



# 2024 USATF Montana Association Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships

Friday-Saturday, June 14-15, 2024  
Vigilante Stadium, Helena, Montana

## 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 2008-2009)
17 - 18 (born 2006-2007)

\* athletes born in 2005 are also eligible if they do not turn 19 on or before 7/22/2024

**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 2016 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](http://www.usatf.org/membership).

## ENTRY PROCESS:

Individual Entries: **\$8** per event

Relay Entries: **\$32** per relay team

Decathlon/Heptathlon: Not contested at Montana Junior Olympic Championships

Triathlon/Pentathlon: **\$12** per event

Club Administrators and Unattached Athletes should register online at

<https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/466638/register> by **Wednesday, June 12 at 5 p.m.** **Late entries will not be allowed.**

Online registration opened **May 1**. **Pre-authorization of a credit card will be required for team entries and unattached entries will require immediate payment.** Accuracy of data entered is the responsibility of each club and/or athlete.

Please verify team and athlete data within Athletic.net for accuracy prior to submitting entries. Links to help documents with step-by-step instructions:

-Submitting Team Entries: <https://support.athletic.net/article/z11f8f1jja-submitting-entries-for-a-meet>

-Registering as an Individual: <https://support.athletic.net/article/90hyv0deh5-registering-for-an-event-as-an-individual>

## DATE OF BIRTH VERIFICATION

USATF National Championships require that the registrants are date-of-birth verified. Members are mandated to upload/submit their birthdate verification document when completing their membership profile on the USATF Connect system. There may be other competitions that require this mandate. Check event eligibility requirements carefully when registering for an event.

## DOCUMENT SUBMISSION DEADLINE

DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED FOR BIRTHDATE VERIFICATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FIVE (5) BUSINESS DAYS (EXCLUDING HOLIDAYS) PRIOR TO THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE OF THE USATF SANCTIONED OR SPONSORED EVENT THAT THE REGISTRANT IS SEEKING ENTRY INTO.

## HOW TO SUBMIT DOCUMENTS

Date-of-Birth verification documents must be uploaded through USATF Connect. If you are having trouble uploading these documents, please reach out to the USATF National Office.

BE ADVISED THAT BIRTHDATE VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR UPLOADED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE. PROCEDURES FOR UPLOADING THESE DOCUMENTS IN THE USATF CONNECT SYSTEM MUST BE ADHERED TO AND THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS. DOCUMENTS SENT TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE WILL BE RETURNED AND THE VERIFICATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

IF A DOCUMENT IS ILLEGIBLE IT WILL BE INVALIDATED AND WILL NOT BE PROCESSED. INVALIDATED DOCUMENTS WILL NOT RESULT IN AN EXTENSION OF THE SUBMISSION DEADLINE. NO EXTENSION WILL BE GIVEN FOR INVALIDATED DOCUMENTS THAT REQUIRE RE-SUBMISSION. THE FIVE (5) DAY DEADLINE WILL BE ADHERED TO. DOCUMENTS WILL REMAIN A PERMANENT PART OF THE MEMBER PROFILE AND WILL NOT REQUIRE RE-SUBMISSION.

## DATA PROTECTION

SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS/DATA PROVIDED TO USATF WILL BE HOSTED ON A SECURE PLATFORM IN USATF CONNECT. ASSOCIATION OFFICERS/EMPLOYEES PERMITTED TO VIEW MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION WITHIN THE SYSTEM HAVE BEEN REQUIRED TO HAVE SUBMITTED THE MANDATED USATF DATA PROTECTION POLICY AGREEMENT.

## ACCEPTED DOCUMENTS

Accepted verification documents include copy of birth certificate, passport, certified baptismal record, driver's license, or U.S. government issued identification.

**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.

**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. Awards will be presented on the infield at the podium as soon as results are final. Please listen to the announcer to ensure you are present to receive your medal.

**ADVANCEMENTS:** All individuals and relay teams competing in the Montana Association Junior Olympic Championships in each event of each age division will advance to the USATF Region 11 Championships to be held on **June 20-22 at Dornblaser Field in Missoula.**

The National Junior Olympic Championships will be held on July 22-28, 2024 in College Station, TX. The top 5 athletes at the Region 11 Championships will qualify for the National Championships, in combined events the top 2 athletes will qualify. Information is available at:

**IMPLEMENT WEIGH-IN:** Each contestant will furnish his/her own throwing implement in the shot put, discus, and javelin. Implements will be inspected Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Implement inspection will take place under the grandstands. If the implement does not meet specifications, it will be kept until the conclusion of the meet.

**TRACK EVENT CHECK-IN:** Check-in for track events will be conducted at the tents located near the 100-meter start, and athletes are encouraged to check in at least 45 minutes prior to the start of their event. Hip numbers will be provided for athletes in the distance events.

**FIELD EVENT CHECK-IN:** Check-in for field events will be conducted at the event site by the head judge. Athletes in the field event areas must be aware of their surroundings at all times. Stay outside of the flagged areas.

**COMPETITION BIB NUMBERS:** All competitors must wear their assigned bib numbers during competition and on the front on their jerseys only. If an athlete loses the bib number, a replacement can be purchased for a fee of **\$5**. Bib numbers will be distributed to athletes or club coaches at packet pickup.

**EVENT RESULTS:** During competition, event results will be posted **on the press box in the north stands**. In addition, event results will be posted at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/466638/>.

**PROTESTS:** There will be a **\$25** fee for all protests. Protests must be submitted to the Protest Referee at once and not later than 30 minutes after a result has been announced. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld.

#### **RULES – COMPETITION :**

- All distances and heights will be measure in meters, rounded to the lowest centimeter.
- All track events will be conducted as timed finals.
- In horizontal jumps and throws, all competitors will receive four attempts in lieu of prelims and finals.
- 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:** Vigilante Stadium is a ten (10) lane, 400-meter track with a ten (10) lane straightaway. The pole vault, high jump, long jump/triple jump pads are the same surface as the track. The javelin runway is grass. Tape is allowed to be put on the track during practice or competition. Tape is also allowed on the long/triple jump runway, the pole vault runway, and the high jump approach. Please have competitors pull up the tape at the end of their competition. 1/8" spikes are the maximum lengths in track and field events. Pyramid, or hex are recommended (**No Needle Spikes**).

- Team tents will be allowed in the top section of the north grandstands only.
- 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.
- Littering is PROHIBITED.
- Pets are PROHIBITED inside gated areas and playing fields.
- Profanity within the gated area is PROHIBITED.
- Disrespect towards Officials and Athletes is PROHIBITED.
- Please place trash in available receptacles.

**COACHES:** Coaches will not be allowed on the field, unless they are provided with a pass and are assisting with the conduct of the competition as a volunteer official. We will have a coaches' box for the pole vault, and those coaches will be provided with a pass.

**INFIELD:** Athletes are required to remain in the stands if they are not competing or warming up. The infield is reserved for warmups. If athletes are seen loitering in the infield, they will be asked to move to the stands by meet officials.

**GATE ADMISSION FEES:** Fans are admitted free of charge.

**DIRECTIONS & PARKING:** Please use the Helena Middle School Parking lot and adjacent on-street parking when attending the meet.

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