

# USATF-NE Track & Field Meet Series 2021

May 22, May 29, June 5 & June 12, 2021

**\*\*To participate, a 2021 USATF membership is required for each individual runner, and they must participate on a registered USATF club.**

## **AGES:**

- Age groups are standard USATF Divisions (calculated by student athletes age on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2021): 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, 15-18
- Participants traveling to the meet are restricted based on state residency restrictions
- New England States ONLY

## **PARTICIPANT SPECIFICS:**

- Participation is limited to 2021 USATF- NE member clubs which are running bona fide programs with established training groups/cohorts this spring
- All participants must have a valid 2021 USATF membership to participate.
- Registration is limited to the first 300 athletes registered via Athletic.net

## **SPECTATORS:**

- 1 spectator per family
- All spectators must stay in the stands (area marked for spectators) & wear a mask at all times while maintaining at least 6 foot distance from other spectators.
- Once an athlete is finished competing, spectators must leave the spectator area, to make room for the next group of spectators.
- **IMPORTANT NOTE** - Any non-competitor observed moving around the facility during competition subjects the entire team to complete disqualification and removal from results. There are no warnings and the decision is not appealable.
- Participants may not go into the stands at any time during the meet
- Parents are restricted to the marked spectator area ONLY
- NO DOGS

## **ATHLETES AND COACHES WILL FOLLOW ALL PROTOCOLS INCLUDING:**

- Coaches should ensure athletes are not running a temperature and also validate that athletes are not showing any other symptoms
- Athletes may arrive no earlier than posted arrival time

- Masks are required for all student-athletes except when actively competing.
- Waivers Must be completed by all participants
- There will be a hand sanitation station for athletes after their race is completed.
- A club may neither bring nor encourage any spectators to attend beyond a single family member per family.
- Absolutely no access into infield, track, or finish line area by any spectators at any time.
- Teams will have specific areas (pods) to warmup & place belongings. This will be clearly marked.
- No tents
- Only 15+ athletes will be allowed to use starting blocks
- Athletes must hand sanitize before touching any equipment (starting blocks, implements, etc.)
- Athletes must retrieve their own implement
- All equipment will be wiped down in between races/ competition.
- Coaches are responsible for collecting names and phone numbers for contact tracing purposes for all athletes & their single spectator.

### **RACE OPERATIONS:**

- All entries must be entered in Athletic.net prior to the entry deadline and before meet fills up (no day of meet entries and no changes)
- All athletes will have BIB #'s assigned (packets will be pulled together for coaches)
- Check-in will occur 30mins prior to race time
- All events 400m and below will be run in lanes
- All events 800m and over will be run in either waterfall start or 1 turn stagger to break line

### **THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES WILL SERVE TO MITIGATE CONGESTION AT THE FINISH LINE:**

- Run through the finish line and continue moving away from the finish area by following the arrows leading outside the track area
- Don't talk to teammates or coaches until you depart the finish area.
- Finish order does not have to be maintained after crossing the finish line.
- No congregating at the finish waiting for teammates
- Mask must be immediately brought back up over nose and mouth
- Listen to the officials at all times!

**\*DISCLAIMER: It is important to understand that despite all the above safety precautions and guidelines, it is still possible to become infected while competing and/or traveling for this event.**