

EASTSIDE STEPPERS

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USATFTM
MEMBER CLUB

PARENT/ATHLETE HANDBOOK

Joining the Team

- Parent/Athlete Registration Package---Mandatory for New and Returning Members
 - Registration deadline one month before first scheduled meet
 - Athlete information
 - Parent information--- ALL PARENT'S WILL BE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE ON A COMMITTEE
 - Medical release---HAS TO BE SIGNED IN ORDER TO PRACTICE ONSITE!!!
- Birth Certificate
 - **Copy** should only be provided with a complete registration package
 - Returning athletes do not need to turn in a Birth Certificate

2017 Season Costs:

\$245 total registration fee for USATF Card, track meets, uniform rental, T-shirt, administration fee, facility usage fee. Sweat Suit orders/amount will be determined by March for all ordering. The orders will need to be paid in full prior to purchasing. If ordering a uniform, registration monies must have been satisfied. \$100 non-refundable deposit due March 20th.

****After March 21st - one day of open practice to determine whether or not to join the team. Upon the next scheduled practice, \$100 deposit, registration paper work and birth certificate will be required to attend another practice.* \$145 remaining balance due April 14****

High School Athlete

Season cost will be the same \$245 with the exception of those that qualify for the State Championship Meet. Athletes that compete in the state meet will be charged \$220 due upon first day of practice.

National Meet Fees ARE NOT COVERED IN THE SEASON COST

Hershey Youth Outdoor Championship
USATF National Junior Olympics

- Each parent or guardian will be responsible for paying all national meet fees including the service charged.

Uniform Responsibility

- Uniforms will be returned at the conclusion of each athlete's season to the uniform committee
- Parent/Guardian will make sure athlete's name is checked off uniform list before leaving the last meet or team banquet.
- If uniform is lost or damaged there will be a \$50 charge before the next uniform is issued
- You will not be issued a different uniform during the current season, if there are any financial obligations or previous uniform hasn't been returned.

Schedule

- Meet Schedule
 - Schedule of meets will be issued by the first week in April at the latest.

Training

- Practice Schedule
 - Practice times & location will be posted on the website
- On Time

- Parents will be responsible for getting their child (ren) to and from practice on time. Picking up athletes late from practice will not be tolerated. 1st warning will be verbal; 2nd meeting with coaching staff and board member(s); 3rd possible dismissal from the team.
 - Parents must attend at least one whole practice per week and be at practice fifteen minutes prior to the end of every practice
 - Parents must check with the coaches or group sponsors to see if a non-scheduled meeting has been called before leaving or picking up athlete to/from practice
 - Unless requested by a coach, parents shall not interfere with the development of their child during practice or competition, all questions concerning child's development must be addressed to coaching staff after practice
 - All injuries or sickness must be reported upon arrival at practice. Please make sure to inform the staff if the athlete has an inhaler.
 - Nutritional habits are a must and should be practiced on a daily basis. It is highly recommended to not have daily products.
 - We will have a link for the Track Meet Essentials posted on the website.
- Training Equipment
 - Parents & athletes will be responsible for making sure the athletes wear the proper workout clothing & footwear
 - Proper attire will consist of sweats, shorts, t-shirts, running shoes and spikes
 - **NO FLIP FLOPS OR SANDALS WILL BE WORN AT PRACTICE**
 - Positive Attitude
 - Athletes must have a positive attitude & be willing to put in hard work every practice
 - Cleanliness
 - Every athlete will be responsible for cleaning up after him or her selves (i.e. water bottles, paper, etc...)

Competition

- Evaluation
 - Evaluation of athletes for events will be conducted by the coaching staff
 - Focus will be given to individual events first, relays secondary
 - Athletes will be placed on a relay based on coaches evaluations & performance of the athletes at practice & meets
 - If an athlete wants to challenge another athlete for a position on the relay, the athlete must first attend practice all week and second obtain the coaches permission. The challenge must be done on the Thursday prior to the meet and will be evaluated by the coaches
- Supervision
 - All athletes and children must be supervised at all times
 - If a parent has to leave or can't attend the meet, they must provide proper supervision for their child
 - A younger athlete may be left with an older sibling 17 years of age or older
- Equipment
 - Parents & athletes will be responsible for making sure the athletes brings sweats, running shoes, shorts, spikes and the Eastside Steppers team T-Shirt to the track meet
 - Flip flops or sandals may be carried in the athlete's bag and worn during down time at the track meets
- Personal Cooler/Food

Parents & athletes will be responsible for making sure that a personal cooler is available on meet day. Water, Gatorade, PowerAde, Fruit Snacks, Fresh Fruit, Pasta, Bagels, etc. – healthy snacks and drinks to last throughout the course of the track meet.

- Camp Site
 - During the track meets athletes are required to sit under the canopies, unless told to warm up
 - In the event the canopy area becomes overcrowded athletes will have priority, parents & non-athletes should give up their space for the athletes
 - There are NO PETS allowed at the campsite and be respectful of the facilities policy.

Conduct

- Coaches will be professional & fair with all athletes & parents
- Parents
 - Parents will demonstrate a positive attitude & will be courteous towards coaches, athletes & other parents
 - Parents will not demonstrate unruly behavior towards other coaches, athletes & parents at track meets or practice.
- Athletes
 - Athletes will demonstrate respect towards coaches, teammates, parents, officials & other athletes
 - All Eastside Steppers (coaches, parents & athletes) will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times
- Discipline
 - Discipline will be administered by the coaches, board member(s) and/or group leaders
 - Any parent or athlete who becomes verbally/physically aggressive towards their peers or adults will be giving one warning. After the first warning, they will be removed from the team for the remainder of the season
 - Any violation of this will not be tolerated and that parent will have the option to allow the athlete to remain on the team; however, the parent/guardian will not be allowed at practice or under the team tent during competition.
 - Any parent interested in speaking with a board member regarding a grievance will notify the head coach immediately so that all parties can be involved.

Track Meet Responsibilities

We will post arrival times for each track meet. We expect that each parent/guardian will RESPECT the time provided in advance from the coaching staff.

- Camp Site / Equipment committee will be responsible for locating a campsite, tent set up & disassembles of camp, securing & issuing of equipment (i.e. spikes, batons, tape, etc...)
- Uniform committee will be responsible for issuing & retrieving uniforms at the meet
- Group Sponsors will be responsible for camp order & announcing the coaches request
- Everybody will be responsible for keeping the camp clean

Transportation

- Parents will be responsible for getting their athletes to & from the meets that are local and out of state. If transportation is going to be a problem, please connect with another parent to carpool for that meet

Lodging

- Lodging committee will be responsible for finding suitable hotel accommodations for all out of state meets

Parent Meeting

- Parent meeting may be announced via emails, phone calls or face to face at practice or track meets. We will do our best to have a parent meeting on a weekly basis to provide updates and address any team concerns.

Team Monetary Contributions

- A fee of 5% will be assessed to all members that have an active account, this is to cover any obligations & other team financial needs

- Private donations that are made to the Eastside Steppers must be turned into the team, 10% of the funds goes to the team's account and 90% to the individual's account
- Corporate donations that are made to the Eastside Steppers must be turned into the team, 90% of the funds goes to the team's account and 10% to the individual's account
- All unused accounts will be carried for 1 year, after 1 year of nonparticipation the account will be forfeited into the team general fund
- Accounts will be used only for Eastside Steppers track functions

Committees

- **Site / Equipment**
 - Finds camp site at track meet, transports track equipment, sets up & breaks down canopies
 - Inventories all equipment
 - Makes sure that everyone participates with putting up the tents and breaking them down
- **Uniform**
 - Issues, collects and inspects uniforms at the conclusion of the season
 - Makes sure all uniforms are accounted for
- **Lodging -Coaching staff member will lead this group.**
 - Finds suitable hotel accommodations for out of state meets
- **Transportation**
 - Finds suitable transportation for out of town meets
- **Fund raising**
 - Responsible for securing funds to help supplement cost
 - Creating ideals for fund raising on a monthly basis
- **Group Sponsor**
 - There will be one for each age group
 - Sponsors are responsible for informing parents & athletes at track meets and practice
 - Notifying parents & athletes of information by sending emails and making phone calls when necessary
- **Newcomer**
 - Responsible for greeting and informing new members about the Eastside Steppers Track Club

EASTSIDE STEPPERS TRACK CLUB REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: _____

ATHLETE'S INFORMATION

Athlete's Name *Please type or write legible* First and Last	DOB	Age	Sex	USATF # (coach will complete)	Uniform Size	T-shirt Size
Address			City		State	Zip Code
Home Phone #	School				Grade	

COPY OF THE BIRTH CERTIFICATE HAS TO BE TURNED IN WITH THIS FORM NO EXCEPTION!!!

PARENTAL INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name	Parent/Guardian Name
Primary Cell Phone #	Secondary Cell Phone #
Primary Work Phone #	Secondary Work Phone #
Primary Email Address	Secondary Email Address

HEALTH INFORMATION

Physician's Name	Physician's Phone #	
Any Health Problems	Medications * If asthma is a problem please bring inhaler*	
Emergency Contact Name	Emergency Contact Number	Relationship

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Medical Release

I _____ give the
(Parent Name)

Eastside Steppers Track Club permission to sign all necessary USATF registration forms, Meet Registrations, and Medical documents for participation and any emergency treatment on

_____ during my absence.
(Athlete's Name)

(Parent's Name)

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Date

I have read the Eastside Steppers Hand Book entirely. I understand the content and will follow the Eastside Steppers Track Club rules and regulations.

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

I fully understand that participation in athletics, in this case Track and Field, could result in both minor and serious injury and even death. I further understand that to minimize the risk of injury or harm, the athlete should have had a physical within the past year. I assume any and all risks associated with the above athlete's participation as a member of the Eastside Steppers Track Club and I hereby waive and release the Eastside Steppers Track Club, its coaches and representatives, of any and all rights for damages or injuries suffered while participating with the Eastside Steppers Track Club during a scheduled practice, conditioning session or competition; while traveling to or from a scheduled practice, conditioning session or competition; or during any other Club related activity.