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## **USATF Southern Section to host Southwest Regional Indoor Masters and Open Track and Field Championship**

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**BATON ROUGE (March 3, 2009)** – The 2009 USA Track & Field Southwest Regional Indoor Masters and Open Track and Field Championship hosted by the USA Track & Field Southern Association will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Carl Maddox Field house on the Campus of LSU. This is an USA Track & Field sanctioned event. Participants include several All-American and nationally ranked men's and women's masters athletes coming from the Southern Association states of Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Georgia, Mississippi, Louisiana and California. Admission is FREE to all spectators. Field events began at 9:30 a.m. and track events begin at 10:00 a.m. The Open Division includes athletes between the ages of 19 and 29 while the Masters Division competitors range in age from 30 years old and up.

Our oldest competitor, Trent Lane of Baker, LA, at age 98, is the American and World Record Holder in the Weight Throw and the Shot Put. Also participating in the meet is Bill Collins of Texas, age 58. Bill is the American and World Record Holder in the 60 meter dash and the 200 meter. There will also be a Pole Vault exhibition featuring local youth who will be attempting to break the Age Group Youth World Record.

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If you would like more information about the event please contact Byron Turner by e-mail at [byronturner@southernmasters.org](mailto:byronturner@southernmasters.org) or by phone at 225-892-3489. You can also visit [www.southernmasters.org](http://www.southernmasters.org) for additional meet information as well as other resources regarding the USATF Southern Association Masters program. The mission of USATF Southern Association Masters is to revive and successfully promote an active Masters Track & Field, Long Distance Running (LDR), and Open athlete programs in the USATF Southern Association, which encompasses Louisiana and Mississippi, while working in concert with other USATF Southwest Region associations in Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas.

Formed in 1994, Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to create a positive economic impact in the local community by assisting in securing and staging statewide, regional, national and international sporting competitions and special events in the Greater Baton Rouge area. It strives to continually develop the sports industry and solicit members from the community to assist in the pursuit of its mission to make Baton Rouge the amateur sports capitol of the South. For more information about the Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation please visit [www.brasf.com](http://www.brasf.com).

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