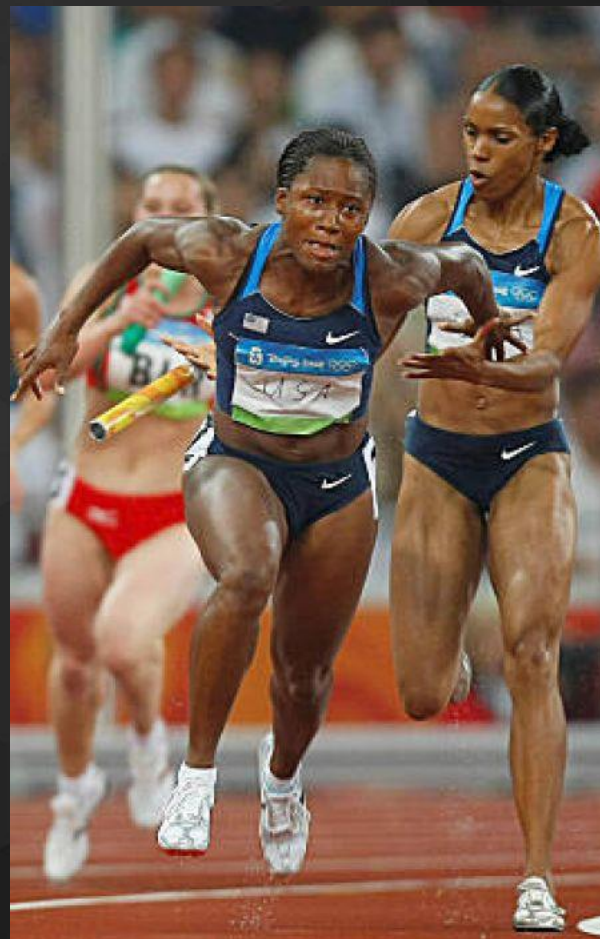


A close-up photograph of a hand holding a blue baton, with another hand reaching towards it, symbolizing leadership or transition. The background is a blurred blue. The text "THE BATON" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a white rectangular border.

# THE BATON







Asaph declares: “I will utter . . . things from of old—things we have heard and known, things our ancestors have told us . . . . We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done”  
(Psalm 78,vv. 2–4).

Timothy, my dear son, be strong through the grace that God gives you in Christ Jesus. You have heard me teach things that have been confirmed by many reliable witnesses. Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

## USTA RELAY RACES

Rule #25. The baton shall be a smooth hollow circular tube made of wood, metal or other rigid material in one piece. Its length shall be between 28 and 30cm. Its circumference shall be 12-13cm and it shall weigh not less than 50g. No material or substance may be applied to the baton.

**Thought #1:**

**It has to be the  
right baton.**



**OUR BATON**

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**THE GOSPEL**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

(John 3:16)

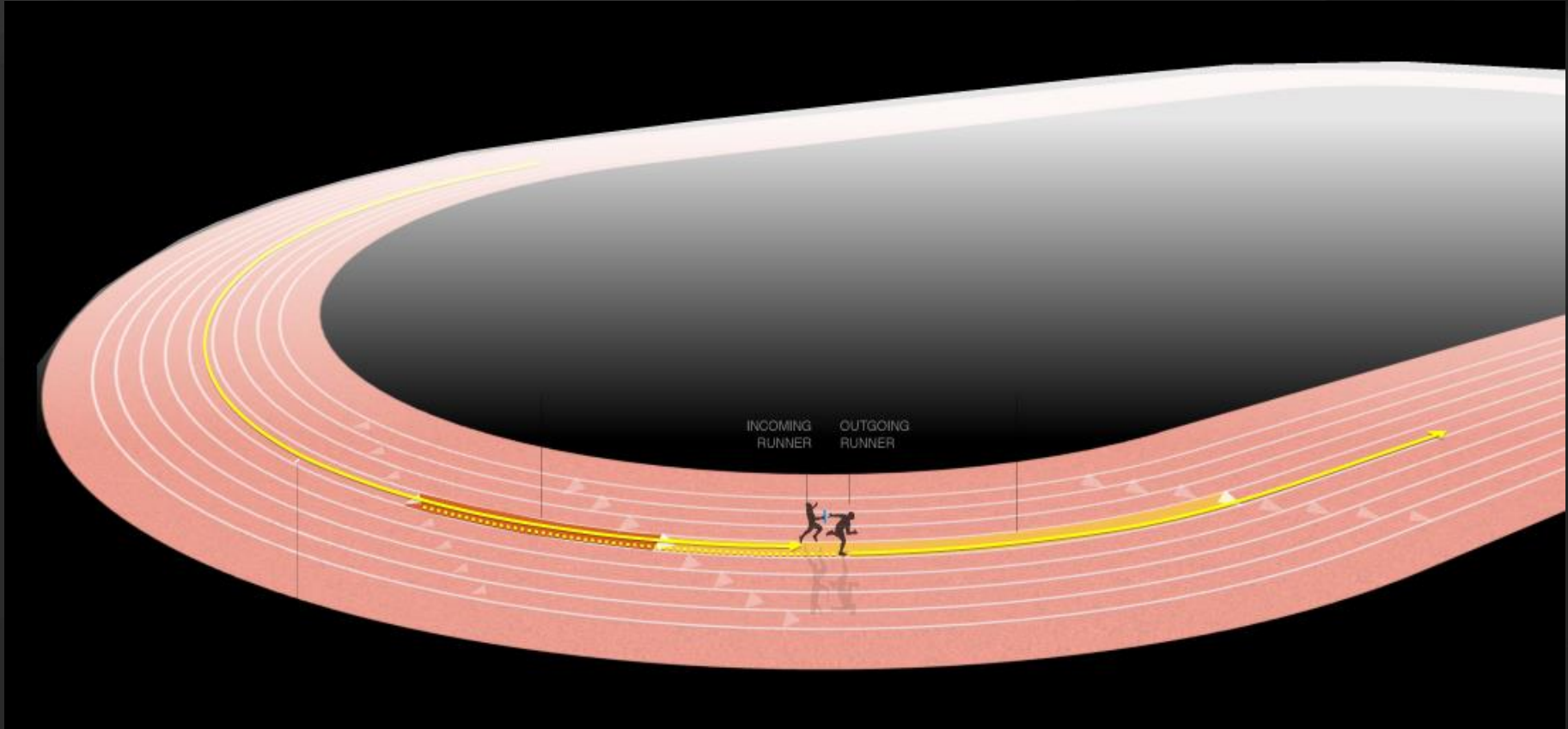


## USTA RELAY RACES

RULE #2. Each take-over zone shall be 20m long of which the scratch line is the center. The zones shall start and finish at the edges of the zone lines nearest the start line in the running direction.

# Thought #2:

The space to pass the baton is limited.



Do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them” (Deut. 4:9).

## USTA RELAY RACES

Rule #12. The baton shall be carried by hand throughout the race. If dropped, it shall be recovered by the athlete who dropped it. He/she may leave the assigned lane to retrieve the baton, provided no other runner is impeded and provided that by doing so, the distance to be covered is not lessened.



# Thought #3:

**A dropped baton is not  
the end of the race.**

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A close-up photograph of two hands exchanging a blue baton. The hand on the left is dark-skinned and has a tattoo on the forearm. The hand on the right is light-skinned. The baton is a solid blue cylinder. The background is a blurred blue. The text 'THE BATON' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font, centered within a white rectangular border.

# THE BATON