

Hello Coaches, Parents, and Athletes!

We would like to thank you in advance for your participation and support in our upcoming Georgia Middle School State Championships Meet this Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th at Parkview High School. We are only a day away from the start of the largest Middle School Meet in the State of Georgia. We are expecting over 1900 athletes to compete! Thank you for supporting your children and athletes and making this one of the Best Championship Meets ever!

ARRIVAL

***No One** can be on the campus before 2:30 p.m. Please plan your arrival time accordingly.*

Buses and Passenger Vans may drop passengers off at the front gate but must park in front of the school in the Buses Ramp area. **(Please Note: Unfortunately, drivers do not get into the meet free.)**

PACKET PICKUP

In reference to your registration, packets will be available for pick-up at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 7:30 a.m. on Saturday. There will be a designated tables set up. Please note however that Packets **cannot** be picked up if a balance is due. If payment has not been received as of today, you will have to pay at the Packet Pick-Up table. Methods of payment are **School Check**, CashApp (\$SmartAthletics), or **Cash ONLY**. Cash **must be exact** or you will have to pay via the General Admission entrance. Personal checks or Credit Card payments **will not** be accepted. **A late fee will be accessed**, \$30/team per gender or \$20/unattached athlete. Any checks received after today will be returned to the sender.

To keep Packet Pick-Up streamlined and moving effectively and efficiently, there will be no exceptions so please make sure you either pay via CashApp (\$SmartAthletics) or come with payment in hand.

GATE ENTRY

There will be a free entry band for coaches per every 10 athletes entered into the Meet. The max is 4 bands. You may purchase additional entry bands for coaches at the "Packet Pick-Up" table. The bands are \$10.

Gate fee for spectators is \$10/person above age 5 for 1 day and \$20/person for 2 days. Major Credit Cards are accepted (a surcharge will be accessed).

SCHEDULE

The scheduled running and field events will start promptly at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The first call will be made at 4:45 p.m. There will be 3 Check-In calls. Athletes should remain in the Check-

In Area once the 2nd call is made. Athletes will be ushered to the track from the Check-In Area. (I've attached a schedule for your convenience. There will be one in the packets but you can print more for your team.)

There will be a Coach's Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in the Pro-Room/Field House. Please make sure someone is present from your team.

If a field event is being contested at the same time as a running event, and an athlete is in both events, please have your athlete check in at the field event first and then go compete in the running event. Please have the athlete report back **immediately** to the field event once finished competing in the running event.

VOLUNTEERS

We are asking for Volunteers for the Field Events. The Field Events being contested are Shot Put, Discus Throw, Long Jump, Pole Vault, High Jump, and Triple Jump. Please let me know if you and/or your team have anyone available that can assist us with the Field Events. It will be truly appreciated! Please contact me if you would like to volunteer in advance.

Also, we will need help with the hurdles. If you are able to send at least one person to the field during hurdle set up, it will be greatly appreciated.

AWARDS

Medals are awarded to the top 8 finishers; pick-up permitted by coach, adult, or winning athlete. **All results will be posted on MileSplit.** Results will post after the conclusion of each event.

INFIELD ACCESS

NO Coaches or Parents are allowed on the infield once the track is closed unless volunteering or picking up medals. However, any questions during the meet can be taken to the Awards Tent located on the 50yd line. A Meet Manager will be contacted.

TENT LOCATIONS

Tents, drinks, and snacks are allowed in the stands. Concessions will be available. Tents are allowed only on the top row of the stands on the home side. They are allowed anywhere on the visitors' side.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the case of rain, we may delay the meet with normal inclement weather protocol, but we will complete the meet on Friday and Saturday. We do not have the option to run on Sunday. Please check your emails.

MEET MANAGEMENT

We will manage the meet according to the **final** heat/flight sheets. **No changes will be made. No exceptions.**

REPLACEMENT BIBS

Athletes must have the bib assigned to them to participate in the meet. The bib must be visible at all times during competition. If the bib number is lost, there will be a replacement fee of \$10, **Cash ONLY**. If you need a replacement bib, please go to the Awards Tent. We strongly encourage you to make sure your athletes maintain their bib numbers for the duration of the meet.

COACHES' HOSPITALITY

There will be lunch served on Saturday. All coaches with a ticket are welcome to participate. Tickets will be in your packet. This hospitality will be served on a first come, first served basis.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thank you always for your continued support and Good Luck at the Track!!!