



# 2021 USATF NATIONAL YOUTH OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

June 23-26, 2021  
Barron Stadium - Rome, Georgia

Meet Information can be accessed at the following link:  
<https://www.usatf.org/events/2021/2021-usatf-youth-outdoor-championships>

# WELCOME TO ROME, GEORGIA

The 2021 USATF National Youth Outdoor Championships will be held at Barron Stadium in the city of Rome, Georgia. Rome is located 70 miles north of Atlanta, Georgia (approximately an hour drive).

Many athletes from throughout the United States are expected to converge in Rome, Georgia for the USATF National Youth Outdoor Championships. Entry for this championship is open to all eligible athletes. Competition takes place in six (6) two-year age divisions, with athletes falling between the ages of 7 and 18.

With a seating capacity of approximately 6,500, Barron Stadium is a football and track and field stadium that is also home to Shorter University and Rome High School. The facility has hosted the NAIA Football National Championship from 2008-13 and the NCCAA Victory Bowl in 2013-14, as well as the NCCAA track championships from 2014-16. It also last hosted a USA Track and Field Championship in 2018 for the Region 4 Youth Track and Field Championship.

America's next generation of track and field stars will be competing throughout the summer and will take center stage at the national championships in Rome, Georgia. USATF and the City of Rome hope you will join in the excitement!

## TICKET INFORMATION

Form of payment will be cash only.:

	Daily Admission	4-Day
Adults	\$ 12.00	\$ 35.00
Children Age 7-12	\$ 8.00	\$ 20.00
Children Age 6 & under	Free	---

Tickets will be provided in the form of wristbands, which will allow access in and out of the stadium. Everyone over the age of 6 will require a wristband or a credential to enter into Barron Stadium. Any passing or sharing of wristbands is prohibited, and the wristband will be forfeited without refund.

There will be no refunds or replacement wristbands issued. If your wristband is lost or detached, you will need to purchase a new wristband.

In order to obtain a Coaches Credential for the USATF Youth National Outdoor Championships you must meet the requirements below.

#### **Coaches Credential Requirements:**

- **Education Standard must be completed no later than June 14, 2021**
- **Coach must be listed on the Youth Club profile in addition to the USATF Coaches Registry list.**
- **Background screening and SafeSport compliance will be verified by listing on Youth Club profile.**

#### **Coach Credential Allocation Information**

- Three (3) credentials per Club (Coach must be listed on profile as “coach”).
- For those clubs with 100 or more athletes **entered into the event**, the Coaches Credential allocation will be one (1) additional credential per ten (10) athletes after the initial three (3). The maximum allocation of credentials will be ten (10).
- Coach wristbands/credentials are non-transferable, and replacement will be at the full cost of remaining daily admission.
- In order to receive credentials proper ID must be shown.

### **FACILITY INFORMATION**

#### **Stadium and Box Office Hours**

The Barron Stadium Box Office will open to the public daily at 6:30 a.m. The Box Office will close at the start of the last event each day, and the stadium will close at the conclusion of each day's practice session (90 minutes after the conclusion of the final event on the track).

The stadium will open on Sunday, June 20<sup>th</sup> for an open practice session from 9am – 6 pm and on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 9am – 4pm.

Prohibited items include glass bottles, alcohol, grills or portable cooking units, pets/animals and weapons. Barron Stadium is a non-smoking complex. Coolers are permitted, but all bags, coolers, tents and other items brought into Barron Stadium are subject to search by security or other designated personnel.

#### **TENTS / TEAM AREAS/UMBRELLAS**

Due to the lack of shade in the surrounding areas of the stadium and warm-up areas, it is strongly suggested that teams bring tents.

To ensure the safety of spectators and athletes alike, tents will be allowed in designated areas in the stadium and selected areas in the tennis center. **Areas will be clearly marked where no tents will be allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Tents are **NOT** allowed in the southwest (home side in front of press box) bleachers (covered) but will be allowed in the top three (3) rows. **There shall be no obstruction of walkways including standing at the bleacher fences.**

Tent frames may be left up, but all canopies must be removed at the end of competition day. Tents with canopies left overnight will be removed. Tents may only be set-up or retrieved during hours that the stadium is open to the public...**EVENT STAFF WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO RETRIEVE YOUR TENT AFTER HOURS.**

Personal size umbrellas will be allowed in the stands, as long as they do not block the view of other spectators. No umbrellas, regardless of size, will be allowed in the seats located in front of the press box. Sport/golf umbrellas and large umbrellas are allowed in the top three (3) rows in the bleachers **ONLY**.

**Items Not Allowed inside the stadium:**

- Alcohol
- Smoking
- Glass or metal containers
- Weapons, fireworks, explosives or munitions
- Laser pointers
- Gum on the track or the infield
- Pets
- Skates, skateboards or roller blades
- Grills or other portable cooking units

Bus and RV parking is available in the over-flow parking area. Electrical and water connections for RV use are not available. **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING WITHIN THE FACILITY. Vehicles will be towed after hours.**

**Lost and Found**

In the event that you lose an item, please report it to the Lost and Found located in the packet pickup area.

**Facility Entrance Gates**

The entry access to Barron Stadium will be from West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street through the main entrance. Parking in the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street entrance area is prohibited, and vehicles will be ticketed/towed.

**Fan Expo**

The 2021 USATF National Youth Championships Expo Area will be located inside Barron Stadium or the Rome Tennis Center in a designated area.

**Awards**

The 2021 USATF National Youth Outdoor Championships Awards Area will be located in the Rome Tennis Center, just north of Barron Stadium adjacent to the track.

## Field (Throwing) Event Venue

The Barron Stadium Throws Venue is located just over a mile from Barron Stadium at 450 Riverside Parkway in Rome (across from Ridge Ferry Park). The venue will open to the public daily at 7:00 a.m. The venue will close at the conclusion of each day's practice session (90 minutes after the conclusion of the final event on the track).

## ATHLETE ENTRY INFORMATION

### Entry Information

Athlete Event	Entry Fee
Individual Event	\$ 10.00
Relays	\$ 40.00
Decathlon / Heptathlon	\$ 26.00
Triathlon / Pentathlon	\$ 22.00

### Eligibility Requirements

Only U.S. citizens, aliens living in the United States, and foreign exchange students are eligible to compete in these Championships. See the USATF Rules for more information and exceptions, by visiting [usatf.org/About/Competition-Rules.aspx](http://usatf.org/About/Competition-Rules.aspx).

The competition will be conducted in six age divisions as follows:

8 & under born 2013 and later*	13-14 born 2007 and 2008
9-10 born 2011 and 2012	15-16 born 2005 and 2006
11-12 born 2009 and 2010	17-18 born 2003 and 2004**

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

\*\* Per USATF Competition Rule 300.1 (d), 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.

A competitor must compete in his/her age division only. There will be no "moving up" in any events, including relays. Competitors in the 8 & under, 9-10 and 11-12 divisions may compete in a maximum of three events, including relays. Competitors in the 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18 divisions may compete in a maximum of four events, including relays. Combined events are not included in the event count.

All athletes must be 2021 members of USATF in good standing. USATF memberships may be purchased online by visiting:

<https://www.usatf.org/home/top-utility-nav-content/membership>

or through your local Association Office.

All clubs must be 2021 USATF member organizations.

All relay team members must be members of the same club, which must also be registered with the club's local USATF Association for 2021 and must wear tops and bottoms of the same color.

**\*All entries into the National Championships must be completed online at <https://www.athletic.net>. Entries cannot be accepted by any other method. Onsite changes/additions must be completed by 3 p.m. EST at least one day prior to the event.**

### **Packet Pick-up Schedule**

Monday	June 21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Tuesday	June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Wednesday	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Thursday	June 24 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am - 7:00 pm
Friday	June 25 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday	June 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday	June 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 am - 2:00 pm

### **Photographer**

The official meet photographer will be available to take competition and awards ceremony photographs. Information on ordering and purchasing photos will be available in the Expo Area.

### **Merchandise**

Championship apparel will be available on-site. The merchandise will be available on-site throughout the entire event.

### **Event Check-In**

Athletes must check in the Clerk Area 45 minutes prior to the event's scheduled starting time. All athletes will be required to remain in the designated warm-up areas after check-in. Calls **WILL NOT** be made for track or field events. Athletes and coaches will be responsible for ensuring they are at check-in prior to the time deadline.

## **Warm-up Area**

The warm-up track and the tent city area will be available for athlete use during competition hours. There will be no warm-up facilities for field events. Parents/Coaches will not be allowed to access the warm- up/check-in location.

## **Athlete/Parent Re-unification**

Athletes in the 8 & Under and 9-10 age divisions will be held by officials following their events to be re-unified with their parent or guardian. Parent/Guardians should meet their athletes immediately following their events. Athletes in running events on the track and jumping events in the main stadium should be met in the recovery area near the finish line.

Re-unification is done by recognition and confirmation from the athlete to the event official. Any concerns or special circumstances related to re-unification should be addressed to Meet Management prior to the athlete checking-in for their event.

Athletes in the 11-12 and older age divisions will be allowed to leave the competition area without additional supervision.

## **Implements**

Meet management will provide all implements for running and throwing events (batons, blocks, shot, hammer, discus, javelin) with the exception of pole vault. Participants must use the implements provided for competition. Personal implements on the track and in the throwing events will not be allowed.

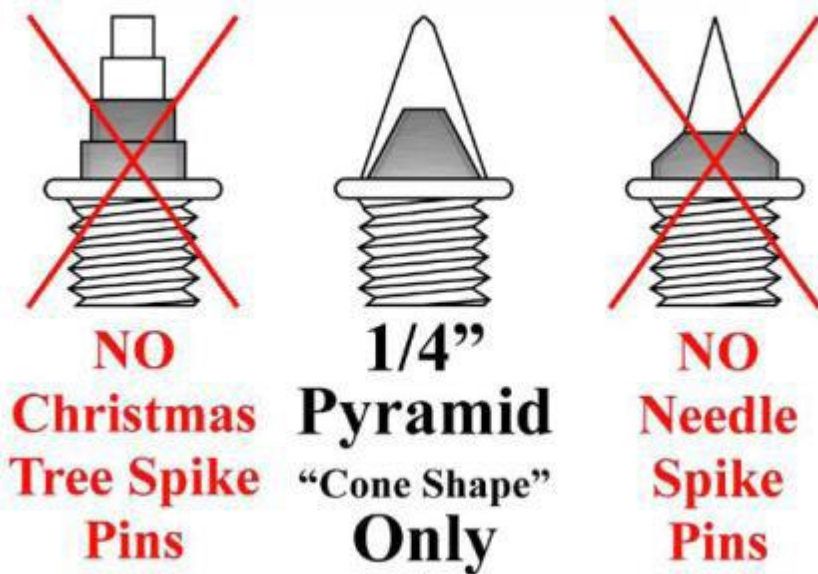
## SPIKES

Participants in the high jump and javelin may use spikes up to 9mm in length (pyramid spikes only; no needles or Christmas trees).

The maximum spike length allowed for running events and field events is listed below.

- 1/4" pyramid
- Christmas tree spikes are not allowed.

\*spikes will be available for purchase.



## Practice Times

The competition facilities will be available for evening practice for up to 90 minutes after the last contested event, between the dates of Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>. Start times for evening practice are contingent upon the last scheduled event of the daily competition. If the daily schedule runs longer than scheduled, coaches and parents understand that they CANNOT use the facility while competition is being held. Meet Management reserves the right to revoke practice facility privileges as deemed necessary. Coaches and parents are responsible for ensuring that all trash is cleaned up. There will be no Pole Vault Javelin, Hammer, Shot Put or Discus practice accommodations within the venue. These practices require supervision by a Certified Official and cannot be guaranteed.



## Starting Heights – SUBJECT TO REVISION

The starting heights for the high jump and the pole vault are listed in the chart below. Incremental increases shall be 5 cm in the high jump and 15 cm in the pole vault.

High Jump					
Age Division	Metric	Imperial	Age Division	Metric	Imperial
9 – 10 Girls	1.00m	3' 3"	9 – 10 Boys	1.00m	3' 3"
11 – 12 Girls	1.20m	3' 11"	11 – 12 Boys	1.20m	3' 11"
13 – 14 Girls	1.30m	4' 3"	13 – 14 Boys	1.45m	4' 9"
15 – 16 Girls	1.35m	4' 5"	15 – 16 Boys	1.60m	5' 3"
17 – 18 Women	1.45m	4' 9"	17 – 18 Men	1.70m	5' 7"
Pole Vault					
Age Division	Metric	Imperial	Age Division	Metric	Imperial
13 – 14 Girls	2.05m	6' 9"	13 – 14 Boys	2.55m	8' 4 1/2"
15 – 16 Girls	2.25m	7' 4 1/2"	15 – 16 Boys	3.30m	10' 11"
17 – 18 Women	2.65m	8' 8"	17 – 18 Men	3.85m	12' 7 1/2"

### Pole Vault

Refer to USATF Rule 302.5(n). All competitors must provide their own vaulting poles. Participants in the Pole Vault competition will be weighed; all poles will be inspected for manufacturers' pole ratings and the maximum top hand hold position as determined by the manufacturer. **The competitors' weights must be at or below the manufacturers' pole ratings. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Poles will be impounded at the time of inspection, at the warm-up area for the event. Meet management will not be responsible for any pole that is shipped to or impounded at the meet without a hard-protective case.

Athletes may ship vaulting poles directly to Barron Stadium. Contact Nick Bridges via email (nbridges@rcs.rome.ga.us) before you send shipments to:

**Barron Stadium  
301 West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Rome, GA 30165  
Attn: Nick Bridges**

***\*Shipping Note: In order to ensure that the poles can be located for the competition, the container must be clearly labeled with the athlete's name, age, gender and event day.***

Shipments should be scheduled to arrive no earlier than Monday, June 22, 2021.

**There will NOT be poles available to rent on-site.**

The weigh-in and pole inspection room is located under the bleachers on the southwest side of the stadium.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Times</b>
Monday, June 21	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday, June 22	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Wednesday, June 23	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thursday, June 24	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Friday, June 25	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturday, June 26	7:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday, June 27	7:00 am – 9:00 am

### **Protests**

Protests relating to matters that develop during the conduct of the competition must be made to the Protest Referee at once and not later than 30 minutes after a result has been announced. This time period will be strictly enforced. There will be a \$100 cash submission fee required to file a protest. This fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld. Only violations of the 2021 USATF Rules of Competition may be protested.

Judgment calls made by meet officials cannot be protested. Protests that do not meet the above criteria will not be accepted. Please note USATF Rule 119. 4(a), (c) when considering the use of video/photo footage for protests.

### **Coaches Boxes**

Coaches boxes, where provided, will be accessible with coaches credentials. Only coaches with approved background checks who have been issued coaches credentials will be allowed in the designated coaches box. Video recording must be done outside of these designated areas. **Electronic equipment including cell phones, cameras, video, and tables are prohibited in the coaches box. Video recording must be done outside of these designated areas.**

### **Awards**

National Championship Medals will be awarded for first through eighth place in each event. Team Awards will be provided for the top 3 teams in each age division for both girls and boys.

### **Awards Presentations**

Earning a national medal is an amazing accomplishment! Because of our commitment to meet COVID protocols and maintain a safe environment for our fans and athletes, USATF and the organizing committee will recognize all award recipients in a manner consistent with USATF COVID guidelines.

Medals will not be distributed in advance of an event ceremony. Instructions for requesting a medal to be mailed will be provided onsite.

## **Lost and Found**

There will be no lost and found area, due to USATF COVID guidelines and restrictions.

## **Medical Services**

Athlete and spectator medical services will be provided. Medical personnel will be located in the Medical Tent.

## **ADA Accommodations**

USA Track & Field has specific procedures to be followed by disabled athletes wishing to compete in able-bodied competitions against able-bodied Athletics athletes. Please note that the disabled athlete must first meet the eligibility requirements applicable to the relevant competition, including having achieved the required qualifying standard, if any.

The disabled athlete is responsible for initiating the ADA Accommodation Request procedures sufficiently in advance to enable USATF to complete its review and decision-making process prior to the relevant competition. Please see the USATF "Policy & Procedures for Accommodation Requests Pursuant to the American with Disabilities Act" for more information at [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org).

## **Weather**

June, the first month of the summer, in Rome, is a tropical month, with average temperature varying between 65.8°F (18.8°C) and 86.7°F (30.4°C). In the summer, the average high temperature climbs into the low 90s and lows are in the mid-70s.

In June, the average heat index is calculated to a sweltering 99.3°F (37.4°C). Take extra precautions, as heat cramps and heat exhaustion are possible. Sustained activity may result in heatstroke.

Take into consideration that the heat index values are calculated for shade and light wind conditions. Exposure to direct sunshine can increase heat index values by up to 15 Fahrenheit (8 Celsius) degrees.

In the event of inclement weather or a disaster of any kind, as it is determined by the LOC Security Liaison, USATF National Office Security and Staff and the City of Rome Police Department personnel, an agreed upon plan has been established should it be necessary to evacuate Barron Stadium and the Throws Venue:

All athletes/coaches/trainers will be evacuated through the main entrance gate to their team buses/transportation or other designated areas that will be announced and posted on-site. All meet and championship officials will also be directed to the track administration office. All fans/patrons will be directed to their vehicles.

## **The City of Rome Lightning Policy:**

Lightning and storm activity will be monitored by the [weatherbug.com](http://weatherbug.com) and City of Rome evacuation policies and procedures will be adhered to at all times.

## PARKING

• Team and spectator parking will be available at the Public Parking Deck within walking distance to the stadium on the Town Green. This is a short walk across the pedestrian bridge to the host hotel and Barron Stadium. Shuttles will also be available from the parking deck to the stadium. **There will be no charge for on-site spectator parking.**

**Shuttles will also be available to (and from) Barron Stadium from all hotels participating in the Youth National Championship.**

• Officials, media, and Staff parking will be available on-site.

• Disability parking is available on-site.

## AGE GROUPS/BIRTH YEARS:

8 & Under Division	born 2013 and later*
9-10 Division	born 2011 and 2012
11-12 Division	born 2009 and 2010
13-14 Division	born 2007 and 2008
15-16 Division	born 2005 and 2006
17-18 Division	born 2003 and 2004

## TRACK AND FIELD EVENTS

The events listed below are included in the National Championships. (Combined events, where different from those described in Rule 200, are held in the event order indicated. Weights of implements are identical to those applicable to individual events in the respective age groups.)

### 8 AND UNDER DIVISION

100 Meter Dash  
200 Meter Dash  
400 Meter Dash  
800 Meter Run

1500 Meter Run  
4x100 Meter Relay  
4x400 Meter Relay

Long Jump  
Shot Put - 2kg  
Mini Javelin - 300g

### 9-10 DIVISION

100 Meter Dash  
200 Meter Dash  
400 Meter Dash  
800 Meter Run  
1500 Meter Run  
1500 Meter Race Walk

High Jump  
Long Jump  
Shot Put - 6 lb.  
Mini Javelin - 300g  
4x100 Meter Relay  
4x400 Meter Relay

Triathlon: Shot Put - 6 lb.  
High Jump  
200 Meter - G  
400 Meter - B

**11-12 DIVISION**

100 Meter Dash  
 200 Meter Dash  
 400 Meter Dash  
 800 Meter Run  
 1500 Meter Run  
 3000 Meter Run  
 1500 Meter Race Walk

80 Meter Hurdles - 30"  
 Long Jump  
 High Jump  
 Shot Put - 6 lb.  
 Discus -1kg  
 Aero Javelin - 450g  
 4 x 100 Meter Relay  
 4 x 400 Meter Relay

4 x 800 Meter Relay  
 Pentathlon: 80m Hurdles  
 Shot Put - 6 lb.  
 High Jump  
 Long Jump  
 800 Meter Run - G  
 1500 Meter Run - B

**13-14 DIVISION**

100 Meter Dash  
 200 Meter Dash  
 400 Meter Dash  
 800 Meter Run  
 1500 Meter Run  
 3000 Meter Run  
 3000 Meter Race Walk  
 4 x 100 Meter Relay  
 4 x 400 Meter Relay

4 x 800 Meter Relay  
 100 Meter Hurdles - B-33"  
 100 Meter Hurdles - G-30"  
 200 Meter Hurdles - 30"  
 High Jump  
 Long Jump  
 Triple Jump  
 Shot Put - B-4kg  
 Shot Put - G-6 lb.

Discus -1kg  
 Pole Vault  
 Javelin - 600g  
 Pentathlon: 100m Hurdles  
 Shot Put - B 4kg, G 6 lb.  
 High Jump  
 Long Jump  
 800 Meter Run - G  
 1500 Meter Run - B

**15-16 DIVISION**

100 Meter Dash  
 200 Meter Dash  
 400 Meter Dash  
 800 Meter Run  
 1500 Meter Run  
 3000 Meter Run  
 2000 Meter Steeplechase  
 3000 Meter Race Walk  
 4 x 100 Meter Relay

4 x 400 Meter Relay  
 4 x 800 Meter Relay  
 110 Meter Hurdles - B-39"  
 100 Meter Hurdles - G-33"  
 400 Meter Hurdles - B-36"  
 400 Meter Hurdles - G-30"  
 High Jump  
 Pole Vault  
 Long Jump

Triple Jump  
 Shot Put - B-12 lb., G-4kg  
 Discus - B-1.6 kg, G-1kg  
 Javelin - B-800g, G- 600g  
 Hammer - B-12lb., G-4kg  
 Decathlon - B  
 Heptathlon - G

**17-18 DIVISION**

100 Meter Dash  
 200 Meter Dash  
 400 Meter Dash  
 800 Meter Run  
 1500 Meter Run  
 3000 Meter Run  
 2000 Meter Steeplechase  
 3000 Meter Race Walk  
 4 x 100 Meter Relay

4 x 400 Meter Relay  
 4 x 800 Meter Relay  
 110 Meter Hurdles - B-39"  
 100 Meter Hurdles - G-33"  
 400 Meter Hurdles - B-36"  
 400 Meter Hurdles - G-30"  
 High Jump  
 Pole Vault  
 Long Jump

Triple Jump  
 Shot Put - B-12 lb., G-4kg  
 Discus - B-1.6 kg, G-1kg  
 Javelin - B-800g, G- 600g  
 Hammer - B-12lb., G-4kg  
 Decathlon - B  
 Heptathlon - G

## **Hotel Information -**

Hotels will be handled by National Travel Systems (NTS) and can be accessed at the following link:

<https://groups.reservetravel.com/group.aspx?id=37370>

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