

Guidelines of Participation

The **2021 National Junior Olympic Championship** will observe the following Guidelines of Participation. In an effort to preserve the integrity of the championship in accordance with USATF and local government COVID-19 guidelines and/or restrictions, it has been determined that the number of entries per event for each age group must be limited.

Entry Guidelines/Procedures:

- All athletes must be current USATF members and age verified according to the established USATF Date of Birth Verification Policy. The policy can be found at: www.usatf.org/programs/youth.
- All athletes must enter a verifiable time/mark into athletic.net upon registration. Times must be achieved using fully automatic timing (FAT). All hand times will be converted to FAT. Overrides, no time (NT) or no mark (NM) will **NOT** be considered.
- In the case, multiple athletes are tied for the last position, all athletes in that position will be considered for acceptance into the championship at the discretion of the Youth Executive Committee. Once the maximum field size per event has been reached (according to the chart below) athletes who entered earliest will be given preference. If an athlete's entry is not accepted a refund will be issued.
- All performances must be FAT and verifiable by providing official results or field event sheets, immediately upon request.
 - Instructions for uploading results into athletic.net can be found at: <https://support.athletic.net/article/f242hq8ok6-uploading-results-overview>
 - If further assistance is required when uploading these results, please forward an email to: usatf.support@athletic.net
- Acceptance of late entries will be determined on-site based upon the status of the Entry Limitations Guidelines listed herein. Final decision on the acceptance of late entries will be binding and if accepted must adhere to the following policy:
- If accepted, late entries must be processed no later than 3pm on the DAY BEFORE the scheduled event. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Changes/corrections must be reported no later than 3pm on the DAY BEFORE the scheduled event. Coaches/athletes are responsible for the review and verification of all entries upon receipt of the packet.
- **Combined Events:** To assure the safety of the athletes and the management of the event entry numbers, the 2019 Combined Event Standards (modified) will be utilized.
 - For all Associations/Regions that host an Association/Region Championship and contest the Combined Event(s), the top 2 athletes, plus the athletes that meet the document standards will be allowed to advance into the Junior Olympic Championship.
 - For unattached athletes and those athletes that are new to the USATF Junior Olympic program and competing in a Combined Event for the first time, the current USATF Youth Division documented waiver process from will be utilized. The procedure for requesting this waiver is as follows:
 - Request for Waiver is to be forwarded to the Association Youth Chair
 - Association Youth Chair will review and forward to the Region Coordinator
 - Region Coordinator will review and forward to the designated Zone Representative
 - Final decision will be determined by the USATF Youth Executive Committee and athlete/coach will be notified.

Maximum Field Sizes	
Event	Field Size
100m	80
200m	80
400m	80
800m	80
1500m	80
3000m	48
80/100/110m Hurdles	80
200/400m Hurdles	80
2000m Steeplechase	48
1500/3000m Race Walk	48
Long Jump	48
Triple Jump	48
High Jump	48
Pole Vault	48
Shot Put	48
Javelin	48
Discus	48
Hammer	48
4 X 100m Relay	40
4 X 400m Relay	40
4 X 800m Relay	40

**Seeding will be done random regardless of time/mark entered for the first rounds of competition.*

**The Youth Division reserves the right to increase the number of entries. The decision to do so will be based upon USATF and local/state COVID-19 guidelines and if it is determined to be in the best interests of the competition and/or athletes already entered.*

COVID-19 Protocol:

- Athletes will be required to show proof of a negative COVID test or verification of full vaccination within 7 days of their competition date during the 2021 Junior Olympic Championship in order to compete.
- Spectator and athletes are asked to arrive no more than 120 minutes prior to the start time of their event and leave following the completion of their event to assist with social distance and stadium occupancy number.

USATF REMAINS COMMITTED TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF ALL INVOLVED IN THE 2021 USATF NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP AND ALL COVID-19 PROTOCOLS WILL BE ENFORCED.