



# 2026 USATF South Carolina Association Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships



Friday - Sunday, June 19-21, 2026



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



## AGE DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

### Age Divisions

8 & under (born 2018 +)
9 - 10 (born 2016-2017)
11 - 12 (born 2014-2015)
13 - 14 (born 2012-2013)
15 - 16 (born 2010-2011)
17 - 18 (born 2008-2009)
* athletes born in 2006 are also eligible if they do not turn 19 on or before 08/02/2026



**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 2026 members of USATF in good standing.

**Relay Teams:** Only registered 2026 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](http://www.usatf.org/membership).

### ENTRY FEES:

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



**REGISTRATION:** Only on-line entries are accepted. Club Administrators and Unattached Athletes should register online at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/626142/info> by **06/08/2026 at 11:59pm. Late entries will not be allowed.** Online registration opens **02/01/2026.** 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.

**NOTE:** Combined Events (Multis) will not be contested at the SC Association Championships, however, athletes must be registered for the Combined Events at the SC Association meet in order to advance to the Region 4 Championships.

**MEMBERSHIP: Valid 2026 USATF Membership and Proof of Birth is required for participation.** Before registration, please ensure that the athlete's 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:

**SC Membership Chair: Val Sykes**  
email: [membership@southcarolina.usatf.org](mailto:membership@southcarolina.usatf.org)

For questions regarding the meet:

**SC Youth Chair: Paige Ducey**  
email: [youth@southcarolina.usatf.org](mailto:youth@southcarolina.usatf.org)

**USAT National Office Membership**

email: [membership@usatf.org](mailto:membership@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 integrated in the online entry system and must be completed electronically;

**RULE 300(h) WAIVER TO COMPETE IN ASSOCIATION OF NON-RESIDENCE:** The application for a rule 300(h) waiver can be found on-line in the athlete's USATF Connect (Sport80) profile. The waiver application process may take up to 30 days to complete.

All Athletes who require a waiver to the Region meet due to ACT/SAT Testing or extraordinary circumstances that will prevent them from participating in the Association Championship, must notify the USATFSC Youth Chair in writing prior to the Association meet, and the Youth Chair will provide a meet-specific link for that waiver. The waiver must be submitted prior to the start of the 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 ASSOCIATION MEET 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 awarded to the top eight (8).

**ADVANCEMENTS:** In 2026, 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 09-12, 2026** at Carrollton High School at **Carrollton, GA**. Advancements must be completed by declaring at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/626149/register> by **07/06/2026** at **8:00am EDT**. Declaration will open on **06/26/2026** at **8:00am**.

**The National Junior Olympic Championships** will be held from **Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Cerritos College, in Cerritos, CA. The **top 5** athletes at the Region4 Championships will qualify for the National Championships, in combined events the **top 2** athletes will qualify. Information is available at:

<https://www.usatf.org/events/2026/2026-usatf-national-junior-olympic-track-field-cha>

**SC ASSOCIATION JO SCHEDULE:** Schedule will be posted on the USATFSC website: <http://usatfsc.org/>. **This is the official schedule and shall override any and all other schedules.**

**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.

**CHECK-IN/CHECK-OUT:** Any athlete participating in an overlapping running event and a field event must check in to both events prior to the start of each event. Any athlete checking out of a field event may be excused up to 10 minutes to participate in a running event and must return to the field event immediately after the running event has concluded. **In vertical jumping events, the returning athlete will resume jumping at the bar's current height. Under no circumstances shall the bar be lowered.**

**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:

- Friday: **11am to end of meet day**
- Saturday/Sunday: **7:00am to end of meet day**

**EVENT RESULTS:** During competition, event results will be posted on the timer's website ([timinginc.com](http://timinginc.com)), and event results will be posted at athletic.net.

**PROTESTS:** There will be a \$75 fee for all protests. Protests must be submitted in writing 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. The Referee shall rule on the protest. The Referee's ruling may be appealed to the Protest Committee. The ruling of the Protest Committee is final. If no Protest Committee is established, then the ruling of the Referee is final.

## 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. [2026 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 8 performances across all flights will advance to the finals. These top 8 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.
- Per Rule 301, 100m Hurdle height for 13-14 Boys is now 36"
- Per Rule 301, 9-10 age group will throw the new Aero Javelin - 250g.  
**NOTE: TurboJavs (Mini Javelin) will continue to be thrown by 8 and Under age group.**
- Per Rule 301, Mixed Gender Relays (4x100, 4x400, and 4x800) will be contested for 15-16, and 17-18 ages. 4x400 and 4x800 relay legs will alternate between genders (M-W-M-W). Relay legs for 4x100 are W-W-M-M)
- 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 2026 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 and 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. Please bag all trash. Leave the facility in as good condition as when you arrive.
- Pets are PROHIBITED inside gated areas and playing fields.
- 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.

## **Hotel Information**

The City of Florence and USATFSC have worked with select local hotels to obtain rates for this event.

Please use the following link when making arrangements for your accommodations.

[Playeasy : USATF South Carolina Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships](#)