



2019-2020

Coastal Georgia Track Team

Dear Parents/Legal Guardians and Athletes,

Please accept this letter as your welcome letter to become a member of the Coastal Georgia Track Team. The team is a non-profit organization established in 2017. We are active participants under the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) Track organization. The Coastal Georgia Track Team has been recognized as one of the top teams in South Eastern Georgia. Our achievements include the South Carolina Under Armour Challenge 2nd place team trophy, 6 All American 4x100m, 4x400m, 4x800m, Sprint Medley Relay Teams and 15 (Top 8) All American winners in individual running/field events. We take pride in our athletes and are committed to mentoring and building young men and women into model athletes and outstanding young citizens of society.

PLEASE READ THROUGH THE REGISTRATION PACKET THOROUGHLY

(And Initial at the bottom right corner of each page)

In accepting this welcome letter, the undersigned parent/legal guardian and athlete agree to be committed to the Coastal Georgia Track Team program during the 2019-2020 season. The season begins on 16 November 2019 and will end on/around 23 May 2020. National Club/Primary Championships and the Junior Olympics practice and competition will continue through July 2020, for all athletes that desire to compete and/or qualify for these prestigious track meets.

REGISTRATION

1. Release of Liability and Medical Release form must be completed and returned before the athlete can practice on the track.
2. The completed Registration packet with initials and signature is due on the 4th day of practice.
3. A copy of the athlete's birth certificate must be submitted with the registration form. No athlete will be allowed to compete without a birth certificate on file. (This is an AAU regulation).
4. Registration fees (down payment) is expected at time of registration on the 4th day. Athletes will not be registered for any meets unless all fees are up to date or alternate arrangements have been made with Coach/Team Mom Belinda Taylor.
5. The registration fee to participate in the Coastal Georgia Track Team program is **\$175 (NON-REFUNDABLE)**. Families with multiple athletes will be discounted. The registration fee schedule is as follows:

INCLUDES:

- AAU Athlete Membership Fee (Expires 31 August 2020)
- Club Membership Fee
- (1) Long Sleeve (Youth and Adult sizes through X-Large)
- Rental of Banquet Facility and Dining (for the athlete only)
- Purchase of trophies and special achievements
- Track & Field Equipment replacement and new purchases
- DOES NOT INCLUDE TRACK UNIFORM/WARM Ups**
- DOES NOT INCLUDE USATF Membership**
- DOES NOT INCLUDE hotel or transportation expenses for unaccompanied athletes**

PAYMENT:

- Athletes (only one athlete) have 30 days to pay registration in full**
- *\$75 (minimum payment) due on the fourth day of practice
- *\$100 due 30 days from first payment

- Multi-Athlete Discount, have 60 days to pay registration in full**
- *1st Child \$175
- *2nd Child \$115 (does not include long sleeve t-shirt)
- *3rd Child + \$95 (does not include long sleeve t-shirt)
- \$100 (minimum payment) due on 4th day of practice
- \$100 (minimum payment) due 30 days from first payment
- Remaining balance due 30 days from second payment

ACTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES - \$115

Athletes will focus on their perspective HS track program from the beginning of their 1st day of HS track practice through the end of the HS track season or State Championships (whichever comes first)

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****ATHLETES NEW TO THE TEAM WILL HAVE 3 FULL PRACTICES BEFORE THEY ARE REQUIRED TO PAY A REGISTRATION FEE****

PRACTICE

1. Practices will be held at Richmond Hill High School Track, Sterling Creek, and at the Fort Stewart Track. PRACTICE IS MANDATORY. If your athlete is not able to attend, please send a message via text, email, or messenger to one of coaches.
2. Athletes are expected to be at practice, dressed properly, at the designated time for every practice. If your athlete has any temporary medical condition that will prevent them from giving 100% at practice, please allow them to stay at home and rest.
3. Practice attire for athletes is water/water bottle, running shoes, and comfortable athletic gear. Please no basketball shoes or non-running shoes as it can lead to injuries. During the colder months, athletes should have in their possession hat, gloves, and extra clothing (if necessary). During warmer weather bugspray and cooling towels are recommended.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. Each parent is responsible for purchasing (at a minimum) a uniform top and bottom for their athlete. Please see uniform order sheet for prices.
2. All athletes are required to arrive at the track meet in full uniform attire (uniform, t-shirt, warm-ups, etc). During the day as the temperature rises the attire can change to warm up pants and. For those athletes with speed suit attire, please bring additional warmups to wear over your speed suit attire (during colder months).
3. Equipment will be provided for practice and track meets (ie shotput, discus, javelin, hurdles, training equipment). Any equipment lost or intentionally damaged by the athlete, will be the responsibility of the parent to replace it.
4. Recommended equipment and comfort items to have for your athlete during a track meet, but not limited to the following:
 - a. Tent/Sports Umbrella – summer months
 - b. Tent pegs/bungee cords

- c. Folding chairs/Cots
- d. Blankets to lay/sit on
- e. Cooler/Ice chest
- f. Cooling towels/Portable fans

TRAVEL

1. Travel to the track meet is the responsibility of the parent. In cases where the athlete(s) needs transportation and/or to share a room with another athlete or a Coach, a cost can be associated with a rental van and hotel room. Coordination for the athlete(s) must be requested at least 4 weeks in advance.

RELAY TEAM PARTICIPATION

1. At the beginning of the season, athletes that desire to be on a relay team will “run-off” for a position. At any time, a current or new athlete may request to “run-off” for a position on the relay team. The “run-off” will take place with all 4 members of the team. The determination of a “run-off” will be based on the following:

- a. The (requesting) athlete must run a personal best (Personnel Record-PR) at the most recent track meet that the team competes in.
- b. All members of the relay team must be present at practice for the run-off.
- c. A run-off WILL NOT be contested for National Track Meets. This means once the relay team is set for a National meet, an athlete is not allowed to challenge a position on the relay team.
- d. Alternate members for the relay team will be assigned, in the event someone is hurt or unable to run.

TEAM AWARDS AND RECORDS

1. During our annual End of Season Banquet athletes will be recognized for their efforts throughout the season. The following awards will be recognized for each category:

- a. **Student/Athlete Award** – For the male or female athlete who achieves the highest GPA for both the 1st and 2nd semester combined. (Category: Elementary, Middle, and High School).
- b. **Best Newcomer Award** – For the newest member of the team who achieves phenomenal results throughout the season and/or at National meets.
- c. **Most Improved Athlete Award** – For the male and female athlete who made tremendous progress throughout the season in their individual running/field event.
- d. **Best All Around Athlete Award** – For the male and female athlete who competes in various field and running events. They have made tremendous progress in their perspective events, often competing in the multi-events at National meets and/or placing 1st-3rd at local track meets.

e. **Most Outstanding Athlete Award** – For the male and female athlete who has continued to set new PRs, meet records, and/or earned the title of All American at the Junior Olympics, Club Championships, or Primary Nationals.

2. Athletes setting new PRs throughout the season and achieving a better PR from a previous team record, will be recognized on the team website, under “TEAM RECORDS.”

SECONDARY SPORTS

1. The Coastal Georgia Track Team will not be secondary to other non-school sports. Although, we DO NOT discourage participation in other sports. Playing other sports while running track can hinder the performance of the athlete and any relay team that the athlete maybe a part of. Athletes can participate in additional sports, but possibly excluded from competing at any National meet and/or relay team.

CODE OF CONDUCT **(On and Off the Track)**

1. Athletes are expected to act appropriately and respectful to all coaches, parents and members of the Coastal Georgia Track Team on and off the track. Cursing, hitting, bullying, horse playing, and disrespectful behavior towards one another will not be tolerated and will be given consequences at the Coaches discretion.

2. Athletes will respect opposing coaches, parents, athletes, teams, and officials at all track meets. There will be zero tolerance for disrespectful language or gestures towards any other individual, group, or in general.

3. Social media etiquette is always required. Athletes will not show signs of disrespect, hate, violence, or inappropriate behavior on social media via photograph, video, signs, or emojis.

SCHOOL/CLASSROOM CONDUCT

1. All athletes are students FIRST. A copy of their report card will be required at the end of the 1st and 2nd semester. Athletes that are failing a class (or classes) will be put on an academic hold and will not be allowed to participate in relays or National Track Meets. Their progress will be tracked and a determination to participate in a relay or National Meet will be made prior to the event with the parent(s).

2. Athletes are expected to be model citizens and students at their perspective schools. Athletes are to work just as hard in the classroom as they do on the track.

3. Athletes that are disciplined and suspended from school will not be allowed to compete at the next track meet.

4. Athletes who are permanently suspended from school or released from school sports, will not be allowed to compete at any track meet for the remainder of the school year and/or that high school sports season.

GENERAL EXPECTATIONS FOR PARENTS

1. Fundraisers will be conducted throughout the season. We ask that all parents participate in at least one fundraiser during the season. Please submit any suggestions to Coach/Team Mom Belinda Taylor.

2. Parents can drop off their athletes, but please ensure you are on time to pick them up at the end of practice. Coaches will remain at the track until all athletes are accounted for.

3. Parents please do not coach any member of the team during any part of the practice or track meet. This can confuse the athlete and cause them to not be at their very best during practice/track meet. Help us to help your athlete be their best. If coaches recommend a break or rest, please do so. It makes it very difficult for coaches to adjust training needs, if training plans are not being followed. If a parent has a recommendation or questions, please direct it to the head coach prior to practice or a track meet.

4. Parents please do not force your athlete to run. This can be a negative impact for the coaches in motivating them to train. We take GREAT pride in track and field and the time it takes to prepare athletes to compete. We are a highly competitive, traveling track team and desire for every athlete on the team to compete. This is not a conditioning program for the soul purpose of preparing for another sport. Parents if your athlete desires to play and be the BEST in another sport, please allow them to do so.

PARENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I/We, the parents or guardians of _____
hereby give my/our approval to their participation in the Coastal Georgia Track Team program. I/we do hereby understand the registration process and have thoroughly read all pages of this document. I/We assume all risks and hazards to such participation, including transportation to and from various activities. I/We realize there is a risk of injury to children participating in Track and Field activities/sports.

PARENT(S) SIGNATURE

DATE _____