



The Kevin Dare High School Invitational
@ Penn State University
January 11th, 2025

Meet & Entry Information

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KEVIN DARE
INVITATIONAL

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Important Dates:

Friday, November 15th – Team Entry Request Forms Due & Individual Entry Request Due

Friday, November 15th – Registration Fee Due to Jenna Gearing @ 203 Multi-Sport, University Park, PA 16802

****Note – Your team will not be accepted into the meet until the entry fee is paid!****

Monday, December 2nd – Entries Open to teams on DirectAthletics.com

Monday, December 2nd – Individual Entries form will close

Friday, December 6th – Accepted Individual Entries will be announced on GoPSUSports.com

Friday, January 3rd – Entries Close on DirectAthletics.com

Saturday, January 11th – Date of Competition

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 was 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. **The Nomination form can be found in the packet!**

All Nominations are due to Jenna Gearing (JIG5364@PSU.EDU) by December 20th, 2024!

Team Entry Information, Fees & Procedures

Team Registration

- To enter the meet, coaches should complete the entry request form linked below. Schools must also submit full payment, to Penn State University before being accepted into the meet. <https://forms.gle/BdcEWBmMXo3Q2zxz8>
- To provide a high-quality scholastic meet, acceptance will be limited to the first 30 girls’ teams and the first 30 boys’ teams that register. Schools will be accepted in the order that payment is received.
- **Request Entry Deadline – NOVEMBER 15, 2024! Please be aware that if the maximum field size (30 girls’ teams/30 boys’ teams) is reached prior to November 15, that date will become the cut off. EARLY REGISTRATION is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED. NO ENTRIES will be accepted after November 15th. 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 – An email from OUR OFFICE is the only way your entry will be confirmed.
- Once a team has been accepted into the competition, registration will happen through WWW.DIRECTATHLETICS.COM. **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 2nd and CLOSE on January 3rd.**
- **The registration fees (regardless of size of teams) are as follows:**
 - **\$350 per Boys' Team**
 - **\$350 per Girls' Team**
 - **\$700 per Combined Gender Program**

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. IN CASES OF BAD WEATHER, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS.

Individual Entry Information, Fees & Procedures

Individual Registration

- We will be accepting up to 10 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 submit the entry form linked here:
 - Individual athlete (not a part of whole team entry): <https://forms.gle/E1eMhVXvgkNxzHKN8>
 - Individual relay (not a part of whole team entry): <https://forms.gle/7cY64ogLAp4fbvPv7>(if an athlete would like to enter multiple events, they must complete a new form for each event)
- Accepted individuals will be notified on December 6th. Once individuals have been emailed with acceptance into the meet, individual/relay entries must also be submitted via Direct Athletics between December 9th – January 3rd. If entries are not submitted via Direct Athletics, your athletes will not be seeded and will not be able to compete.
- DO NOT submit extra/rejected entries in Direct Athletics. Any entries that are not on the posted accepted individual/relay list will be deleted and rejected.
- All Individual requests must be affiliated with their High School. **Club/Unattached affiliations will not be accepted.**
- ***We will not accept athletes who are affiliated with a team who has been accepted into the competition.*** Coaches should not enter an athlete into their team relay and then turn around and enter that athlete as an individual to try to get more athletes into a specific individual event.
- Individual entry request forms will close on December 2nd. No individual entries will be accepted after this 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 6th on GoPSUSports.com and emailed out to those who requested entry.
- **The entry fees are as follows:**
 - **\$40 per individual** (not per event)
 - **\$100 per Relay Team** (in addition to individual athlete fee, if the relay members also compete in individual events)

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SANCTIONING

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

Also Note – This meet must appear on your schedule for your athletes to compete.

MEET-DAY INFORMATION

Team Check-In

- Packet Pick-Up will be Open starting at 8am on Saturday, January 11th. Teams should not enter the building until the coach has come in to pick up the team packet.
- Coaches should plan to leave the team on the bus while they grab the packet. Take the packet back to the bus and hand out bibs BEFORE having the team enter the building!
- Student athletes will be allowed to move around the building with their bib numbers. We do not permit full teams to hand out bibs within the building.

Coaches' Credentials

- Four coaches' credentials per team will be issued. **We will not give out more than four.**
- 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.

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.**

Team Camp

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 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 your 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.

Other Notes

Practice

- There will be no practice sessions 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.

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 take you to the parking lot just in front of the facility.

ASHENFELTER III INDOOR TRACK SPIKE RESTRICTIONS



**¼ INCH PYRAMID SPIKES ONLY
(3/8 INCH FOR HIGH JUMP)**

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Award winners will be announced after the Boys 60 Meter Dash Prelims at the 2025 Kevin Dare High School Invitational. Winning recipient Coach will be informed before attending the event.

ATHLETE NAME: _____

SCHOOL: _____

BELOW PLEASE WRITE WHY THE ATHLETE SHOULD BE NOMINATED, INCLUDE A STORY IF NEEDED:

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