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Meet and Entry Information

THE 2017 KEVIN DARE INVITATIONAL JANUARY 7, 2017

HORACE ASHENFELTER III INDOOR TRACK

ABOUT THE MEET

The Kevin Dare High School Invitational will be conducted at the Multi-Sport Facility - Horace Ashenfelter III Indoor Track. The Ashenfelter Indoor Track, arguably one of the fastest tracks in the world, features:

- A six lane, 65-foot radius Mondo hydraulically banked track.
- Eight 60-meter sprint lanes.
- Dual pole vault, high jump, and long jump/triple jump runways.
- Cement shot put/weight throwing ring.

ABOUT KEVIN DARE

The meet is held in memory of Kevin Dare, a Penn State pole vaulter who was killed in a pole vaulting accident at the 2002 Big Ten Championships. Kevin was also a high school standout, winning two Pennsylvania state titles while competing at State College High School.

KEVIN DARE "HEART OF A LION" AWARD:

The "Kevin Dare Heart of the Lion" Award has been created to promote courage, sportsmanship and leadership in track and field. We are asking that each competing team/coaching staff nominate an athlete for the award. If you are the head coach of a combined program, please nominate one athlete from both your boys' and girls' teams. Nomination forms will be sent to accepted programs.

TEAM REGISTRATION

- To enter in the meet, coaches should complete the attached entry request form and send it, with full payment, to Penn State University. Others may copy the registration form for use.
- To provide a high quality scholastic meet, acceptance will be limited to the <u>first 30 girls' teams</u> and the <u>first 30 boys' teams</u> that register.
- Request Entry Deadline December 10, 2016. Please be aware that if the maximum field size (30 girls' teams/30 boys' teams) is reached prior to December 10th, that date will become the cut off. EARLY REGISTRATION is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. NO ENTRIES will be accepted after December 10th. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.
- As soon as the entry request form and registration check has been received, coaches will be notified via e-mail of their registration status, along with other information to complete their entry <u>An email from OUR OFFICE is the only way your entry</u> will be confirmed.



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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

- This year, we will be accepting approximately 10-12 individual entries per event, including relays. If you have an athlete(s) that you would like to be considered for one of these slots, please email kdare.invite@gmail.com for an entry form.
- All Individual request must be affiliated with their High School. Club/Unattached affiliations will not be accepted.
- Individual entry request forms will close on December 10th. No individual entries will be accepted after these date. There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Submitting a request form does not guarantee entry into the meet. Entries will be subject to verification on MileSplit. Accepted entries will be announced on December 22nd on GoPSUSports.com.

TEAM REGISTRATION FEES

- The registration fees (regardless of size of teams) are as follows:
 - \$300 per Boys' Team
 - \$300 per Girls' Team
 - \$600 per Combined Gender Program

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY FEE

- The entry fees are as follows:
 - \$30 per individual
 - o \$100 per Relay Team

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO PENN STATE UNIVERSITY.

Cash and Credit Cards will NOT be accepted.

ALL PAYMENTS MUST BE MADE IN FULL FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO THE COMPETITION.
THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS ONCE ACCEPTED INTO THE COMPETITION.

SANCTIONING

This is an invitational high school meet and is sanctioned by the PIAA in cooperation with the National Federation of High Schools. All NFHS rules apply for this meet.

Due to sanctioning restrictions, ONLY schools from the following states may compete:
Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, D.C., West Virginia

Also Note – According to NCAA Rule 13.12.3.5, this meet must appear on your schedule for your athletes to compete.

MEET ENTRIES AND DEADLINES

- Once a team is accepted into the competition, registration will be happen through <u>WWW.DIRECTATHLETICS.COM</u>. Entries via email or any other method/entry system WILL NOT be accepted.
- Each team will be able to enter up to two athletes per event and one team per each relay event.
- Entries on DirectAthletics will OPEN on December 15th and CLOSE on January 3rd.

MEET-DAY INFORMATION

COACHES MEETING

A brief coaches' meeting will be held at 9:15 AM Saturday, at the FINISH of the 60 Meter Sprint Lanes. All teams must have a representative in attendance, since important last-minute announcements will be made at this time.

TEAM ENCAMPMENT

The team encampment area is an Astro-Turf area, which is located on the South End of the Multi-Sport Facility. We request that all participants and coaches remain in this area. The stands are to be used for ticketed patrons only. There is to be no food or drink of any kind including Gatorade and gum on the turf/warm up area. Anyone found with food or drink will be asked to leave the meet and will be excluded from the meet the next year. ONLY WATER in plastic containers is allowed on the turf. FOOD may be consumed in the lobby area of the facility near the concession stands.

ATHLETIC TRAINERS

A Penn State Staff of Athletic Trainers will be available to handle all injuries that may occur during competition. Ice will be available along with minor first-aid needs. If taping is needed, please provide own supplies. We will accommodate taping as much as possible. Water stations will be provided throughout the facility. Penn State EMS will also be on hand to support any possible injuries or accidents.

PRACTICE

- There will be <u>no practice sessions</u> the day prior to the meet.
- On meet day, running and jogging will be allowed from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM on the track.
- There will be no warm-ups on the track during the meet.

COACHES' CREDENTIALS

- Two coaches' credentials per team will be issued.
- Coaches will only be allowed on the backstretch if they have credentials.
- No athletes will be permitted on the backstretch. If coaches must speak to an athlete, they may do so in the team encampment area.

INFORMATION/VISITOR'S GUIDE

* Information on local hotels and restaurants can be found at www.HappyValley.com. Our recommended hotel is the Hampton Inn || 1101 East College Avenue, (814) 231-1590.

DIRECTIONS TO ASHENFELTER INDOOR TRACK

* Ashenfelter III Indoor Track (AKA the Multi-Sport Facility) is located off of Porter Rd on the University Park Campus. The building sits just south of Beaver Stadium and the Bryce Jordan Center. Setting your GPS to the intersection of Porter Rd and Dauer Drive (University Park, PA, 16802) will bring you to the parking lot just in front of the facility.



|| ASHENFELTER III INDOOR TRACK || SPIKE RESTRICTIONS ||

SPIKE REQUIREMENTS



14 INCH PRIAMID & COMPRESSION SPIKES ONLY (3/8 INCH FOR HIGH JUMP)

KEVIN DARE

SPIKE CHECK

- Located on the turf in front of the glass doors/windows.
- All athletes will be required to go through spike check prior to competition.



THE KEVIN DARE INVITATIONAL JANUARY 7, 2017 ENTRY REQUEST FORM

General Information

High School:	High School State:	
Coach:	Coach Phone:	
Coach Email:	School Fax:	
Athletic Director:	AD Email:	

Team Information

Expected Number of Participants:	Boys Team:	Girls Team:
Registration Fee Enclosed: (Fill in Amount Per Team)	Boys' Team: (\$300)	Girls' Team: (\$300)

Checks made payable to Penn State University.

To provide a high quality scholastic meet, Registration is limited.

The FIRST 30 boys' and 30 girls' teams to submit entry request forms and payment will be admitted to the competition.

ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER DECEMBER 10th, 2016!

There will be NO EXCEPTIONS.

As soon as registration checks and entry forms are received, coaches will be notified via e-mail of their registration status, along with other information to complete their entry.

Entries WILL NOT be confirmed until entry checks are received.

All information will be provided via EMAIL – please make sure you include a valid (<u>AND CLEARLY</u> <u>WRITTEN</u>) email address

Mail Registration Form and Payment to:

Laura Loht
Penn State University –203 Multi Sport Facility
University Park, PA 16802

Questions call or email: Laura Loht | lel5115@psu.edu | (814) 321-7544