



Historically Black Colleges & Universities Showcase presented by Nike Running

The Nike Track & Field Center at The Armory

Saturday, January 17, 2026 | 9:00am-6:00pm

HBCU Showcase College Fair, 10:00am-3:00pm

HBCU Showcase After Party, 6:30pm-7:00pm

Armory Meet Contact: Zakia Haywood, collegetrack@armorytrack.org, 212-923-1803 ext. 7028

Entries

College entries are by invitation only and should be submitted exclusively online, via athletic.net.

Throwing event entries close at 11:59pm EST, Monday, January 5, 2026. Running event entries close at 11:59pm EST, Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Be sure to include the names of all relay team members.

Entry Fees

College teams: \$450 per gender, or \$65 per individual event entry, or \$85 per relay team. Entry fees are based on meet entries by the registration deadline, regardless of the number of athletes who end up competing. **Entry fees must be paid by Wednesday, January 14, 2026 via athletic.net,** and will incur an additional service charge of 7%. Team packets and competitor numbers will be issued only to teams that have paid their entry fee in full.

Rules of Competition:

The 2026 HBCU Showcase will be governed by the active editions of:

- Colleges - NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Men's and Women's rules
- High School competitors: NFHS rules apply

Competition Site:

The Nike Track & Field Center at The Armory is a 200-meter banked six-lane Mondo track. The Mondo straightaway is 9 lanes | 60 meters. The lanes are 36" wide. The horizontal jumps are contested in two parallel pits. The runways are Mondo. The high jump is contested at both ends of the infield; two high jumps can be conducted simultaneously. In the weight throw, only bag weights can be used. A wooden throwing circle is used.

There is warm-up space on the 2nd floor. **Pyramid spikes must be a maximum size of 6mm or a ¼" equivalent.** No pin, needle, compression tier or Christmas tree spikes allowed. No plastic bottom soles or shoes with 3-spike configuration are allowed. Spikes with a 4, 5 and 6-spike configuration are allowed. All spikes will be checked prior to check-in. Only starting blocks supplied by The Armory may be used.

Vaulting poles can be shipped to The Armory, attn: Zakia Haywood, 216 Fort Washington Ave., NY, NY 10032. Please notify via email of expected shipment: collegetrack@armorytrack.org. Poles will be stored securely until your arrival.

Check-In

Athletes may check-in on the main floor of The Armory beginning at 8:00am on meet day. Doors will open at 7:30am for all teams and spectators. Scratch any competitors by 45-minutes before the scheduled time of the event, using the posted sheets by events in the check-in area.

Athletes must check-in at the clerk's table (for running events) no less than 20 minutes prior to their event. *No public-address check-in calls will be made. The meet will run no more than 15 minutes ahead of schedule.* Field-event competitors should check-in at the competition site. Weigh-ins will begin at the throwing cage at 8:00am.

No unattached, alumni, or open athletes may participate.

Competition

Contested events are noted in the meet schedule. "B" relay teams are permitted.

There is no limit on # of competitors per event per school, except in the Shot Put and Weight Throw (max of two athletes per school).

The 60-meter dash and 60-meter hurdles will be contested in two rounds. All other running events will be contested as finals on time. In the field events, if there are multiple flights, the top-seeded entrants will compete in the final flight. All attempts will be measured.

By NCAA rule, all coaches must leave the infield once competition begins. Athletes may not use headsets or other electronic devices in the competition or warm-up areas.

Team Scoring

All events will be scored 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1. Only one relay team may score per school. Awards will be presented to the winning teams and to an Outstanding Competitor for each gender.

Seeding

For seeding purposes, lane priorities are:

- On the oval -- 200, 400, 500, 4x200 and 4x400, lane priority is 5-6-4-3-2-1.
- On the straightaway, lane priority is 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8-9.

Tickets & Seating

Reserved Spectator Seating: Sections 409, 410, and 411. Rows 1 & 2, \$35, Rows 3 & 4, \$25. General Admission Info: Adults \$20, Students \$10, Children under 3 feet 6 inches free.

Coaches must be accredited with proper school identification. Limited seating is available on the back stretch bleachers of the track for coaches and athletes, with additional seating available on the fourth floor.

Reserved sections will be set aside for special guests and entertainers.

HBCU College Fair

A HBCU College Admissions Fair for high school students will take place on the 3rd floor track level, convening from 10:00am - 2:00pm (set-up: 9:00am). This event is open to the public. High school students will be admitted at no charge with valid student ID, and they may stay to watch the competition.

If you would like to have your HBCU participate, please reach out to: **Clayton Harding**, clayton@armorytrack.org, 212-923-1803 ext. 7025.

High School Events: The Mayor's Cup Relays

The Mayor's Cup Relays are a celebration of sports excellence, community engagement, and equitable opportunities for athletes across New York City. By bringing together athletes, teams, and sports enthusiasts from across New York City, the Mayor's Cup Relays showcases the power of sports in fostering camaraderie, competition, and personal growth. Relay entries are open to public, parochial, independent, and charter schools in the NYC area.

Food

It is against The Armory facility policy to bring food or beverages into the building. Full-service concessions are available at The Refuel Zone on the 3rd floor, which will be open throughout the meet. Should your team be interested in catered options, please contact Brianna Cano at RCano Events, 718-937-6622 or via email: brianna@rcanoevents.com. Team vouchers are available for purchase on the day of the event, or with advance notice.

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