

Junior Olympic Preliminary Qualifier Meets (14 years and Under)

Who must compete in the Preliminary Qualifier Meets? All athletes in the **Sub-Bantam, Bantam, Midget and Youth** divisions who are competing in the Shot Put, Turbo Jav, Long Jump and all Track Events (except the 4 x 800m Relay and all Hurdle races) must compete in one of the Preliminary Qualifiers in order to advance to the Association Championships on June 7-8.

IMPORTANT – Athletes may compete in only 1 preliminary meet. Any athlete found to have competed in more than 1 preliminary meet will be disqualified and will not advance. Athletes who are competing in one of the events which is not contested at the Preliminary Qualifier Meets (TJ, HJ, Discus, Javelin, Pole Vault, 4X800m relay, all Hurdle races) must register at a prelim meet or online at www.usatfnj.org/youth by May 28th 11:59pm in order to compete at the Association Championships. Prelims and Association Meets will not accept any entries by mail from individuals or clubs. Entries will only be accepted through the online registration.

ENTRY FEES

All Prelim Entries must be done online:

www.usatfnj.org/youth -- **NO POST REGISTRATION**

Entry Fees: \$4/individual event; \$16/Relay (must bring a complete Relay Declaration Form to the preliminary meet)

Association Meet events not being contested at the Preliminary Qualifier Meets are \$6 per individual event; \$24/Relay. Register online and mail completed Relay Declaration Form to the Association meet, postmarked by May 31st.

General Information & Rules

EVENT RESTRICTION: A competitor in either the Sub-Bantam, Bantam or Midget Division may compete in no more than 3 track and/or field events including relays. In the Youth Division, no more than 4 track and/or field events including relays.

AWARDS: PRELIMINARY MEETS: 1st-6th – Ribbons; ASSOCIATION MEET: 1st-3rd – Medals

ADVANCEMENT PROCEDURES (no move-ups):

14 YEARS & UNDER PRELIMINARY MEET: Top 6 advance to Association Championships.

ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP: TOP 4 Individuals/event & top 3 Relays advance to the Region 2 Junior Olympic Championships. Athletes qualifying for Association Champs MUST SUBMIT & PAY CASH FOR ALL ADVANCEMENT PAPERWORK/FEEES FOR ASSOCIATION CHAMPS BEFORE LEAVING THE PRELIM MEET OR REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.USATFNJ.ORG/YOUTH WITHIN 48-96 HOURS OF PRELIM. ONLY COACHES CAN REGISTER TEAM ATHLETES ONLINE. Unattached 14 & Under athletes must have parent/guardian register them online.

REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS: TOP 3 advance to the National Junior Olympic Championships.

NOTE: Sub-Bantam Division does not advance beyond Regional Champ. Once an athlete competes as Sub-Bantam in an individual or relay event, they may not compete as Bantam in another event.

USATF MEMBERSHIP: 2008 USATF Membership is required to compete in all Junior Olympic competitions. Online membership registration is available at www.usatf.org for immediate assignment of 2008 number. Membership questions, call 973-334-8900. NO MEMBERSHIPS SOLD OVER PHONE.

PROOF OF AGE: All participants must provide proof of age. **No Exceptions.** All entrants must submit a copy of their 2008 USATF-NJ membership card indicating age verified or a non-returnable copy of their birth certificate at packet pickup. Age-Verification MUST be presented at prelims to advance.

CHECK IN: Athletes must check in at least 30 minutes prior to each event. Each track athlete (or relay) will report to the clerk of the course before their respective event. The athlete will be taken to the start by the clerk. Field event athletes will report directly to the event.

IMPLEMENTS: Competitors must supply their own implements. Implements must meet USATF specifications. Any implement weighed in becomes the property of the meet until the competition is completed. Therefore, anyone wishing to use that particular implement may do so.

RELAY/CLUB INFORMATION: To compete as a relay you must belong to a 2008 USATF New Jersey registered club. A completed "Relay Declaration Form" must be submitted at packet pickup in order to compete. These declarations cannot be changed at any point in the Junior Olympic Program. They are available online at www.usatfnj.org/youth.

UNIFORMS: There will be no specific uniforms required, except for the relays, where all shirts must look alike. A shirt of some type must be worn at all times during competition.

Junior Olympic Age Group Events Contested

	SB	SG	BB	BG	MB	MG	YB	YG
1500 RW			1	2	3	4		
3000 RW							1	2
4X100m	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3000M RUN					1	2	3	4
100M Semi	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1500M	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
100M Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
400M	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
800M	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
200M	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4x400m	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
4x800m					A	A	A	A
80M Hurdles					A	A		
100M Hurdles							A	A
200m Hurdles							A	A
Long Jump	7	8	3	4	5	6	1	2
Shot Put			3	4	5	6	1	2
Turbo Jav			1	2	3	4		
HJ			A	A	A	A	A	A
Triathlon			R	R				
Discus - 1k					A	A	A	A
Pentathlon					R	R	R	R
Javelin							A	A
Pole Vault							R	R
Triple Jump							A	A

Numbers = order of competitions

A=not contested at prelim. Automatically qualified for Association Meet.

R=not contested at association meet; Automatically qualified for Regional meet.

Heights and Weights

SP - 6 lb	BB, BG, MB, MG, YG
SP - 4k	YB
80M H - 30"	MB, MG
100M H - 33"	YB
100M H - 30"	YG
200M H - 30"	YB, YG

Age Groups determined by year of birth

Sub Bantam	Born 2000 or later
Bantam	Born 1998-1999
Midget	Born 1996-1997
Youth	Born 1994-1995

Region 2 Championships

July 3-6

Pittsburg, PA

www.usatf-threerivers.org

National Championships

July 22-27

Omaha, NE

<http://www.usatf.org/events/2008/>

www.usatfnj.org/youth

PRELIMINARY QUALIFIERS

Top 6 Advance in Each Event

ONLINE ENTRY ONLY AT WWW.USATFNJ.ORG

DATE/TIME: Sunday, May 18th, Noon

Entry Deadline: May 14, 11:59pm

SITE: Rutherford Memorial Park

CONTACT: Tom Gerlach: 610-258-6476

DATE/TIME: Sunday, May 18th, 10am

Entry Deadline: May 13th, 11:59pm

SITE: Teaneck HS, Teaneck

CONTACT: Andre McKoy: 201-450-5344

DATE/TIME: Saturday, May 24th, 9am

Entry Deadline: May 18th, 11:59pm

SITE: Hub Stine Field, Plainfield

CONTACT: Kevin Turner: 908-209-4461

DATE/TIME: Sunday, May 25th, 11:00am

Entry Deadline: May 20th, 11:59pm

SITE: Farnham Park, Camden

CONTACT: Albert Essilfie: 856-465-7906

Directions:

Rutherford Memorial Park, From Route 3 East: Park Avenue Exit. Turn Right at Stop sign. Go 1 block; turn Right onto Riverside Avenue. At light; turn Left onto Union Avenue. Go 3 blocks; turn Right onto Darwin Avenue; 3 Blocks to Memorial Park and Fields. **From Route 3 West:** Riverside Avenue Exit. At Stop sign, turn Right onto Riverside Avenue. Follow directions above from Riverside Avenue. **From Route 17 N & S:** Take Exit for Route 3 West. Follow above directions.

Teaneck High School: Route 17 to Route 4 East Exit. Route 4 East approx. five miles to 1st Teaneck Road/Teaneck/Ridgefield Park Exit. Turn right onto Cranford Place. Go 1/2 block. Turn right into the Cranford parking lot.

Hub Stine Field, Plainfield, From North & East: GSP South to Exit 140A. Follow signs to Route 22 West to Somerville. Take Rt 22 to Terrill Rd. (Sears at the corner); make jug handle left turn onto Terrill Rd. Go one block past the Wendy's and make right onto Seventh St. Left at 2nd light onto Woodland Ave. Right onto Randolph Rd. (follow hospital road sign). Hub Stine Field is on the right, across the street from Muhlenberg Regional. **From North & South:** Turnpike to Exit 10. Follow Signs for & take I-287 N to Exit 4, Durham Ave. Turn right onto Durham Ave. Keep straight, Durham Ave becomes Hamilton Blvd. Turn Right onto Maple Ave & Left onto Woodland Ave (Golf course at corner). Left onto Randolph Rd. (follow hospital road sign). Hub Stine Field is on right, across the street.

Farnham Park, Camden, From NJ Turnpike North/South: To Exit 4 Route 73N to Route 130 South. Rt. 130 South to Kaighn Avenue (Pub Diner on right). Turn right onto Kaighn Avenue. Turn left at light onto Park Blvd. Farnham Park will be on your left. Signs will be posted.