136.7	6 22

Men's 10K (2nd)

A few names from the 5K team carried over here, and we had the father/son team of Schmidt's both scoring in this one, along with our oldest (and therefore, wisest) team member Wally Capps. Once again at 96WMA on the AT&T team kept us in 2nd place. Great runs by all.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2				
10K Men	10K			M	61	Jim Dietz	38:16.00	86.51	Men's 10K	AT&T	403.0	1 40
10K Men	10K			M	22	Alex Boedeker	32:16.00	81.64	Men's 10K	TI	387.8	2 34
10K Men	10K			M	52	Brian Schmidt	38:03.00	80.31	Men's 10K	Aero	343.6	3 31
10K Men	10K			M	22	Patrick Schmidt	38:03.00	70.21	Men's 10K	GE	341.1	4 28
10K Men	10K			M	81	Wally Capps	1:03:37.00	69.13	Men's 10K	GE	341.1	4 28
Total-10K Men								387.8				

Women's 5K (2nd)

This is one of those events that is so close everyone on the team will say "I could have run 5 seconds faster." But, you don't know until it's too late. AT&T edged us by one single point: 309 to 308. We need just 20 seconds across 4 athletes to beat them. So, so close. However, these are all great runs, so hold your heads up high (and read the next race).

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2
5K Women	5K				F	47	Viola Schaffer	20:07.00	79.57
5K Women	5K				F	60	Heidi McCauley	24:06.00	76.92
5K Women	5K				F	41	Julie Rembold	19:53.00	76.74
5K Women	5K				F	44	Becky Angeles	20:50.90	74.75
Total-5K Women									308.0

Women's 5K	AT&T	309.1	1	40
Women's 5K	TI	308.0	2	34
Women's 5K	Aero	256.9	3	31
Women's 5K	GE	129.6	4	28
Women's 5K	BP	129.2	5	25
Women's 5K	NG	64.4	6	22

Women's 10K (1st)

When the run got longer, our women got stronger. Note the same four on our team scored and this time they won by over 3 points.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2
10K Women	10K				F	47	Viola Schaffer	40:46.00	81.21
10K Women	10K				F	60	Heidi McCauley	50:06.00	77.62
10K Women	10K				F	41	Julie Rembold	42:18.00	74.30
10K Women	10K				F	44	Becky Angeles	43:32.00	73.87
Total-10K Women									307.0

Women's 10K	TI	307.0	1	40
Women's 10K	AT&T	303.6	2	34
Women's 10K	Aero	238.4	3	31
Women's 10K	GE	124.8	4	28
Women's 10K	BP	115.9	5	25

Long Jump (1st)

The two top decathlon scores add for the team score. These scores are similar to WMA scores – it's compared to the record for your age. These two outjumped the competition by almost 200 points.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2
Long Jump	LJ				F	59	Sheri Phillips	3.33	804
Long Jump	LJ				M	66	Russ Haschke	3.96	802
Total-Long Jump									1,606

Long Jump	TI	1,606	1	40
Long Jump	Aero	1,412	2	34
Long Jump	BP	921	3	31
Long Jump	GE	1,367	3	28
Long Jump	AT&T	1,170	4	25

High Jump (2nd)

This also adds the top two, but I left two others to show you how many good high jumpers we had. And Russ was about 93% of the world record for his age! With a total like that you would think victory was ours. However AT&T had one scorer at 966 points and they totaled 1829 – just 3 points ahead. If jumps were measured in 1/8th inch increments that's the only difference between the two teams. It was basically a statistical tie, but the formula gave AT&T the edge.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2
High Jump	HJ				F	59	Sheri Phillips	1.21	898
High Jump	HJ				M	60	David Tucker	1.37	898
High Jump	HJ				M	66	Russ Haschke	1.32	928
High Jump	HJ				M	79	Rio King	1.12	848
Total-High Jump									1,826

High Jump	TI	1,826	1	40
High Jump	AT&T	1,829	2	34
High Jump	GE	892	3	31
High Jump	BP	820	4	28
High Jump	Bitz	805	5	25
High Jump	Aero	533	6	22

Shot Put (3rd)

We have not had any really strong throwers in quite a few years. We did have a number of people give it try – which I love. In the end Tucker and Rothwell came through at the MECTA meets to get us up to 3rd place. And guess what? We were just 14 points behind AT&T. That's about 10" of difference between the two teams. Again, so close.

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	Age	AG	Se	21 Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2
Shot Put	Shot				M	60	David Tucker	9.90	586
Shot Put	Shot				M	49	Stephen Rothwell	10.36	689
Total-Shot Put									1,275

Shot Put	GE	1,468	1	40
Shot Put	AT&T	1,289	2	34
Shot Put	TI	1,275	3	31
Shot Put	Aero	1,146	4	28
Shot Put	BP	757	5	25
Shot Put	BAH	553	6	22

Discus (4th)

The discus also takes some technique. We must be throwing them like a Frisbee. Just kidding, several people gave it a try, but we could only manage 4th. We were just 12 points out of 3rd (just a couple of feet combined).

2021 Event	Dist	Sex	D/p	AG	Se	Ag	21 Name	21 Data	21 Data2	Discus	AT&T	1,235	1	40
Discus	Discus				F	59	Sheri Phillips	19.82	429	Discus	GE	1,169	2	34
Discus	Discus				M	49	Stephen Rothwell	28.88	490	Discus	Aero	931	3	31
Total-Discus									919	Discus	TI	919	4	28
										Discus	BP	535	5	25
										Discus	Bitz	383	6	22

Virtual Relay Results

There are 20 events and the lowest 4 scores are dropped from each team. In addition there was a rule about the high jump participation and it ended up being dropped too (details below).

TI and AT&T battled it out and as the results were released I had exhilaration, then disappointment, then exhilaration, then disappointment again, then When the results first released it appeared that TI and AT&T had tied - thrilling. Then someone noticed that GE had used the same runner for two different legs of the same relay (not allowed). That would have moved AT&T up one place and they would win by 3 points. Then we noticed GE had done it in 3 other events. If they were DQ'ed, then some changes helped TI and some helped AT&T – and we were tied again!

During the discussion of the GE issue, the AT&T team was pushing for the DQ, which would have left TI & AT&T in a tie. Like the Olympic High Jump this year, we both (TI and AT&T) thought a tie between two strong teams just separated by millimeters and milliseconds was a perfect ending. However, the rules committee voted to allow GE to resubmit those 4 events. It changed the outcome in only one event – the Distance Relay. AT&T moved from 3rd to 2nd and AT&T led TI by 3 points for the overall title. **But wait, there's more. A week later a GE runner realized she entered her 400m time as 1:26 instead of the actual 1:00.26. When that was changed, GE edged AT&T for 2nd place in the Women's Relay by 0.12 of a second – 5:20.36 vs 5:20.48. That put TI and AT&T back into an overall team tie once again. How crazy is that?**

Here's how stunningly close this was. Had our Women's 5K Team all run just 5 seconds faster each it would have flipped that event and we would have won outright. But, our same 4 females ran faster and scored better in the 10K team anyway. I was searching for one more young guy to run the 400m. If anyone had run a 56.5 we would have won the Three Lap and flipped to first outright. The shot put would have flipped with less than a foot more distance between two throwers.

And let's go back to the high jump (that was soooooo close). There was a rule that at least 3 teams had to have 2 high jumpers for the event to count (not easy to get access to HJ pits). Only two of us had at least a pair: TI and AT&T. That event was dropped from the team scores per the rules. Had it been kept I would have lobbied to call it a tie – it really was. There was literally 1/8" difference between the teams.

But, I'm exhilarated by our performance against a company with over 10X the number of employees that TI has. I'm also exhausted – it went back and forth for a couple of weeks.

After all the events and scoring it ended like this for relay team title:

Texas Instruments and AT&T tied with 558 each.

Then there was a gap until a close race between GE and Aerospace. Interestingly, GE only had 21 athletes. That allowed them to use a small company rule for teams with fewer than 25 athletes, and use the same runner/time in multiple relays.

RELAY TEAMS	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH	Total
Relay Points	558	558	492	447	172	84	47	41	0	22	2,421
Relay Place	1	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	9	

PLACE FINISHES BY RELAY AND TEAM EVENT

EVENT	Place 2021								Data 2021							
	TI	AT&T	GE	Aero	TPC	BP	NG	Other	TI	AT&T	GE	Aero	TPC	BP	NG	Other
4x100 METER RELAY	2	1	3	4	5	x	x	x	51.05	48.84	51.28	57.27				74.8
4x200 METER RELAY	3	1	2	4	x	x	x	x	01:47.7	01:44.9	01:45.8	02:05.5				
4x400 METER RELAY	2	1	3	4	x	x	x	x	04:26.9	04:17.8	04:39.0	05:47.5				
EXECUTIVE RELAY	1	3	2	4	x	x	x	x	04:42.9	05:00.8	04:50.2	05:10.8				
MASTERS PLUS RELAY	1	3	2	4	x	x	x	x	06:50.5	07:34.2	07:30.8	08:02.8				
SENIORS RELAY *	2	1	x	3	x	x	x	x	04:56.1	04:53.1		05:38.3				
SUB-MASTERS SPRINT	1	3	2	5	4	x	x	x	04:18.0	04:44.8	04:19.2	05:47.4				05:35.0
THREE-LAP SPRINT	2	3	1	4	x	x	x	x	02:54.7	03:15.1	02:50.1	03:27.5				
DISTANCE RELAY	1	2	4	3	x	x	x	x	12:20.1	13:51.8	14:54.9	14:17.5				
WOMEN'S RELAY	1	3	2	4	x	x	x	x	05:04.5	05:20.5	05:20.4	05:23.7				
WOMEN'S 800M TEAM	2	1	4	3	x	x	x	x	05:40.6	04:46.7	06:12.7	05:53.3				
MEN'S 1600 TEAM	1	2	5	4	3	x	x	x	09:38.7	10:56.1	12:03.3	11:49.7				11:49.5
Shot Put	3	2	1	4	x	5	x	6	1,275	1,289	1,468	1,146		757		553
Discus	4	1	2	3	x	5	x	6	919	1,235	1,169	931		535		383
HJ	2	1	3	6	x	4	x	5	1,826	1,829	892	533		820		805
LJ	1	4	3	2	x	5	x	x	1,606	1,170	1,367	1,412		921		
M10K	2	1	4	3	x	5	x	x	387.8	403.0	341.1	343.6		125.4		
W10K	1	2	4	3	x	5	x	x	307.0	303.6	124.8	238.4				115.9
M5K	2	1	3	4	x	6	5	x	413.4	427.5	396.8	356.7		136.7		183.1
W5K	2	1	4	3	x	5	6	x	308.0	309.1	129.6	265.9		129.2	64.4	

Scoring Summary

There are several ways to slice the data. The points per person or gets skewed a bit by the very small teams. TI finished first in overall points, first in points scored per event entered, and first in combined individual and relay points. We tied with AT&T for the relay event points – what an epic battle.

INDIVIDUAL	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH	Total
Individual Points	2002	1704	762	1357	271	67	61	30	21	21	6,296
People	67	51	21	31	6	4	6	1	1	1	189
Events	258	236	105	231	38	14	10	3	7	3	905
	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH	
Points/Person	29.9	33.4	36.3	43.8	45.2	16.8	10.2	30.0	21.0	21.0	33.3
Events/Person	3.9	4.6	5.0	7.5	6.3	3.5	1.7	3.0	7.0	3.0	4.8
Points/Event	7.8	7.2	7.3	5.9	7.1	4.8	6.1	10.0	3.0	7.0	7.0
	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH	
Place by Points	1	2	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	9	
RELAY TEAMS	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH	Total
Relay Points	558	558	492	447	172	84	47	41	0	22	2,421
Relay Place	1	1	3	4	5	6	7	8	10	9	
COMBINED	TI	AT&T	GE	AERO	BP	TPC	NG	Bitz	Boeing	BAH	Total
Total Points	2560	2262	1254	1804	443	151	108	71	21	43	8,717
Combined Place	1	2	4	3	5	6	7	8	10	9	
Comb Points/Person	38.2	44.4	59.7	58.2	73.8	37.8	18.0	71.0	21.0	43.0	46.1
Comb PPP Rank	7	5	3	4	1	8	10	2	9	6	
Global Empl.	30,000	247,800	205,000	3,600	44,000	525	90,000	50	140,000	27,000	787,975
US Empl.	12,000	213,000	70,000	3,600	14,000	525	75,000	50	140,000	20,000	548,175

Thanks

Everyone and every point counted. We prevailed in the overall points title and tied with AT&T for the relay title.

Thank you to all who work to make this possible and all who step up and participate. You all contributed and you all counted. If you didn't participate this year, join us next year. Your points could make all the difference.

The official results are posted here:

Individual Events: https://www.grunsports.com/uscaaResults_individual.cfm

Relay Events: https://www.grunsports.com/uscaaResults_details.cfm?by=event

Go TI,

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