



2026 Competitive Track Club Welcome Packet

Welcome to the 2026 season! This packet contains the essential information your family needs to navigate the summer track circuit in West Texas.

Key Deadlines and Calendar

Our season is built around three major organizations: **TAAF** (Texas Amateur Athletic Federation), **USATF** (USA Track and Field), and **AAU** (Amateur Athletic Union). Please mark these "important dates" on your calendar.

| Date | Organization | Event/Action Item |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Jun 5-6 | USATF | USATF West Texas Association JOs Championships: Usually at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa |
| Jun 6-7 | AAU | West Texas District Qualifier (Odessa/Amarillo Area-TBD) |
| Jun 13 | Home Meet use TAAF rules | Amarillo Home Meet for RUN West Texas (place TBD) |
| Jun 20 | Home Meet use TAAF rules | Amarillo Home Meet for RUN West Texas (Place TBD) |
| Jun 20 | USATF | USATF Tour: ATX Classic (Georgetown, Tx) |
| Jun 24-27 Tentative | AAU | Region 18/26 Qualifier (Tentative)-Must compete here to qualify for the AAU Junior Olympics |

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| Jul 5 Tentative | AAU | Region 26 Qualifier: Last day for Regional Meets to Finish |
| Jul 5-11 | AAU | AAU Primary Nationals (Jacksonville, FL) |
| Jul 6-9 | USATF | Region 12 Junior Olympics Championships (Place TBD) |
| Jul 10-11 | TAAF | Region 9 Championships: Mandatory qualifier for State in LBK or Amarillo. |
| July 27-Aug 2 | USATF | USATF National Junior Olympics (Des Moines, IA) |
| Jul 30-Aug 2 | TAAF | Summer Games of Texas: Opening Ceremonies in Bryan/College Station. |
| Jul 27-Aug 8 | AAU | AAU Junior Olympics (Des Moines, IA) |

**Dates that are the same above, is a decision that you and your family make of which meet you would like to compete in. Reminder, if you want to compete for the opportunity to participate in the Junior Olympics of AAU/USATF you must compete in District and Regional of AAU/USATF to qualify. If you want to have the opportunity to compete at the TAAF State Games of Texas, you must compete in the Region 9 Championships.

Athlete Financial Summary

To keep our club accessible, we recommend taking advantage of early-bird registration periods.

- **Club Registration Fee:** \$550 (Covers facilities and coaching of 3 practices a week starting June 2nd and going through July 28th which is 26 practices going from 9:00am-11:00am Tuesday thru Thursday each week except the last week of practice and we will go Monday and Tuesday July 27th and 28th before heading to TAAF State.) **All practices will take place at Randall Practice field right off of Bell. The one with NO bleachers.)
- **Competition Uniform:** \$200 (Includes singlet, shorts, and warm-up dri-fit shirt) **if your uniform fits then you will just pay the dri-fit Long sleeved warm-up team shirt which is \$30**
- **USATF Youth Membership:** \$45.00 annually + Insurance
- **AAU Youth Membership:** \$30.00 annually + Insurance
- **TAAF Membership:** \$25.00 + Insurance
- **Meet Entry Fees:** \$25.00 per meet x 6=\$150

TOTAL Cost for Competitive Track is—\$1000 if need a uniform; if no uniform needed—\$830

Participation Requirements

- **Age Verification:** Age is determined by the athlete's age as of **December 31, 2026**.
- **Birth Certificates:** You must have a copy available at all meets for age verification if it is needed. It is recommended to keep a photo of it on your phone but at the Regional and State meet we must upload them so I will need a picture copy sent to me at tracksportswts@gmail.com
- **Qualifying:** You **must** participate in the Region 9 Championship meet to qualify for the State Games of Texas through TAAF. You **must** participate at the District meet for AAU and USATF to compete at the Area/Regional Meet to compete at State.
- **Event Limits:** * **Ages 12 & Under:** Limited to 3 events including relays.
 - **Ages 13 & Up:** Limited to 4 events including relays.

TAAF:

There are circuit meets available around Texas, but we MUST get accepted by the director of those meets to participate in those meets if we are out of that district.

28.2 DIVISIONS: There will be seven (7) divisions for boys' and girls':

| BOYS' | | GIRLS' | |
|------------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
| YEAR OF BIRTH | DIVISION | YEAR OF BIRTH | DIVISION |
| 2020,2021 | 6 & Under | 2020,2021 | 6 & Under |
| 2018,2019 | 8 & Under | 2018,2019 | 8 & Under |
| 2016,2017 | 10 & Under | 2016,2017 | 10 & Under |
| 2014,2015 | 12 & Under | 2014,2015 | 12 & Under |
| 2012,2013 | 14 & Under | 2012,2013 | 14 & Under |
| 2010,2011 | 16 & Under | 2010,2011 | 16 & Under |
| 2008,2009 | 18 & Under* | 2008,2009 | 18 & Under* |

*Eligibility for 18 & Under Division: Senior and high school participants without having competed at the college level in any track and field competition; someone who completed high school in the spring of the most recent school term, and who was not 19 years of age or older on or before September 1 of the most recently completed school term, and has not competed at the College level in any Track and Field competition would be eligible.

AAU:

All age divisions are determined by Year of Birth. The age divisions for the current competition year are as follows:

| Age Division | Birth Year |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 8 & Under | 2018 & After |
| 9 Year Old | 2017 |
| 10 Year Old | 2016 |
| 11 Year Old | 2015 |
| 12 Year Old | 2014 |
| 13 Year Old | 2013 |
| 14 Year Old | 2012 |
| 15-16 Year Olds | 2010 - 2011 |
| 17-18 Year Olds | 2008 - 2009 |

* Athletes who are still eighteen (18) years of age through the final day of the AAU Junior Olympic Games shall be eligible to compete in the 17-18 year old division.

USATF

Youth competitions typically take place in two-year age divisions. These age divisions provide young athletes the opportunity to compete with other athletes of similar ability.

The age divisions for the current competition year are as follows:

| Age Division | Year of Birth |
|--------------|----------------|
| 8 & Under | 2018 + * |
| 9 - 10 | 2016 - 2017 |
| 11 - 12 | 2014 - 2015 |
| 13 - 14 | 2012 - 2013 |
| 15 - 16 | 2010 - 2011 |
| 17 - 18 | 2008 - 2009 ** |

* Per USATF Rule 300.1 (c) "Athletes must be at least seven (7) years of age on December 31 of the current year to compete at the Youth Athletics or Junior Olympic National Championships."

** Athletes who are still 18 through the final day of the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships are eligible to compete in the 17-18 age division through that meet.

Meet Day Essentials

West Texas track meets are all-day events in high heat or possibly rain. Please come prepared.

- **Hydration:** Bring double the water and electrolytes you think you will need.
- **Nutrition:** Pack light snacks like bananas, grapes, or granola bars; avoid greasy foods.
- **Shade:** A tent or canopy is critical for athlete health.
- **Gear:** Bring a spike wrench to ensure pins are tight before races.
- **Admin:** Have your USATF/AAU membership cards (printed or digital) ready for check-in.

Compliance Checklist for Parents

- Register athletes for USATF, AAU, and TAAF memberships.
 - By sending this information to tracksportswtx@gmail.com
 - Athletes Name, DOB, Age, Grade entering 26-27 school year, events wanting to compete in, email address, home address, phone numbers and names for each person for contact purposes. –Will also need size of uniform for a tight fit top, loose shorts for Youth sizes and Adult men sizes, and Skins (compression shorts) for Adult women XS and up.
- Provide a copy of the Birth Certificate to the club by sending it with the information above
- Sign Emergency Contact & Medical Waiver for each club, which will come from the club director (Charity Welps) after we get membership signed up.
- Pay Uniform and Club fees—\$300 down to **register for Club by March 21st, 2026** which is deadline for Competitive track using the link when you sign-up at www.runwtx.com and you will receive a SportsYou login to make sure that you get all the information and keep up to date with competitive track. YOU MUST get on the app to stay up to date.
 - All other payments will need to be paid on the 15th of each month to continue competing in competitive track: Through Venmo @RUNWTX or Check made out to RUN West Texas LLC
 - Break down of payments would be for those that need a uniform: April 15th-\$175.00, May 15th-\$175.00, June 15th-\$175.00, and July 15th-\$175.00
 - Break down of payments for those that do not need a uniform: April 15th-\$132.50, May 15th-\$132.50, June 15th-\$132.50, and July 15th-\$132.50

We are looking forward to another great summer competitive track season. We will have workouts for the month of May to get your athlete going and everyone needs to be in the SportsYou group that you will receive once you sign up online and pay the \$300 down. All practice schedules, meet updates, and weather alerts will be sent exclusively through SportsYou. **Travel expenses are on each family and booking hotels.

If you have questions about doing field events only or any other questions, please contact Charity Welps at 806-664-1831.

Thank you,

Charity Welps

Director of RUN West Texas