



2024 USATF South Carolina Association Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships



Friday - Sunday, June 21-23, 2024

Florence Sports Complex
1200 Jennie O'Bryan Avenue
Florence, SC 29501



AGE DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Age Divisions

8 & under (born 2016 +)
9 - 10 (born 2014-2015)
11 - 12 (born 2012-2013)
13 - 14 (born 2010-2011)
15 - 16 (born 2009-2008)
17 - 18 (born 2006-2007)
* athletes born in 2005 are also eligible if they do not turn 19 on or before 7/28/2024



Individuals: Only U.S. citizens, aliens living in the United States and foreign exchange students are eligible to compete in these Championships. See the USATF Rules for more information and exceptions. A competitor must compete in his/her age division only. There will be no "moving up" in any events, including relays. Competitors in the 8 & Under, 9 - 10 and 11 - 12 age divisions may compete in a maximum of three (3) events, including relays. Competitors in the 13 - 14, 15 - 16 and 17 - 18 age divisions may compete in a maximum of four (4) events, including relays. Combined events are not included in the event count. All athletes must be 2024 members of USATF in good standing.

Relay Teams: Only registered 2024 USATF member clubs may enter a relay team(s). All athletes representing the club must be affiliated with and members of that club as part of their USATF membership. Visit www.usatf.org/membership.

ENTRY PROCESS:

ONLY ONLINE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Individual Entries: **\$10** per event
Relay Entries: **\$40** per relay team
Decathlon/Heptathlon: **\$20** per event
Triathlon/Pentathlon: **\$14** per event

REGISTRATION: Club Administrators and Unattached Athletes should register online at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/538498/register> by **06/08/2024** at **11:59pm**. **Late entries will not be allowed.** Online registration opens **02/22/2024**. **Fees must be paid online by the close of registration.** Accuracy of data entered is the responsibility of each club and/or athlete. Please validate data within Athletic.net for accuracy prior to submitting entry. An instructional video on the online registration process may be accessed by visiting, <http://cs.athletic.net/blog/b/athletic/archive/2016/01/18/getting-started-athletic-net-tutorials.aspx>.

NOTE: Multi events will not be contested at the SC Association Championships, however, you must be registered for the SC Association meet in order to advance to the Region 4 Championships.

MEMBERSHIP: Valid 2024 USATF Membership and Proof of Birth is required for participation. Before registration, please ensure that the membership is current and date of birth is verified in the USATF Connect system.

USATF memberships may be obtained at: <https://www.usatf.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/membership>.

For membership questions and issues:

Membership Chair: **Joyce Welch**
email: membership@southcarolina.usatf.org

DATE OF BIRTH VERIFICATION: **USATF National Championships** require that the registrants are **date-of-birth verified**. Individual members or their parent or guardian are required to **upload/submit their birthdate verification document when completing their membership profile on the USATF Connect system**. A USATF Connect account is automatically created for new USATF members. Existing members should already have a USATF Connect account. Date-of-Birth verification documents must be uploaded through [USATF Connect](#). To upload documents, the member (or parent or guardian) must login into their USATF Connect account. If you are having trouble uploading these documents, please reach out to the [USATF National Office \(317-261-0500\)](#). The complete [USATF Date of Birth Policy](#) may be found at: <https://www.usatf.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/membership/date-of-birth-verification-policy>.

WAIVER: All athletes who participate in the USATF Junior Olympic Program must complete the Junior Olympic Participant Waiver and Release form. This form is already integrated in the online entry system and can be completed electronically; it can also be obtained via your association. All forms must be submitted at the first round of the Junior Olympic series.

RULE 300(h) WAIVER TO COMPETE IN ASSOCIATION OF NON-RESIDENCE: The application for a rule 300(h) waiver can be found on-line at <https://usatf.wufoo.com/forms/youth-member-rule-300-h-waiver/>. The waiver application process may take up to 30 day to complete.

All Athletes who require a waiver to the Region meet due to ACT/SAT Testing or official business that will prevent them from State competition, must notify the Youth Chair in writing prior to the Association meet. All athletes requiring a waiver must be entered in, and pay entry fees for, the events in which they wish to advance. **ATHLETES MUST BE ENTERED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF COMPETITION IN ORDER TO ADVANCE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**

AWARDS: USATF Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to the top three (3) individuals and the top three (3) relay teams in each event of each age division. Ribbons will be awarded to the 4th through 8th place finishers.

ADVANCEMENTS: In 2024, the **top 16** individuals and relay teams in each event of each age division will advance to the USATF Region 4 Championships to be held on **July 04-07, 2024** at Morrow High School at **Ellenwood, Georgia**. Advancements must be completed by declaring at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/555783/register> by **07/01/2024 at 11:59pm EDT** Declaration will open on **06/24/2024 at 12:00am**.

The **National Junior Olympic Championships** will be held from **Monday, July 22nd to Sunday, July 28th** in College Station, TX. The **top 5** athletes at the Region 4 Championships will qualify for the National Championships, in combined events the **top 2** athletes will qualify. Information is available at: <https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/2024-usatf-national-jotf-championships-passport/full-view.html>

SC ASSOCIATION JO SCHEDULE: Schedule will be posted on the USATFSC website: <http://usatfsc.org/>

IMPLEMENT WEIGH-IN: All implements must be weighed, measured, and checked in at the designated Implement Weigh In area (located behind the main stands of the track) at least one and a half hours before the start of the field event. Implement check-in will be open Friday 11am until end of meet day and Saturday/Sunday 7am until end of meet day. Please have your implements checked early. There are no facilities for overnight implement storage. All athletes that check-in an implement are required to check it out at the field event venue following competition completion. Implements not checked-in will not be allowed to be used. **Using an implement that has not been checked-in is grounds for immediate disqualification.**

EVENT CHECK-IN: There will be separate check-in areas for Running and Field events. Athletes must check in at these designated areas 45minutes prior to the event's scheduled starting time. All athletes will be required to remain in the designated warm-up areas after checking in. Calls may or may not be made. If an athlete is in both a field and a track event, he/she must check in at both events, then request to be excused to participate in the running event. Field event athletes should report directly to the field event venue. Track event athletes should report to the clerking area.

COMPETITION BIB NUMBERS: All competitors must wear their assigned bib numbers during competition and on the front on their jerseys only. HJ and Pole Vault competitors may opt for the front of the singlet. If an athlete loses the bib number, a replacement can be purchased for a fee of **\$5.00**. Bib numbers will be provided in the team packets.

Bib numbers will be distributed to designated team coaches (or unattached athletes) at packet pickup, adjacent to ticketing, at the host venue:

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- Friday, **June 21 -- 11am to conclusion of meet day**
- Saturday, **June 22 -- 7:00am to conclusion of meet day**
- Sunday, **June 23 -- 7:00am to conclusion of meet day**

EVENT RESULTS: During competition, event results will be posted (near the concessions stand). In addition, event results will be posted at (athletic.net and usatfsc.org).

PROTESTS: There will be a \$75 fee for all protests. Protests must be submitted to the Protest Table (at Implement Check-In) at once and not later than 30 minutes after a result has been posted. All protest fees must be paid either in cash or by check. The protest fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.

GATE ADMISSION FEES (per person) *

<u>Ticket Type</u>	<u>Youth (6-12)</u>	<u>General Entry (13-61)</u>	<u>Seniors (62+)</u>
Single Day	\$ 5.00	\$13.00	\$10.00
Multi-day pass	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$20.00

* Children under 5 are free. Coaches on the USATF Coaches Registry, and all coaches and volunteers on the USATF Youth Background cleared list can enter free of charge. Electronic/card payment is preferred.

RULES – COMPETITION : This is a USATF event. [2024 USATF Competition Rules](#) will apply, particularly the **Youth Rules (Rule 300-303, Rule 306)**.

- All distances and heights will be measure in meters, rounded to the lowest centimeter.
- In Field Events, all competitors in all flights will receive three trials (attempts). Athletes with the top 9 performances across all flights will advance to the finals. These top 9 athletes will be reordered from lesser performance to greater performance, and receive 3 additional attempts (trials).
- Per Rule 302.5, and beginning in 2021, all privately owned implements are now exempt from loss of identity, meaning there is no common usage. No athlete may use another athlete's privately owned implement without that athlete's express consent.
- Not more than two implements may be submitted by a competitor for any throwing event. (Rule 187.5)
- **Using an implement that is not checked-in is strictly prohibited. Using an implement that has not been checked-in is grounds for immediate disqualification.**

RULES – CONDUCT & FACILITY: Please respect the flagged areas and signs for no tents allowed. **Tents will not be allowed in the stands. Umbrellas are not permitted in the stands. Only flats or 1/4 inch pyramid spikes allowed for all events at the facility.** **NOTE:** Please respect Meet officials as they do their job. If a meet official is yelled at or otherwise treated disrespectfully, the offender may be asked to leave the facility. Some 2024 USATF Competition Rule changes may affect this meet. Please check the USATF website at <https://www.usatf.org/governance/rule-books> for complete rules.

- Smoking and/or the use of tobacco products in the gated area of the complex is PROHIBITED.
- Alcoholic beverages are PROHIBITED in the complex or parking lots.
- The use of "vaping" devices is prohibited in the gated area of the complex is PROHIBITED.
- Personal coolers or outside food or beverages are PROHIBITED inside gated area.
- Glass containers are PROHIBITED.
- Grilling, or any open fires, is PROHIBITED.
- Littering is PROHIBITED.
- Pets are PROHIBITED inside gated areas and playing fields.
- Food, gum and sunflower seeds are PROHIBITED inside gated area.
- Profanity within the gated area is PROHIBITED.
- Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades or scooters are PROHIBITED in gated areas.
- Climbing on fences, bleachers, trees or railings is PROHIBITED.
- Throwing or hitting balls of any kind into the fences is PROHIBITED.
- Hitting golf balls is PROHIBITED inside the complex.
- Driving stakes into the field is PROHIBITED.
- Weapons are PROHIBITED on the property.
- Trespassing after hours is PROHIBITED.
- Disrespect towards Officials and Athletes is PROHIBITED.

- Park only in designated areas within the parking lots. Vehicles parked on the grass and/or curbsides are subject to ticketing or towing.
- Please bag all trash and otherwise leave the facility in as good condition as when you arrive.

DIRECTIONS & PARKING: Parking is in the parking lots at the Florence Sports Complex, 1200 Jennie O'Bryan Avenue, Florence, SC 29. Please follow and obey the signs.

CONTACT:

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Nearby Hotels

Staybridge Suites

150 Westpark Drive
Florence, SC 29501
843-519-5200

[Staybridge Suites Booking Link](#)

Hilton Garden Inn

2671 Hospitality BLVD
Florence, SC 29501
843-432-3010

[Hilton Garden Inn Booking Link](#)

Hampton Inn

3000 W Radio Dr
Florence, SC 29501
843-629-9900

[Hampton Inn Booking Link](#)

Hampton Inn

1735 Stokes Rd
Florence, SC 29501
843-662-7000

[Hampton Inn Booking Link](#)

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

3440 W Radio Dr.
Florence, SC 29501
843-432-1500

[Holiday Inn Express Booking Link](#)

Fairfield Inn- \$95-\$129

501 Woody Jones Blvd
Florence, SC 29501

[Fairfield Booking Link](#)

SpringHill Suites- \$106

2670 Hospitality Blvd
Florence, SC 29501

[SpringHill Suites Booking Link](#)

Comfort Inn & Suites- \$95-\$129

527 Woody Jones Blvd
Florence, SC 29501

843-702-3300

[Comfort Inn Booking Link](#)

La Quinta Florence - \$80

Code- Florence parks and Recreation
2123 W Lucas St
Florence, SC 29501
843-536-1895

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Hotel	Contact	Room Rate	Included in Rate	Link
Aloft 820 Woody Jones Blvd. Florence, SC 29501	843-702-2704	\$139.00	Wi-Fi, hot breakfast, business center, fitness center, outdoor pool, parking	Please call for reservation. Ask for USATF rate.
Comfort Inn & Suites 527 Woody Jones Blvd. Florence, SC 29501	843-702-3300	\$119.00	Wi-Fi, hot breakfast, business center, outdoor pool, fitness center, laundry room, parking	Book Here
Days Inn North 2111 W. Lucas St. Florence, SC 29501	843-665-4444	\$79.00	Wi-Fi, continental breakfast, outdoor pool, parking	Book Here
Holiday Inn Express & Suites 2101 Florence Harlee Blvd. Florence, SC 29501	843-629-9779	\$139.00	Wi-Fi, indoor pool, and fitness center	Please call to make reservation. Ask for USATF rate.
Hotel Florence 126 W. Evans Street Florence, SC 29501	843-629-0100	\$189.00	Wi-Fi	Book Here
Hyatt Place 100 E. Evans Street Florence, SC 29501	843-432-1065	\$169.00	Wi-Fi, breakfast, outdoor pool, fitness center, parking	Book Here use code G-USAF
La Quinta 2123 W. Lucas St. Florence, SC 29501	843-629-1111	\$109.00	Wi-Fi, hot continental breakfast, outdoor pool, fitness center, parking	Book Here
Quality Inn & Suites 150 Dunbarton Dr. Florence, SC 29501	843-664-2400	\$89.99	Wi-Fi, deluxe continental breakfast, outdoor pool, fitness center, parking	Book Here
Springhill Suites 2670 Hospitality Blvd. Florence, SC 29501	843-317-9050	\$132.00	Wi-Fi, continental breakfast, indoor pool and hot tub, fitness center, parking	Book Here
Staybridge Suites 150 Westpark Dr. Florence, SC 29501	843-519-5200	\$129.00 *Saturday only*	Wi-Fi, breakfast buffet, Manager's Social Monday - Thursday, outdoor pool, fitness center, parking	Book Here
TRU by Hilton 2140 W. Lucas St. Florence, SC 29501	843-629-7050	\$124.00	Wi-Fi, breakfast bar, fitness center, outdoor patio with games, parking	Please call for reservation. Ask for USATF rate.

* Several properties are willing to expand room blocks as needed. Price does not include 12% taxes. Each property will require confirmation.