

2021 USATF Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships

Qualifying Procedures

The **2021 National Junior Olympic Championship** will observe the following Guidelines of Participation.

Updated July 10th

Due to the ongoing global pandemic and after careful consideration USATF has determined it in the best interest of our youth members and clubs to remove all qualification standards associated with the 2021 Junior Olympic National Championships. The 2021 Championships, to foster an inclusive environment, will now accept all entries regardless of performance. Please review the guidelines below prior to entering the championships.

- All athletes must be current USATF members and age verified according to the established USATF Date of Birth Verification Policy. The policy can be found at: www.usatf.org/programs/youth.
- All athletes **SHOULD** enter a verifiable time/mark into athletic.net upon registration. Times must be achieved using fully automatic timing (FAT). All hand times will be converted to FAT. No time (NT) or no mark (NM) will be placed at the bottom of the performance list and seeded randomly. Overrides will **NOT** be considered.
- Instructions for uploading results into athletic.net can be found at:
 - <https://support.athletic.net/article/f242hq8ok6-uploading-results-overview>
 - If further assistance is required when uploading these results, please forward an email to: usatf.support@athletic.net
- Late and day of entries will **NOT** be accepted.
- Changes/corrections must be reported no later than 3pm on the DAY BEFORE the scheduled event. Coaches/athletes are responsible for the review and verification of all entries upon receipt of the packet.

Event Seeding:

In events with three rounds; 100m, 200m & 400m dashes:

- In the first-round athletes will be assigned to heats based off performance and placed into heats in a zigzag fashion, and lane assignments will be drawn at random. The top 24 times will advance.
- In the semi-final round, athletes again will be assigned to heats based of performance and placed into heats in a zigzag fashion and assigned to lane as per USATF seeding regulations. The top two and next two fastest will advance to the final.

In events with two rounds; 80m/100m/110m/200m/400m Hurdles, 800 & 4 X 100m Relays:

- In the semi-final athletes will be assigned to heats based off performance and placed into heats in a zigzag fashion, and lane assignments will be drawn at random. Advancement will be determined by place and time when possible, if the number of semi-finals heats is higher the three, athletes and teams will advance strictly on time.

In events with only one round; 1500m, 3,000m, Steeple Chase, Racewalks, 4 X 400m Relay and 4 X 800m Relay:

- All races will be run as a final on time. Heats will be assigned based off the performance list with heats running slow to fast. Lane assignments will be random.

Throwing and horizontal field events; Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Javelin, Discus & High Jump:

- Flights will be assigned based off performance and throwing or jumping order will be assigned randomly.
- Flights will be set to allow the better jumpers and throwers to compete in the last flight.
- The Long Jump and Shot Put **may** be split into two groups and have two runways or circles competing simultaneously when entry numbers exceed four full flights.

Vertical jumps: High Jump and Pole Vault:

- All athletes will be placed in flights and in an order based off the performance list, lowest to highest. If needed meet management has the right to split athletes into two groups.

COVID-19 Protocol:

- Athletes will be required to show proof of a negative COVID test or verification of full vaccination within 7 days of their competition date during the 2021 Junior Olympic Championship in order to compete. **No tests dated earlier than July 19, 2021 will be accepted.**
- Spectator and athletes are asked to arrive no more than 120 minutes prior to the start time of their event and leave following the completion of their event to assist with social distance and stadium occupancy number.

USATF REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL INVOLVED IN THE 2021 USATF NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP AND ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE ENFORCED.