

USATF JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGION VIII “PASSPORT”

Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota

July 7-10, 2011

Minnesota Association Website: www.usatfmn.org

Site Information: Hamline University

Directions to Hamline University: The Klas Center track and football stadium has a 9-lane Mondo surface track and is home to the Minnesota State High School League Championships. It is located on the north end of the Hamline campus, immediately east of Snelling Avenue on Taylor Avenue.

A campus map can be found at the following site:
http://law.hamline.edu/files/Campus_Map.pdf

Hamline is located approximately one mile north of I-94 on Snelling. To search for specific driving directions, you can use the official campus address of 1536 Hewitt Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104 and this will be one block south of the stadium.

****Hammer Throw will be conducted at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul****

Directions to the University of St. Thomas for the Hammer Throw: The Hammer Throw will be held at the University of St. Thomas at the North Athletic Field immediately to the north of O’Shaughnessy Stadium where the track and football complex is located. North Athletic Field serves as a baseball diamond and a throwing venue. The address is 2115 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105. Information about the facilities can be found <http://www.stthomas.edu/athletics/facilities/default.html> and then click on “Get directions to O’Shaughnessy Stadium”.

Only ¼” or less pyramid spikes will be allowed.

Packet pickup will be at the Klas stadium at Hamline University. Packets for hammer throwers will be available at the University of St. Thomas hammer throwing venue just prior to the competition.

Gate fee for Friday, Saturday and Sunday is \$5 for ages 6 and older. Athletes with bib numbers are admitted for free. Coaches with a 2011 USATF card are admitted free. There will be no admission fee at the hammer venue.

Event Entry Information

Event entry is on-line only through Coach O.

On-line entry information will be available on the Minnesota site (www.usatfmn.org) by Saturday, June 11, 2011 and links to the online registration will be sent to each Association Youth Chairperson for use on each association website.

Entry fees are \$7 for individual events, \$10 triathlon/pentathlon, \$20 heptathlon/decathlon, and \$28 for relays.

Entries Listed on Website

Entries will be posted on the Minnesota site (www.usatfmn.org) one week before the meet. If you find problems with your entry, contact your Association J.O. meet director.

Athlete Competition/Bib Numbers

Athletes entered in the meet will receive a bib number at packet pick-up. Bib numbers are required for competition and must be worn on the front of the uniform unless instructed otherwise. There is a \$2 replacement fee for lost bib numbers

Running Event Information

Athletes entered in running events must check in no later than 45 minutes prior to the scheduled time of the event at the SW corner of the track. Bib numbers are required for check in.

Any preliminary events that have 9 or fewer competitors check-in will be contested as a final **AT THAT TIME.**

Athletes will receive heat and lane assignments and hip numbers in the staging area prior to each race. Only competing athletes will be allowed in the staging area.

Reminder – members of relay teams must wear a top of the same color as well as shorts of the same color or matching body suits.

Field Event Information

Throwing implements that comply with required specifications and belong to individuals may be accepted for use in competition. Implements accepted shall lose their identity as privately owned for the duration of the competition. Privately owned javelins are exempt from this loss of identity rule. In the pole vault, a coach or parent will be required to verify that their athlete will use a legal pole rated at or above his/her weight.

Question/protest procedures

There will be an area designated for questions and/or protests. You have 30 minutes after the results of an event have been posted to file a protest. A \$75.00 cash fee is required and will be refunded only if the protest is upheld.

National Entry Information

Track and field shall advance the top 5 placed individuals and the top 5 placed relay teams to the National meet. The top 2 places in the combined events (tri/pent/hept/dec) plus all athletes meeting the performance standard in the combined events will qualify for the National meet. Sub-Bantams must be seven (7) years of age by December 31 of the current year to compete at the Junior Olympic National Meet. Entries will be on-line only.

Hotel/Twin Cities Information

Information regarding hotels and other Twin Cities information will be available in April and will be forwarded to each association.