

INFORMATION UPDATED JUNE 29

2017 USATF Region 1 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships

**Fitchburg State University Fitchburg, MA
July 6, 7, 8, 9**

**Michael P. Riccards Field at the Elliot Athletic Complex, Fitchburg State University
Off of John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg MA**

**IT MAY BE UPDATED ON A WEEKLY BASIS
SCHEDULE TIMES MAY CHANGE BUT NOT THE DAY OF AN EVENT**

Thursday, July 6, 2017 (Decathlon/Heptathlon day 1 only)

Friday, July 7, 2017 (All combined events, 3000, Steeplechase, 4x800, Hammer

Saturday, July 8, 2017

Sunday, July 9, 2017

Age Groups: (Age is as of December 31, 2017)

Group 1 - 7 - 8 years old born 2009-2010

Group 2 - 9-10 years old born 2007-2008

Group 3 - 11-12 years old born 2005-2006

Group 4 - 13-14 years old born 2003-2004

Group 5 - 15-16 years old born 2001-2002

Group 6 - 17-18 years old born 1999-2000 and after July 30, 1998

DIRECTIONS:

Take Interstate 91, 190 or 495 to Rte. 2 to the Rte. 12 North exit (31B).

Travel north on Route 12 for 3 miles, then turn right on Bemis Rd. and follow .5 mile.

Bear right on John Fitch Highway. Follow for approximately 2 miles.

The complex is on the right after Coolidge Park adjacent to Wallace Civic Center (1038 John Fitch Hwy).

FACILITY:

Please respect the facility and equipment. Remove your trash when you leave.

The facility offers an 8-lane track, 2 horizontal jump areas, 2 high jump area, 2 shot put, 1 discus, one javelin/discus/hammer area, and an additional grass mini-jav area.

1/4" pyramid spikes only. Spikes will be checked at clerking area

QUALIFYING FOR REGIONALS:

- 1) The Following Associations compete in the Region 1 Championship: Adirondack; Connecticut; Long Island; Maine; New York; and New England.
- 2) The top 8 Boys & Girls in each event at each Association Meet may advance to Region 1.
- 3) Any waivers approved by an association meets must be properly entered through Athletic.net; the granted waiver is NOT an entry.
- 4) Athletes in Divisions 1-2-3 (8/under, 9-10, 11-12) may enter a maximum of 3 individual events.
- 5) Athletes in Divisions 4-5-6 (13-14, 15-16, 17-18) may enter a maximum of 4 individual events.
- 6) Relays count as events, even if not contested at the association meet
- 7) Combined events count separately.
- 8) All entrants must have been approved through an athlete's association.

ENTRY PROCEDURE:

- 1) All entry is through the online registration at www.athletic.net
- 2) Entry begins Friday, June 24 and runs through Monday, July 3, at 12:00 noon
- 3) LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

ENTRY FEES:

Individual Events \$7 each, Relays \$24, Triathlon/Pentathlon \$15, Heptathlon/Decathlon \$20

CHECK-IN:

- 1) Number pick-up is at the press box beginning at 11:00 a.m. on day 1, and 8:00 a.m. on days 2-3-4
- 2) Each association will have a registration table where bib numbers will be distributed.
- 3) All athletes must have a bib number assigned to them in order to compete.
- 4) Athletes must only wear their own number.
- 5) Bib numbers must be worn on the front of the jersey. An exception is made for high jumpers and pole vaulters who have the option to wear their bib number on their back if they prefer.
- 6) Lost or forgotten bib numbers will result in a \$10.00 replacement fee for each number replaced.
- 7) For all running and race walking events, athletes will be assigned a hip number at check in with the Clerk of the Course for final seeding. Hip numbers must be worn on the correct hip. Shirts must be tucked in so hip numbers are visible by camera at finish line. Walkers will also be issued a back bib number.

RELAY UNIFORMS:

RELAY uniforms must be basically identical, top and bottom.

EQUIPMENT:

- 1) Implements for all throwing events will be checked at the weigh-in area - Location to be determined.
- 2) Implements not meeting weight or specs will be impounded until the end of competition.
- 3) Athletes are encouraged to bring their own equipment. No vaulting poles will be supplied.
- 4) Personal starting blocks are NOT permitted.

RESULTS:

Results will be posted on the green restroom building as soon as possible after the completion of each event

RESULTS WILL BE POSTED AT THE CONCLUSION OF EACH DAY ON WWW.USATFNE.ORG

ATHLETE FLOW/CLERKING PROCEDURES :

- 1) Designated warm-up areas will be announced
- 2) Clerking area will be the large tent on the infield
- 3) First call for track events will be made 60 minutes prior to the event, with a second and final call made 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
- 4) Clerks will escort athletes to the starting lines.
- 5) Athletes will be escorted by the Head Official to the field event areas.
- 6) Athletes are not permitted to leave the clerking area or the field event area once the final call has been made without permission of the Head Clerk or Head Official and being escorted by a Marshall.
- 7) It is the athlete's responsibility to notify clerks / officials of conflicts and any need to check out to compete in another event at the same time. Track events take priority over field events.

FIELD EVENT COMPETITION NOTES

- 1) In events where flights are contested, there will be a maximum of 10 minutes between flights, and between multiple flights and finals.
- 2) Top **eight (8)** to finals in horizontal jumps and in throws
- 3) In long and triple jumps, no 'run backs' will be allowed. A tape must be used to get marks
- 4) Pole vault will require weigh-in and pole check

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ATHLETES AND COACHES

PROTESTS:

- 1) Protests must be submitted in writing within thirty (30) minutes after the results of an event are posted per USATF Rule 146. The time period will be strictly enforced.
- 2) The protest table is in the press box
- 3) There is a \$50.00 cash submission fee required to file a protest. This fee will be refunded only if the protest is successful.
- 4) Only violations of the USATF 2017 Rules of Competition may be protested.
- 5) Judgment calls made by meet officials cannot be protested.
- 6) Protests that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted.
- 7) Only designated meet video will be acceptable reference. Personal or coaches video will not be viewed.

MEDICAL:

There will be certified athletic trainers on site at all sessions of the championships. Trainers will handle injuries only. They will be located in the middle of the field. There is no taping or massage available.

WATER will be available at multiple locations. We suggest you bring your own refillable bottles

ADVANCEMENT TO NATIONALS:

- 1) In all Individual events, the top 5 finishers in each event may advance to the National Championships.
- 2) In all Relays, the top 5 finishers in each relay may advance to the National Championships.
- 3) In the Combined Events, the top 2 girls and top 2 boys may advance to the National Championships. If achieving a specific National standard (available online), a third athlete may advance.

HOTEL INFO:

Due to other sport tournaments and conferences scheduled long in advance of the Region I scheduling, and the late award of the meet to the New England association, there is minimal hotel availability in the immediate Fitchburg area. You will need to look at hotels in the Worcester MA, Westford MA, or Nashua NH areas, a 30 minute drive from Fitchburg.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Updated information will be posted at www.usatfne.org/track

A Twitter account will be set up for meet-day information and schedule updates.

AWARDS:

Awards will be available at the awards tent 30 minutes after the results have been posted

NOTE: The 30 minute waiting period is to allow processing time in case a protest is filed regarding an event result. Medals are awarded to the overall top five places in each event.

FACILITY ACCESS:

- 1) There is no admission charge
- 2) There is no charge for parking. Follow directions of parking monitors. Illegally parked cars may be towed without announcement.
- 3) Fitchburg State University and USATF-NE are not responsible for lost or stolen items

CONCESSIONS:

Food and beverages will be sold throughout the meet at two different locations around the stadium.

- 1) You may bring your own food and drink into the stadium but no glass containers are allowed.
- 2) No grills or fires.
- 3) When you leave, you must remove everything brought in with you - carry in, carry out.
- 4) For your convenience, plastic trash bags and trash cans will be available throughout the facility for trash disposal. Do NOT leave piles next to trash cans. Take trash with you.

Event t-shirts will be sold on site.

Lost and Found is at the press box

STADIUM RULES:

Access to infield / Clerk of Course area: Only currently competing athletes or credentialed coaches will be allowed access to the track or Clerk of the Course area.

ONE Coaches Pass per club for clubs with 4 or more athletes provided they are in the coaches registry and have completed both background screening and SafeSport. Absolutely no parents allowed on the infield, even if serving as a coach for an individual. Those without a credential will be escorted off the infield and subject their athlete to disqualification from the meet.

Coaches only will be allowed to assist in getting jumps marks, or to ask questions, but must leave the area once competition begins. The infield is not a spectator area for coaches.

Any parent or non-2017 USATF credentialed coach in the infield, clerking area, or any other restricted area may subject their athlete/team to disqualification.

Athletes may ONLY bring water onto the infield; no other beverages or food are allowed.

NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE ALLOWED WITH COMPETITORS OR COACHES ON THE INFIELD THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. THIS INCLUDES PHONES, MUSIC SYSTEMS, AND VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES. NO VIDEO MAY BE SHOT FROM THE INFIELD

Tents are permitted in specific designated areas only. No tents in the stands.

There is no smoking allowed inside or immediately outside the stadium.

Coolers are permitted inside the stadium. Glass containers ARE NOT PERMITTED. Coolers will be checked at the gate. Possession of any alcohol, tobacco or glass containers will result in immediate removal of an individual by campus security.

No dogs are allowed anywhere in the competition, spectating, or event areas.

REGION 1 MEET SCHEDULE:

SEE SEPARATELY POSTED SCHEDULE

SEE DIVISION GROUP NUMBER/AGES ON PAGE 1 ABOVE

NOTE: If trial rounds are not required in events shorter than 400 meters, the event will run as a final **AT THE TIME OF THE TRIALS.**

Events will be contested girls followed by boys unless otherwise designated

REGISTRATION FOR NATIONALS:

National JO's registration process for the National JO's: You will need to go back on www.athletic.net, within 48 hours of the end of the meet (starting Tuesday July 11) to enter your athletes in the National JO Events. It is the responsibility of athletes/coaches to register for the Nationals as all registration is now done on-line.

If you have any questions please contact Region I coordinator Bill Mongovan before you leave Fitchburg State University.

NATIONALS INFORMATION:

<http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2017/2017-USATF-National-Junior-Olympic-Track---Field-C.aspx>