



**2025 USATF
NATIONAL
JUNIOR OLYMPIC
TRACK & FIELD
CHAMPIONSHIPS**
SAVANNAH, GA

INFORMATION TOOL KIT

JULY 21-27, 2025

TED WRIGHT STADIUM
SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY
4437 SKIDAWAY RD.
SAVANNAH, GA 31404

Welcome to the 2025 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships, located at Ted Ted Wright Stadium on the campus of Savannah State University. The Junior Olympic program is a progression series of meets consisting of Association, Region and national championship meets. Athletes are required to enter on-line beginning at the Association level of competition. Advancement is based upon performance (i.e., an athlete cannot directly submit an entry form for the Region competition; they must have competed and advanced at the Association level). In some events athletes are required to meet certain eligibility requirements to compete. **Savannah** is known for unique blend of history, natural beauty, and Southern charm. It's a vibrant city with a rich past, a lively arts scene, and a welcoming atmosphere.

Proof of Age Requirement: All athletes competing in a USATF age group championship must have their age verified.

Verification Process: Age verification must be completed through the **USATF membership portal (USATF Connect)** by uploading a copy of the athlete's **birth certificate or passport**.

Processing Time: Please allow **5–7 business days** for verification to be completed once submitted.

Relay Team Requirements:

- To compete on a relay: Each team member **must be officially affiliated with a USATF-registered club** through their member profile in Sport 80.
- Only athletes with the appropriate club affiliation will be eligible to participate in relay events.

Athletes will be **seeded** based on performances officially attached to their athletic.net profiles from the 2024-2025 indoor season and 2025 outdoor season. Coaches may supply seed overrides for relay events **only**. Please upload all meet results to athletic.net for seeding purposes.

Age Division	Birth Year
*7-8	2017+
9-10	2015-2016
11-12	2013-2014
13-14	2011-2012
15-16	2009-2010
17-18**	2007-2008

*Athletes must be at least seven (7) years of age on December 31st of the current year to compete at the Youth Athletics or Junior Olympic Nationals.

**Athletes who are still eighteen (18) years of age through the final day of the National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship shall be eligible to compete in the 17–18 year-old division through that meet. This extended eligibility does not apply to cross country events.

Entry Guidelines for the 2025 Season

All entries must be submitted via **Athletic.net** by the deadlines listed below.

On-Time Registration

•**Deadline:** Wednesday, July 16th at 11:59 p.m. (ET)

•**Entry Fees:**

- Individual Events: \$15.00 for the first event; \$15.00 for each additional event
- Relay Events: \$60.00 per team
- Combined Events:
 - Triathlon/Pentathlon: \$27.00
 - Heptathlon/Decathlon: \$31.00
- **Administrative Fee:** \$10.00 per athlete

Late Registration (Hard Close)

•**Deadline:** Thursday, July 17th at 11:59 p.m. (ET)

•**Late Entry Fees:**

- Individual Events: \$20.00 for the first event; \$25.00 for each additional event
 - Relay Events: \$100.00 per team
 - Combined Events:
 - Triathlon/Pentathlon: \$50.00
 - Heptathlon/Decathlon: \$75.00
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Packet pick-up will take place at Ted Ted Wright Stadium in the tent in the gravel parking lot to the left facing the entrance of the track. **Please do not bring your entire team into packet pick-up, athletes should wait outside,** when possible and coaches/parents should pick-up packets and bibs (athletes under 18 must have an adult accompany them to pick-up packets in packet pick-up.

Times are subject to change, please keep an eye on all email communication with final instructions and updates and refer to the schedule on the website.

To purchase **Tickets** to the Championships please visit: [2025 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship Ticket Purchase](#). There are many ticket purchase options to suit your needs.

It is highly encouraged to purchase tickets prior to arriving at Ted Wright Stadium. ****Note:** Processing fees apply.

Per USATF Rule 306(g) from page 179 in the 2024 USATF Competition Rule Book:

- *Once an athlete begins participation in the Junior Olympics Program, throughout the entire Junior Olympics series:*
- *Athletes who are unattached must remain unattached.*
- *Athletes who represent a club shall not switch from one club to another.*
- *An athlete may withdraw their club affiliation and compete unattached.*

Qualifying from Association Championship to Region Championship:

Per USATF Rule 306.1(d), “An Association is allocated, by agreement with other Associations in its region, a certain number of athletes and relay team from the Association level to the Region level through the Association Championships”.

Region 16 (Gulf) athletes do not have to qualify through the Association Championships.

Qualifying from Region Championship to National Championship:

The top five (8) finishers in the track & field and relay events shall advance from the region meet into the national championships in each event.

The combined events shall advance the top two (3) finishers plus any other athletes that meet the published qualifying standards.

All entries into the JO National

Championships must be completed

online at athletic.net. ENTRY TIMELINE:

- Entries will open 7/3/2025 at 5:00 PM ET
- Entries will close 7/16/2025 at 11:59 PM ET
- Late Entries ONLY: 7/17/2025 at 11:59 PM ET (HARD CLOSE)
 - Athletic.NET registration link:
<https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/608672/register>

U20 WAIVERS

*****Athletes who competed in the U20 may be entered into the Junior Olympic Championships without having to compete in the Association or Region meet if they meet the required age divisions.**

Waiver Request Forms must be completed and returned to U20Waiver@usatf.org. Entries will be entered, and Payment will be due via card ONLY on the athletic.net website during the designated window. (July 3, 2025 – July 16, 2025) . Once completed and approved, you will receive your special registration link via email to register and pay. [U20 Waiver Form - Click Here](#)

Awards will be presented to the top 8 athletes in all individual and relay events. In addition, All-American patches and caps will be awarded for 1st – 8th place in each event and presented to them during the awards ceremony,

All awards presentations will be held in the tent at the gravel parking lot adjacent from packet pick-up just inside the main entrance and conducted approximately 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event. It is the athlete's responsibility to be there at that time.

Each athlete attending the meet will also receive a certificate when picking up their packet.

The awards tent is located in the gravel parking lot, behind the home bleachers.

Athletes should check-in to the awards area no later than 30 minutes after the conclusion of the event to be staged for the award ceremony. Parents and coaches will not be allowed in the award staging area. There will be designated areas for photo opportunities. Parents/guests are requested to not enter the awards area unless accompanying an athlete when their event is called for the awards.

Official **USATF merchandise** will be available to purchase throughout the duration of the event.

The USATF store will have an array of USATF branded youth merchandise as well as apparel featuring the 2025 event logo. In addition, there will be an All-American store, located inside the Merchandise Tent.

Ted Wright Stadium will also be offering various food trucks and concession offerings throughout the Championships.

Athletes must always wear their assigned **bib numbers** when on the campus of Savannah. , regardless if they are competing or not. If any athlete loses their bib number, there will be a \$10.00 fee to purchase a new bib number.

Bib numbers can be picked-up with the athlete packet during packet pick-up hours.

The 2025 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championship **coach credentials** can only be obtained at Packet Pick-up on-site. All individuals will be required to show a photo ID to pick up their credentials (coach wristband). Credentials are non-transferable.

Registered Coach's credentials are designed to allow an athlete's coach and/or personal support access to specified areas to support their athlete. Individuals receiving the Registered Coach credential must be a current (2025) member of which includes

- ✓ **Be a current adult USATF member.**
- ✓ **Pass the USATF background screen.**
- ✓ **Successfully complete the U.S. Center for SafeSport Training course.**
- ✓ **Accept and adhere to the SafeSport Handbook.**
- ✓ **List current coaching affiliation on membership profile.**
- ✓ **Fulfill Education Standard and submit verification application through USATF Connect.**

If you do not appear on the USATF Coaches Registry **public listing**, verify which requirement area (Memberships, Center for SafeSport Training, Background Screening, and Coach Certification) on your USATF Connect profile does not have a green (current) status. All requirements must be valid through at least the last date of the competition. Please allow 10 business days for background screenings to be processed. Individuals not qualifying for the USATF Coaches Registry will need to purchase tickets for entry into the championship.

Credential Terms and Conditions can be found here: **Credential Guidelines**.

Pole Vault credentials will be provided upon verification of athlete entry and the date/time of the event. The date and time will be clearly noted on the credential and access expires immediately upon completion of the event.

All media outlets interested in covering the 2025 National Outdoor Youth Championships must complete a press application. **Media/Press Credential Application**

All running and field events must **check-in** and clerking will take place on the warm-up field. Athletes should be prepared to check in at least 30-45 minutes, prior to the scheduled start time of the event. Please make sure your athletes are listening to the calls on the warm-up field. Our skilled officials will make sure that the athletes have ample time to warm-up and treated with respect throughout the check-in process.

Our officials pride themselves on conducting a fair competition following the rules set by our National Governing Body, USATF. Unfortunately, we all make mistakes. If you feel there was a call or a result that is not correct or inaccurate you may file a formal **protest** to the meet referee no later than 30 minutes, then 30 minutes after the official results have been posted on-line.

The protest fee is \$100 and will be refunded if your protest is upheld.

Judgment calls made by meet officials cannot be protested. Protests that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted. Please note USATF Rule 119. 4 when considering the use of video/photo footage for protests.

Starting blocks, batons, throwing implements and all other track equipment will be supplied and used to compete in the championships.

The only **spikes** permitted on the Ted Wright Stadium track are either 1/4" or 1/8" pyramid spikes. This rule is for all events including the pole vault, javelin and high jump.

Athletes in the 15-16 and 17-18 age divisions may check in and weigh one **implement** per event. Personal implements are subject to inspection and must be presented at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start time of the event. Implements may also be dropped off at Ted Wright Stadium on Sunday, July 20, 2025, between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The Ted Wright Stadium Track will be available one (1) hour prior to the start of competition each day for general warm-up and will close approximately 20 minutes prior to the first event. After that all warm-ups should be conducted on the designated field or outside of the Icahn Stadium complex.

All competitors in the **pole vault** must provide their own vaulting poles. Athletes must have their competition bib and all poles they wish to verify with them one hour prior to the start of the competition. Weigh-in and pole inspections will take place 60 minutes prior to the start of competition. All poles will be inspected for manufacturers pole rating stickers and the maximum top hand hold position. The competitor's weight must be at or below the pole rating. **No exceptions will be made to this rule.** Meet management will not be responsible for any pole that are shipped or impounded at the meet without a hard protective case.

Please see PV, HJ Performance Standards attached at the end of the power point

Subject to change based on final entries.

The 2025 National Junior Olympic Championship will have a Race Walk Time Standard for the event. More information to come.

For questions regarding RW, please email the Youth Chair:
Jacci White at jwhite@youth1st.com

Starting Heights and Performance Standards
Starting Heights - High Jump and Pole Vault

RULE 302 REGULATIONS AND
SPECIFICATIONS

Field Events
Rule 302.5(o)

● In the **National Youth Athletics Championship** and the **National Junior Olympic Championship** the starting heights in the High Jump and Pole Vault shall be 10cm and 30cm, respectively, below the **Youth Outdoor Performance Standard** established by the Youth Athletics Division at the USATF Annual Meeting.

○ *Note: Per best practice, per YEC Chair, these starting heights do not pertain to the National Youth Indoor Championship.*

- In the **Regional Junior Olympic Championship**, the starting heights in the High Jump and Pole Vault shall be 20cm and 60cm, respectively, below the Youth Outdoor Performance Standard.
- Increment increases in all stated Championships shall be 5cm in the High Jump and 15cm in the Pole Vault.

For Starting Heights

For reference, (See and Click below)

[Performance Standards – Combined Events and Youth Outdoor](#)

Age Division	High Jump (standard minus 10 cm)	Pole Vault (standard minus 30 cm)
9-10 Girls/Boys	0.96/0.98	
11-12 Girls/Boys	1.16/1.18	
13-14 Girls/Boys	1.30/1.41	2.11/2.38
15-16 Girls/Boys	1.33/1.53	2.21/3.45
17-18 Women	1.41	2.58
17-18 Men	1.68	3.76

Athlete/Parent Reunification:

Athletes ages 10 & under will be escorted to the Athlete Reunification Area at the conclusion of their event. It is the responsibility of the designated coach, parent or other guardian (18+) to pick the athletes up from the Reunification Area. Athletes can be met in the Athlete Reunification Area for pick-up

The following protocol has been established for the release of the athletes from the Reunification Area at the 2025 USATF National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships.

10 & Under athletes will be required to wear the assigned wristband that corresponds with their assigned bib number. This wristband must be PERMANENTLY secured on the athlete's wrist throughout the entire competition.

Replacement bibs and/or wristbands will cost \$10.

Designated parents, coaches, and guardians (18+) will be required to wear the corresponding wristband PERMANENTLY secured on their wrist. Failure to have the wristband PERMANENTLY secured will result in not being allowed to remove the athlete(s) from the Reunification Area. There will be no exceptions.

USATF is committed to the safety and welfare of all our athletes and requests that you respect and understand the necessity of these safe-guard measures.

Athletes aged 11 and older will be allowed to leave the competition area and find their parent/guardian.

Parking visitor parking is available on campus. Is there a fee for visitor parking? Yes, Regular sized vehicles are \$20/day and oversized vehicles are \$30/day. **ABSOLUTELY NO RV's permitted.** Parking can be bought in advance only – no parking can be purchased on site. Parking QR code is required to enter campus. Be sure to observe posted signage for any restrictions or time limits.

Accessibility Parking Accessibility parking is available on the Savannah State Campus. Accessible parking spaces are reserved for individuals with valid state-issued disability placards or license plates on a first come first serve basis. More information regarding accessibility accommodations will likely be provided on the official USATF event website as well. It's advisable to check there or contact Savannah State University's Public Safety at (912) 358-3004 team if you have specific needs.

Food in Stadium No, outside food is not allowed in the Stadium for Spectators. Athletes will be permitted to bring food in the stadium through the athlete's entrance. **NO COOLERS IN THE STADIUM**

Tents Official **USATF merchandise** will be available to purchase throughout the duration of the event.

Tents Please keep checking back for updated information regarding tent city. There WILL be a tent city.

- ✓ NO grilling in tent city
- ✓ NO fighting in tent city
- ✓ All tents must be lowered or taken down daily
- ✓ USATF and SSU will not be responsible for items left in tent city
- ✓ Coolers and outside food are permitted in tent city
- ✓ NO tents permitted in the bleachers

Umbrellas are permitted in the bleachers, HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE. There will be cooling stations located in various areas of the stadium for spectators and athletes.

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