



**SOUTH CAROLINA USA TRACK & FIELD ASSOCIATION
2009 JUNIOR OLYMPIC CHAMPIONSHIP
DOUG SHAW STADIUM, 3205 N. OAK STREET, MYRTLE BEACH, SC
JUNE 12-14, 2009**

The program is divided into six divisions for boys and six divisions for girls. The athlete's year of birth shall determine the division in which the athlete shall compete:

Sub Bantam	2001 and later	NOTE THAT SUB BANTAM DO NOT ADVANCE TO NATIONALS
Bantam	1999 -2000	
Midget	1997-1998	
Youth	1995-1996	
Intermediate	1993-1994	
Young Women/Men	1991-1992	(see rule 300.1.c Includes athletes who are still 18 thru August 2, 2009

Athletes who are still eighteen (18) years of age through the final day, August 2nd, of the National Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships in Greensboro, North Carolina shall be eligible to compete in the Young Men's and Young Women's division through the meet.

Competitors must compete in their own divisions only. No athlete may compete in a younger or older division in individual, relay or team events.

Sub Bantam athletes may compete as a Bantam (age division 1999-2000). This must be entered on the entry form and the athlete must remain in this division for all events entered and will be declared in this age division for all succeeding competitions. **There is no alternating of Sub Bantam to Bantam once the entry has been made at the Association level.**

Sub Bantam, Bantam and Midget division may enter a maximum of three events plus a combined event. Competitors in the Youth, Intermediate or Young Women/Men divisions may enter a maximum of four events plus a combined event. These limitations do include relays. Entry in a relay, either as a primary or an alternate member, will be considered an entry for the purpose of this rule.

Penalties will be considered for participation by an athlete in an improper age division. These penalties may be applied to athletes, coaches and clubs involved.

Registration: To avoid data entry errors, the **registration deadline (in Youth Chair's hands) for all entries is Saturday May 30th, 2009. There will be no same day registration. Do not send in any form that will require a signature for proof of delivery. If you do so your entries may not get processed. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Entry: All entries must be made on the official entry form (attached). If you require additional forms you may make copies of the form. Remember that the age division an athlete competes in is determined by the year that he/she was born. All participating athletes must provide proof of USATF membership prior to May 30th, 2009. Please remember to fill in all information and obtain all signatures required.

1. Athletes who have previously verified their date of birth do not need to do this again. Clubs should obtain a current list from the Membership Chair identifying those athletes whose Date of Birth is verified.
2. If you, the coach, have NOT previously verified the athlete's date of birth, then a legible copy of the athlete's proof of birth is required, such as; a birth certificate, certificate of baptismal, drivers license, or U.S. Government ID are acceptable. Proof of birth must accompany the athlete's entry. Clubs will leave the Date of Birth area blank on the entry form and attach the required documentation.

Entry Fee: is \$5.00 per event, \$20.00 per relay team, \$10.00 per Triathlon, Pentathlon athletes and \$15.00 per Decathlon/Heptathlon athletes.

Do not send entries in any form that will require a signature as proof of delivery. Send entry forms, fees and age verification documentation to:

Valerie Beesley
116 Runnymede Court
Greenwood, SC 29649

Clubs: Each Club must be a paid 2009 USATF organization member in order to enter a relay team.

Relay Rules: A relay team shall consist of four members. All relay team participants must wear the same uniform (i.e. matching top and shorts). Qualification of a relay team entitles the club represented by that team to enter a team in the same event at the higher level of competition. The composition of the team need not be the same throughout the rounds or various levels of competition. To become a relay team member, an athlete must have been declared as a potential member on the official relay roster submitted at the Association level. No alterations may be made after it has been submitted at this level.

1. To enter a relay, a club must enter four primary members of the team in that event on its individual entry forms.
2. Up to two additional primary members may be entered by entering them in the event on their individual entry forms for the cost of entering the relay team. All competitors listed on the official roster are eligible to compete if they are entered in the meet in individual events or other relays. If an individual is not entered in the meet by either of the methods stated above, that individual must complete and submit an entry form placing the word "roster" in the event section. An additional cost equal to the cost of a single event entry may be charged for each member entering by this method. The composition of the team will be determined by the primary entrants of the club. Changes to the composition of a relay may be made prior to the start of the event by submitting the appropriate change form to the Clerk of Course no later than one hour prior to the scheduled check-in time for the event. The Clerk will validate the number of events in which the athlete is competing. Only athletes listed on the official roster of the club, who are entered in the meet, are eligible to run. Where an athlete has only "roster" as an event on the competition number, no further validation is required.
3. An athlete may drop an event to compete on a relay team as long as he/she has not competed in any round of that event. This should be noted in the proper space on the change form. The Clerk shall make the appropriate change on the competition number.
4. Violation of the above rules shall be reason for disqualification.

**Entry of an athlete into an event will be counted as participation in an event unless a "Change Form" is submitted to the designated "Change Clerk" in the clerking area at least one hour before the scheduled check-in time. Please be aware that the coach retains responsibility to make sure the athletes have the necessary "Change Forms" submitted prior to competition.

The Relay/Roster/Declaration Form must be completed and filed at the Association Junior Olympic Championships. This roster need only be filed one time, as it is passed on to succeeding meets, and only athletes listed on this roster may compete on the relay team. Roster alterations are NOT allowed once the forms have been received by the meet management. A separate Relay Roster/Declaration Form must be submitted for each individual relay and four athletes must have the relay listed as one of their events on their individual entry form (i.e., Bantam Girls/Bantam Boys are separate classifications). The roster must be included with the team entry package.

Rules:

USATF rules, USATF Youth Athletics Rules and any supplementary rules stated in this event announcement will be adhered to strictly. Rulebooks may be obtained from the USATF National office. Track shoes with pyramid spikes are not to exceed ¼" in length or running flats must be worn. No street shoes will be allowed on the track. There is no

specific uniform required. However, all competitors must wear shorts and shirts. Each member of a relay team must wear the same color shirts and shorts.

Schedule: We will use a Rolling Schedule format, please see the schedule of events attached. This schedule provides **expected** start times for each event. However, the exact start time will be allowed to roll forward and back as the meet situation dictates. Be sure to arrive at the track at least two hours before the estimated time of your scheduled event to be safe.

Call for Events:

Each competitor must report to the Clerk of Course at least 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the event. In the case of field events, the competitor must report to the Field Judge in charge of the event. If an athlete is in both a field event and a running event, he/she must check in at both events, then request to be excused to participate in the running event. He/she must return before the field event is final.

For all events: Note that calls are usually not made at any Junior Olympic Championships.

If the meet is running behind schedule, call intervals may be shortened. In addition, a call may or may not be made; however, events will go forward as outlined in the schedule. Please check the time schedule carefully for any potential conflict with each event.

Implement Weigh-In: All implements must be weighed in at the Weigh In designated area.

Competition Bib Numbers: All competitors must wear their assigned bib number on the front of their shirts only. The only exception is, pole vault competitors may wear their numbers on the back of their shirts. If an athlete loses their number, they may purchase a number for a fee of \$5.00. All athletes must have a bib number to compete in an event.

Sections on Time and Trial Heats: It will be random seeding for all trials and any events run as finals only. Advancement and placement will be determined via trials in the short sprints, where needed. Where trials are run the top eight (8) times shall advance to the final. Any trials with 8 or less entries will be run as a final.

Event Results: Event results will be posted and displayed. Please do not remove these from the display area. All results will be posted at www.scusatf.org.

Protests: There will be a thirty-dollar (\$30.00) cash fee for all protests. Protests must be submitted in writing to the Referee within thirty (30) minutes after the results of an event are posted. This fee will only be refunded if the protest is upheld. Only violations of USATF 2009 rules of competition may be protested. Judgement calls made by meet officials cannot be protested. Protests that do not meet these criteria will not be accepted.

Awards: Medals for the top three athletes and ribbons to 4th to 8th place in each event will be awarded. An athlete may pick up his/her medal a half hour after the event results are posted. This is the time frame which a protest may be made for the event and the protest could alter the final results. The athlete must present his/her bib number to receive an award.

Region III Meet Advancement: North Carolina is hosting Nationals this year, only their sub-bantams will attend Regionals. All other age groups in North Carolina qualify at their association level for Nationals. Due to this the remaining associations in Region III will take the top six finishers to the Regional Championships (not 5 as we normally do). The top six (6) finishers in the association championship will qualify for the Region III Championships to be held July 9th to 13th, 2009 in Landover, Maryland at Prince George Sports and Learning Center. Combined events will be held the first two (2) days of the meet.

A competitor finishing in one of the top six places with the intent to attend the Regional meet, **MUST DECLARE** his or her intent to advance in the Junior Olympics by registering within one (1) hour after the posting of results at the declarations table. Due to a donation by the City of Myrtle Beach the South Carolina Association will pay all entry fees for individual entries only in 2009. All relay and multi athletes must pay the Regional fee at the time that they declare to go to Regionals. Note that if a protest in any event is filed it must be done within a half hour of the event and this could alter the posted results. This procedure ensures fairness to all athletes who have the potential to advance. After the one hour deadline, additional entries will be taken if fewer than six competitors declare. Additional entries will only be taken from the finalist (top 8) starting with 7th place and will not be taken from the preliminary rounds.

For example, if the 200 dash only five of the top six finishers declare their intent to advance to the Region meet, another athlete may declare to occupy the sixth position from the Association. The seventh, then eighth place finishers, etc. will be eligible with seventh place having the highest priority.

Clubs desiring to pay for all advancing athletes at one time may do so at the end of the meet but the clubs must declare the athlete within the hour time frame. The time limit for club payment is one hour after the completion of the meet.

Region III Championship Fees: Advancement fees must be made in cash, exact change only, on the day of the Association Championships. The entry fees are \$6.00 per Track & Field event (in 2009 USATF SC will pay for this fee only), \$24.00 per relay, \$14.00 per Triathlon/Pentathlon and \$20.00 per Heptathlon/Decathlon.

Gate Entry Fee: The City of Myrtle Beach will be charging a gate entry fee for all entrants who are not athletes over the age of 12, coaches, officials or working volunteers of \$6.00 per day or \$10.00 per 3/2-day pass. This fee is to offset costs of the meet which the City of Myrtle Beach has incurred. All coaches must appear on the Background Check Approved list from the National website (check www.usatf.org – resources – clubs – background check – list of approved coaches/volunteers). All officials and volunteers will receive a pass from the official/volunteer table at the entrance.

Rules of Conduct: To ensure that we provide competition that is as fair as possible, the South Carolina Association Youth Committee has adopted the following no tolerance policy concerning the conduct of coaches, athletes and parents:

- 1 There will be no profanity, explicit sexual or racial remarks or other inappropriate comments. If meet management confirms such remarks the offending coach, parent, or athlete will be asked to leave the meet venue.
- 2 Absolutely no alcoholic beverage consumption or tobacco use will be tolerated. Security personnel will immediately remove anyone caught consuming alcohol for the duration of the meet from the meet venue.
- 3 No coaches or parents will be allowed on the infield, in competition areas or trackside, unless there is a medical emergency involving their athlete. The pole vault area will have an area where coaches may preside for the safety of this event.
- 4 There will be no misrepresentation of an athlete. All athletes are to participate in the age group they belong in, wearing the appropriate competition bib number and no participation in more events than the rules specify. The first violation from the club will call for the disqualification of the athlete. The second violation, the entire team will be disqualified from the meet.

Facility: Please remember that we are guests of Doug Shaw Stadium and would like to be welcomed back. Teams and individuals are asked to keep their area clean. Trash bags will be provided with the team package. Please use these and the trash bags around the facility to maintain your area.

Tents will be allowed only in the top 9 rows in the large stadium seating area and no tents directly under the announcer booth in these same stands. Only one row of tents will be allowed in the small bleachers along the finish line area. All tents below these designated areas will be removed by meet management. No Boom boxes are allowed at the meet, only hand held sets with headsets will be permitted. Restrooms will be available. No tents may be set up until the start of competition on Friday June 12th. No pets are allowed. No grilling is allowed. Again, we remind you that we are guests and keep all areas clean.

If any person does damage intentionally to the facility they will be charged by law. If this pertains to an athlete, the athlete's club may also be disqualified from competition for the remainder of the meet.

Concessions will be available at the track. Vendors will be available selling athletic items and meet t-shirts. Cash and Visa only for all athletic items.

Officials/Volunteers: To officiate or volunteer please contact Valerie Beesley as above, beesleyfamily@hotmail.com or call 864-943-9059. Also see www.scusatf.org – this event and there is a form you may complete and mail to Valerie Beesley.