

Team Uniforms for USATF Masters LDR Championships

Official Description from the Technical Instructions for the 2022 USATF Masters 12 Km Championship:

Team Uniforms. All members of each team must be clearly identifiable as team members. Team identification shall be clearly visible and shall distinguish one team from another. The jersey or singlet worn by the members of a team (e.g., Clifton Road Runners, M80+ “A” team) in all Masters LDR Championships shall be basically identical for each member in color and style, and must be clearly visible throughout the race, i.e., worn as the outer garment if other apparel items are worn underneath by one or more team members. Individuals not complying with this uniform rule may be disqualified from scoring for a team. Front and back bibs must be securely fastened (4 pins) to this outermost jersey or singlet. The USATF Clerks will begin to verify team uniforms in the Packet Pickup area from 8:30 to 9:15 am. Do not wait until the last minute to verify team uniforms.

The language above governs the Championship and any rulings by officials will be consistent with that language.

The following comments are **unofficial** but are meant to explain further in ordinary language.

Added Comment from a seasoned USATF Official:

“Regarding uniforms - it is just the tops – outer layer only – that are checked. The age group teams can definitely have different tops – white 80s, purple 50’s, etc. Each age group team comes to the uniform check together so they are only checked against their teammates.”

Added comment from a seasoned USATF National Championships competitor:

“All members of a 60+ A team, for example, must match each other in their uniform. The 60+A team and a 60+ B team, if there is one, do not have to have matching uniforms. All of the 60+ ‘B’ team members do have to match each other.

If there is a 50+ A team for a Club, all of those members must match one another. They do not have to match the 60+ A team from the same Club. The idea is that every team in the 50+ division, for example, should be able to figure out which team another 50+ individual is running for. But they do not care about what a 60+ team is wearing because they are not competing against each other.

When coming to the clerks before the race, for team check in, the **entire team must show up together** so that the clerk can verify that **all** the team members are wearing uniforms that are basically identical in color and style.”