



**INFORMATION  
PASSPORT**

**BURKE HIGH STADIUM**

**OMAHA • NEBRASKA**



**JULY 23 - JULY 28, 2002**

## ***WELCOME***

The Nebraska Association of USA Track & Field and the Cornhusker Flyers Track Club welcomes you to the 36th USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. Competition will be held at Burke High School Stadium, 120th & Dodge Streets in Omaha. The Omaha/Council Bluffs area is looking forward to having you in the Midwest for this prestigious event.

## ***ENTRY FORMS***

All entry forms for nationals must be submitted through the Regional Coordinator at your Regional Junior Olympic Championships. Entries cannot be accepted by any other method. All entry forms must have your age verified by your association and stamped by the regional coordinator on your entry form or documentation attached to the form. Incomplete entries will be assessed a \$10.00 fee. NO late entries will be accepted.

## ***PACKET PICK-UP***

Athletes will be able to pick up their competition numbers and related materials Monday through Sunday in the entrance of Burke High School's main building.

Monday	July 22, 2002	12 Noon - 5:00 PM
Tuesday	July 23, 2002	7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Wednesday	July 24, 2002	7:00 AM - 8:30 PM
Thursday	July 25, 2002	7:00 AM - 6:30 PM
Friday	July 26, 2002	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	July 27, 2002	7:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	July 28, 2002	7:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Special Note:** If your event is early in the morning, we strongly recommend that you pick up your competition number at least one day in advance of your competition. **The meet management will not be held accountable for individuals missing an event due to late packet pick-up OR any other reason. BE ALERT!**

## ***ADMISSION***

Coaches who have a USATF Coaches Membership Card will be admitted free. They will be given a pass for all six days. Coaches may obtain this pass at the Packet Pick-Up area by showing their card. These will be the only coaches passes accepted. Daily admission will be \$5.00 per day for adults and \$3.00 per day for children 6 -12, 5 and under free. 6-Day Passes are available for \$20.00 for adults and \$12.00 for children. 4-Day Passes are \$15.00 for adults and \$8.00 for children.

## ***OPENING CEREMONIES***

Athletes, coaches and officials are invited to participate in the 2002 USATF National Junior Olympic Championships Opening Ceremonies, Wednesday, July 24th at 7:30 PM, at Burke High School. Please join us for a special tribute to our outstanding Junior Olympians. Enjoy the parade of athletes and special entertainment. Participants in the parade are asked to wear their uniforms and report to the Shot Put East area at 7:00 PM. See your meet packet for more information.

## ***PARKING***

There is free parking in the east parking lot and overflow parking on the grass. Please try to carpool as much as possible.

### ***STADIUM RULES***

Tents and umbrellas will be permitted **only** in the east bleachers and on the grass at the North end. Tents may be left overnight at your own risk. Absolutely no alcohol or any form of tobacco will be permitted in the stadium, Olympic Village or on the campus of Burke High School. Coolers are allowed in the stadium, but we request no glass containers and that you please remove everything you brought in when you leave.

### ***EVENT CHECK-IN***

All athletes must report no later than 45 minutes prior to the published event time to the designated clerk area. Coaches and parents will be restricted from this area. Field staff will assist athletes with clothing/bag check for security purposes. Meet management is not responsible for lost or stolen property. There will be restrooms and plenty of shade in the athletes' area. Trainers and medical staff will be available prior to and following competition. Water and electrolyte stations will be plentiful throughout the facility. The track **MUST** remain clear at all times during competition. **Only athletes actually competing at that time will be allowed on the track or infield.**

The competition **WILL NOT BE DELAYED** due to accidents, late wake-ups, traffic or any other unforeseen reasons. Please allow plenty of arrival time during peak traffic periods.

### ***PROTEST TABLE***

Protests must be filed at the protest table within 30 minutes after results of the event have been posted as per rule 73. There will be a \$75.00 cash fee required to file a protest. The fee will be refunded only if the protest is upheld. Posted results are for everyone's observation. Please do not remove posted results. Individual event results will be available for purchase as soon as possible after the event, in the Olympic Village.

### ***IMPLEMENTS***

Meet management will provide all shots, discuses, javelins and relay batons. Participants must use the implements provided for competition. All competitors must provide their own pole vault poles. Some field implement items will be sold at the end of competition. Sign up to purchase implements at the information booth in the Olympic Village.

### ***SPIKE LENGTH***

The spike length allowed for field events is 1/4" (9.0 mm). For all other track events, the spike length allowed is 1/8" (4.5 mm). Track composition is Southwest Eurotan. Spikes will be available for purchase in the Olympic Village.

### ***STARTING HEIGHTS***

The starting heights for the high jump and the pole vault will be per rule number 242.5K. Incremental increases will be 5 cm in the high jump and 15 cm in the pole vault.

### ***FOOD SERVICES***

Concessions will be sold inside the stadium and an Olympic Village with vendors available adjacent to the stadium. There are also restaurants within three blocks of the track.

### ***AWARDS***

Awards will be presented 90 minutes after the event is completed in the awards area. We ask all award recipients to report 60 minutes after the event is completed.

### ***MEDICAL SERVICES***

There will be at least two doctors, as well as certified trainers and a rescue unit will be on duty during the competition.

### ***MEET TRAVEL AGENT***

Uniglobe Action Travel will serve as the official travel agent of the 2002 Junior Olympics. They have negotiated rates inbound to Omaha for the meet. If you purchase your tickets from Uniglobe for this meet, you will be entered into a drawing to win two free airline tickets for domestic travel. They are offering the following discounts: 15% off full coach fares if purchased more 60 days in advance, 10% off published fares if purchased more than 60 days in advance, 5% off published fares if purchased less than 60 days in advance. Uniglobe has also negotiated special car rental rates for this event. Vehicles can only be booked through Uniglobe to receive special rates. Attention club managers and coaches, contact Uniglobe about their group travel program which has benefits you can't duplicate on your own. Contact Uniglobe at: 800-972-9654 ask for the sports department.

### ***AIRPORT INFORMATION***

Eppley Airfield is located approximately 15 miles from Burke High School. The Organizing Committee will provide a welcoming and information table for your convenience during daytime arrivals by the Main baggage Claim Area.

### ***CAR AND VAN RENTAL***

National Car Rental Agencies in Omaha are Alamo, Avis, Budget, Dollar, Enterprise, Hertz, National and Thrifty. Please call their national reservation service for rentals. Local rental agencies are: Cheepers (402) 331-8586, Ford Rentals (402) 571-8801, Economy (402) 390-6100, Midwest (402) 333-3434, Preferred (402) 397-7044, Rent for Less (402) 399-0600, Sears (402) 399-3985, Superb (402) 339-6430. For large vans, call Schrier Ford (800) 367-3880 and Chief School Bus (402) 392-2144.

### ***MEET PHOTOGRAPHER***

There will be an official meet photographer at the Junior Olympics. Information concerning purchase of meet photographs will be available in the Olympic Village. Photos of the finish of each race from Finish Lynx will also be available for sale in the Olympic Village, one hour after each race.

### ***USATF NATIONAL YOUTH COACHES ASSOCIATION***

There will be a meeting and reception for members of the USATF National Youth Coaches Association one evening during the meet. If you are a member, pick up information at the registration area. If you would like to become a member, contact:

Larry Seifert • 8280 Craigeleigh Drive • Parma, OH 44129 Phone: (440) 842-2142

### ***USATF LEVEL 1 COACHES CERTIFICATION SCHOOL***

July 19, 20 & 21, 2002 at Burke High School • 12200 Burke Blvd • Omaha, NE

Cost: \$100.00 by July 1, 2002; \$150.00 after July 1, 2002.

Please call for registration information and mail registration form to: Patrick Pretty, School Director • 10528 Pleasant Valley Road • Cedarburg, WI 53012 Phone: 414-675-2605 or contact the Site Director Dave Gibbons for more information at (402) 352-3516 or [dgibbon@esu7.org](mailto:dgibbon@esu7.org)

### ***HOST FAMILY PROGRAM***

The meet organizing committee is providing a number of Host Families for clubs coming to Omaha. If you would like more information on the Host Family Program, call the Junior Olympics Hotline at (402) 502-9464 before July 1, 2002

### **VIEW THE MEET ONLINE**

Plans are underway for a live video stream online from the 2002 Junior Olympics. Visit [www.usatf.org](http://www.usatf.org) for more information.

### **IAAF WORLD YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM QUALIFICATION**

This meet along with the Youth Athletics National Championships held in Miami will qualify athletes for the USA team in the 2003 IAAF World Youth Championships. Please check the meet program for more information.

### **MEET INFORMATION & QUESTIONS**

Questions regarding meet information can be answered by:

- Calling the Junior Olympic Hotline **(402) 502-9464**
- Visiting the Junior Olympic Web Site **[www.omaha2002.org](http://www.omaha2002.org)**

### **OMAHA & COUNCIL BLUFFS INFORMATION**

This meet is supported by the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Council Bluffs Visitors Bureau. Please call them directly with questions regarding tourist attractions, hotel availability or to request visitors guides. Call Omaha CVB at (866) 937-6624, [www.visitomaha.com](http://www.visitomaha.com) or Council Bluffs CVB at (800) 228-6878 ext.109. or [www.councilbluffsiova.com](http://www.councilbluffsiova.com)

### **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

- Book your hotel reservations as soon as possible.
- Incomplete entries will be charged a \$10.00 processing fee.
- There will be a \$5.00 charge for number replacements.
- If you have problems with your entry, contact your Regional Coordinator for information.

### **2002 PERFORMANCE STANDARDS JUNIOR OLYMPICS COMBINED EVENTS**

The prescribed performance standards for Junior Olympic Combined Events are the average of eighth place performance in that event for the previous three years.

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>Standard</b>
Bantam Boys	606
Midget Boys	2052
Youth Boys	2679
Intermediate Boys	4831
Young Men	5873
Bantam Girls	937
Midget Girls	2370
Youth Girls	2651

# Meet Schedule

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## COMBINED EVENT SCHEDULE

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### TUESDAY, JULY 23

8:00 AM	Heptathlon Day 1	IG, YW	
	100m Hurdles - High Jump - Shot Put - 200m Dash		
9:00 AM	Pentathlon	YG, YB	Final
	100m Hurdles - Shot Put - High Jump - Long Jump - 800m (YG)/1500m (YB)		
10:00 AM	Decathlon Day 1	IB, YMI	
	100m - Long Jump - Shot Put - High Jump - 400m Dash		

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

8:00 AM	Decathlon Day 2	IB, YM	Final
	110m Hurdles - Discus - Pole Vault - Javelin - 1500m Run		
9:00 AM	Pentathlon	MG, MB	Final
	80m Hurdles - Shot Put - High Jump - Long Jump - 800m (MG)/1500m(MB)		
10:30 AM	Heptathlon Day 2	IG	Final
	Long Jump - Javelin - 800m Run		
11:15 AM	Heptathlon Day 2	YW	Final
	Long Jump - Javelin - 800m Run		
12:30 PM	Triathlon	BG, BB	Final
	Shot Put - High Jump - 200m (BG)/400m Dash(BB)		



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*Youth Series*

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***RUNNING EVENT SCHEDULE***

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**TUESDAY, JULY 23**

10:45 AM	2000m Steeplechase	IB, YM	Final
11:30 AM	1500m Race Walk	BG	Final
12:15 PM	1500m Race Walk	BB	Final
1:00 PM	1500m Race Walk	MG	Final
1:45 PM	1500m Race Walk	MB	Final

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 24**

10:00 AM	5000m Race Walk	IG, YW	Final
11:00 AM	5000m Race Walk	IB, YM	Final
12:00 PM	3000m Race Walk	YG	Final
12:45 PM	3000m Race Walk	YB	Final

**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

8:00 AM	3000m Run	YG, YB	Final
9:00 AM	3000m Run	IG, YW	Final
10:00 AM	800m Run	All Divisions	Trials
12:30 PM	200m Dash	All Divisions	Trials
3:00 PM	4x400m Relay	BG, BB	Trials
4:00 PM	4x400m Relay	MG, MB	Trials
5:00 PM	4x400m Relay	YG, YB	Trials
6:00 PM	4x400m Relay	IG, IB	Trials
7:00 PM	4x400m Relay	YW, YM	Trials

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

8:00 AM	400m Hurdles	IB, YM	Trials
8:30 AM	400m Hurdles	IG, YW	Trials
9:00 AM	200m Hurdles	YG, YB	Trials
9:45 AM	1500m Run	YG, YB, IG, IB, YW, YM	Trials
11:00 AM	400m Dash	All Divisions	Trials
2:30 PM	100m Dash	All Divisions	Trials
5:30 PM	4x800m Relay	MG, MB	Final
6:30 PM	4x800m Relay	YG, YB	Final

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

8:00 AM	5000m Run	YM	Final
8:30 AM	3000m Run	IB	Final
9:00 AM	200m Dash	All Divisions	Final
9:30 AM	3000m Run	MG, MB	Final
10:30 AM	110m Hurdles	IB, YM	Trials
11:00 AM	100m Hurdles	IG, YW, YB, YG	Trials
12:00 PM	80m Hurdles	MG, MB	Trials
1:00 PM	800m Run	All Divisions	Final
2:00 PM	4x100m Relay	BG, BB	Trials
2:30 PM	4x100m Relay	MG, MB	Trials
3:00 PM	4x100m Relay	YG, YB	Trials
3:30 PM	4x100m Relay	IG, IB	Trials
4:00 PM	4x100m Relay	YW, YM	Trials
5:00 PM	4x800m Relay	IG, IB	Final
6:00 PM	4x800m Relay	YW, YM	Final

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

9:00 AM	400m Hurdles	IB, YM	Final
9:15 AM	400m Hurdles	IG, YW	Final
9:30 AM	200m Hurdles	YG, YB	Final
9:45 AM	1500m Run	BG, BB, MG, MB	Final
11:00 AM	100m Dash	All Divisions	Final
11:30 AM	400m Dash	All Divisions	Final
12:00 PM	1500m Run	YG, YB, IG, IB, YW, YM	Final
1:30 PM	110m Hurdles	IB, YM	Final
1:40 PM	100m Hurdles	IG, YW, YB, YG	Final
2:00 PM	80m Hurdles	MG, MB	Final
2:15 PM	4x100m Relay	All Divisions	Final
3:30 PM	4x400m Relay	All Divisions	Final

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**FIELD EVENT SCHEDULE**

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**THURSDAY, JULY 25**

8:00 AM	High Jump	MG	Final
	Long Jump	IB (east pit)	Final
	Triple Jump	YM (west pit)	Final
	Shot Put	BG (east ring), BB (west ring)	Final
	Discus	MB (south ring), YG (north ring)	Final
9:00 AM	Pole Vault	YG	Final
12:00 PM	High Jump	YW	Final
	Long Jump	YG (east pit)	Final
	Triple Jump	YB (west pit)	Final
	Shot Put	IG (east ring)	Final
	Discus	YM (north ring)	Final
2:00 PM	Pole Vault	YB	Final
4:00 PM	High Jump	MB	Final
	Long Jump	BG (west pit), BB (east pit)	Final
	Shot Put	IB (east ring)	Final
	Discus	MG (south ring), YB (north ring)	Final

**FRIDAY, JULY 26**

8:00 AM	High Jump	BG	Final
	Long Jump	YW (east pit)	Final
	Triple Jump	IG (west pit)	Final
	Shot Put	MG (west ring), MB (east ring)	Final
	Discus	IG (north ring)	Final
9:00 AM	Pole Vault	IG	Final
12:00 PM	High Jump	BB	Final
	Long Jump	YM (east pit)	Final
	Triple Jump	YG (west pit)	Final
	Shot Put	YM (east ring)	Final
	Discus	YW (north ring)	Final
2:00 PM	Pole Vault	IB	Final
4:00 PM	High Jump	YB	Final
	Long Jump	MG (west pit), MB (east pit)	Final
	Shot Put	YB (east ring)	Final
	Discus	IB (north ring)	Final

**SATURDAY, JULY 27**

8:00 AM	High Jump	YM	Final
	Long Jump	YB (east pit)	Final
	Triple Jump	IB (west pit)	Final
	Javelin	YW (west runway), BG (east runway)	Final
9:00 AM	Pole Vault	YW	Final
11:00 AM	Javelin	IG (west runway), BB (east runway)	Final
12:00 PM	High Jump	YG	Final
	Long Jump	IG (east pit)	Final
	Triple Jump	YW (east pit)	Final
	Shot Put	YG (east ring)	Final
2:00 PM	Pole Vault	YM	Final
	Javelin	IB (west runway), MG (east runway)	Final
4:00 PM	High Jump	IB	Final
	Shot Put	YW (east ring)	Final
5:00 PM	Javelin	YM (west runway), MB (east runway)	Final
5:00 PM	Javelin	YM (west runway), MB (east runway)	Final

**SUNDAY, JULY 28**

8:00 AM	High Jump	IG	Final
	Javelin	YG (west runway)	Final
11:00 AM	Javelin	YB (west runway)	Final

**LODGING FOR THE OMAHA AREA\***

NAME OF HOTEL	PHONE #	MILES TO TRACK	POOL	DINING	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	RATE
American Family Inn	402-291-0804	15	outdoor	no	no	\$43.00
Baymont Inn	402-592-5200	5	no	no	no	\$64.00
Ben Franklin Motel	402-895-2200	9	outdoor	no	no	\$54.00
Best Western Redick	402-342-1500	9	no	no	no	\$89.00
Best Western White House Inn	402-293-1600	15	no	no	no	\$69.00
Big Inn of Greenwood	402-944-3313	20	no	no	no	\$58.00
Budget Inn	402-895-2555	9	no	no	no	\$59.00
Clarion Hotel Executive center	402-397-3700	9	indoor	no	no	\$98.00
Clarion	402-895-1000	4	indoor	yes	yes	\$79.00
Club House Inn and Suites	402-496-7500	2	indoor	no	no	\$89.00
Comfort Inn	402-896-6300	9	no	no	no	\$65.00
Comfort Inn at the Zoo	402-342-8000	11	indoor	no	no	\$65.00
Comfort Inn Hotel & Suites	402-343-1000	4	indoor	no	no	\$69.00
Comfort Inn of Omaha	402-592-2882	5	indoor	no	no	\$55.00
Country Inn & Suites - Airport	712-347-5600	13	indoor	no	yes	\$92.00
Country Inn & Suites - West	402-445-4445	2	indoor	no	no	\$89.00
Courtyard by Marriot Downtown	402-346-2200	10	indoor	yes	yes	\$129.00
Crown Plaza Old Mill	402-496-0850	1	indoor	yes	yes	\$110.00
Days Inn of Bellevue	402-292-3800	15	indoor	yes	no	\$76.00
Days Inn Carlisle	402-331-8220	6	indoor	yes	yes	\$74.00
Days Inn of Omaha	402-896-6868	9	indoor	no	no	\$59.95
Doubletree Guest Suites - Omaha	402-397-5141	9	indoor	yes	yes	\$139.00
Doubletree Hotel Omaha Downtown	402-346-7600	10	indoor	yes	yes	\$129.00
Econo Lodge I-80	402-391-4321	6	no	no	no	\$45.00
Econo Lodge West Dodge	402-391-7100	4	outdoor	no	no	\$59.00
Embassy Suites Downtown/Old Market	402-346-9000	11	indoor	yes	yes	\$169.00
Hampton Inn Southwest	402-593-2380	5	outdoor	no	yes	\$79.00
Hampton Inn Westroads	402-391-5300	2	no	no	no	\$65.00
Hawthorne Suites	402-331-0101	5	outdoor	no	yes	\$99.00
Hilton Gardens	402-341-4400	10	indoor	yes	yes	\$119.00
Holiday Inn Central	402-393-3950	7	indoor	yes	yes	\$79.00
Howard Johnson Plaza	402-339-7400	4	indoor	no	yes	\$65.00
Motel 6 - Omaha	402-331-3161	5	outdoor	no	no	\$44.00
Marriot Omaha Regency	402-399-9000	4	both	yes	no	\$139.00
Morman Trail	402-455-4500	12	no	no	no	\$45.00
Park Inn Regency Lodge	402-397-8000	2	indoor	yes	yes	\$109.00
Quality Inn & Suites	402-292-3800	15	indoor	yes	no	\$76.00
Quality Inn	402-397-7137	7	indoor	yes	no	\$81.00
Ramada Inn Airport	402-342-5100	13	indoor	yes	yes	\$75.00
Ramada Limited	402-896-9500	9	indoor	no	no	\$67.00
Ramada Limited Suites	402-445-0400	5	indoor	no	no	\$55.00
Red Lion	402-397-7137	7	indoor	yes	no	\$79.00
Relax Inn	402-737-7300	9	no	no	no	\$68.00
Satellite Motel	402-733-7373	9	no	no	no	\$60.00

**LODGING FOR THE OMAHA AREA CONTINUED\***

Settle Inn & Suites - Bellevue	402-292-1155	1	indoor	no	no	\$69.00
Sheraton Omaha Aquila	402-342-8888	10	no	yes	yes	\$149.00
Sleep Inn at the Airport	402-342-2525	13	no	no	yes	\$59.00
Suburban Inn	402-331-3911	12	outdoor	no	no	\$43.00
Super 8 Ak-Sar-Ben Motel	402-390-0700	7	no	no	no	\$55.00
Super 8 Bellevue Motel	402-291-1518	15	no	no	no	\$59.00
Super 8 Gretna Motel	402-332-5188	24	indoor	no	no	\$54.00
Super 8 Omaha West Dodge Motel	402-492-8845	1	no	no	no	\$67.00
Super 8 West L Omaha Motel	402-339-7274	5	no	no	no	\$69.00
Townhouse Inn	402-333-3777	4	no	no	no	\$69.00
Travel Lodge - Cornhusker Inn & Suites	402-391-5757	7	indoor	no	no	\$80.00

**LODGING FOR THE COUNCIL BLUFFS AREA\***

NAME OF HOTEL	PHONE #	MILES TO TRACK	POOL	DINING	AIRPORT SHUTTLE	RATE
Best Western Metro Inn & Suites	712-328-3171	12-14	indoor	yes	yes	\$89.00
Comfort Suites of Council Bluffs	712-323-9760	12-14	indoor	no	yes	\$80.00
Days Inn	712-323-2200	12-14	no	no	yes	\$45.00
Fairfield Inn	712-366-1330	12	indoor	no	no	\$76.00
Garden Inn	712-328-3881	12-14	outdoor	yes	yes	\$49.00
Heartland Inn	712-322-8400	12-14	no	no	no	\$70.00
Interstate Inn	712-328-8899	12-14	no	no	no	\$65.00
Motel 6 - Council Bluffs	712-366-2405	12-14	indoor	no	no	\$59.00
Settle Inn	712-366-5555	12-14	indoor	no	no	\$80.00
Western Inn	712-322-4499	12-14	indoor	no	no	\$63.00

**LODGING OUTSIDE METRO AREA**

Budget Host Fremont	402-721-5656	25	no	yes	no	\$50.00
Comfort Inn Fremont	402-721-1109	25	indoor	no	no	\$65.00
Econo Inn Fremont	402-721-4310	25	no	no	no	\$48.00
Holiday Lodge Fremont	402-727-1110	25	indoor	yes	no	\$71.00
Sleep Inn Syracuse	402-269-2700	40	indoor	no	no	\$69.00
Super 8 Fremont	402-727-4445	25	no	no	no	\$50.00
Super 8 Wahoo	402-443-1288	25	no	no	no	\$43.00

**CAMP GROUNDS RV PARKING**

Bluffs Run Casino RV Park	712-323-2500	20
NP Dodge Park	402-444-4673	8
Glen Cunningham Lake	402-444-4628	6
Eugene Mahoney State Park	402-944-2523	25
Hayworth Park	402-293-3098	20
Lanoma Beach	402-332-4500	25
Walnut Creek	402-592-8877	15

\* Unless noted, prices are a daily flat rate for 4 people with 2 beds per room minimum.



## **USATF Introduces Summer Reading Program**

USA Track & Field, in association with kidsrunning.com, has created the Read for Speed program, which will be held in conjunction with this summer's Junior Olympics Track & Field competitions.

The USATF Junior Olympics program reaches more than 100,000 young athletes throughout the country each summer, with close to 7,000 competing at the National Championships. Information on the Read For Speed program will be distributed at all of USATF's Association and Regional Championships, and also will appear on [usatf.org](http://usatf.org) and [kidsrunning.com](http://kidsrunning.com).

"USATF's Mission Statement speaks to the 'pursuit of excellence', and this program meshes nicely with that goal," said USATF President Bill Roe. "The pursuit of excellence, cannot be accomplished without education and it all begins with reading and increased literacy skills for America's youth."

Athletes in each of the Junior Olympics five age divisions will be encouraged to read from a selection of age-graded books in a variety of categories or genres. They can then submit short essays about the books to qualify for inclusion in a raffle at the end of the summer for USATF merchandise and other prizes.

The entry deadline for the "Read for Speed" program is September 1, 2002. USATF will also randomly select book reports for publication on [usatf.org](http://usatf.org) and [kidsrunning.com](http://kidsrunning.com). All youngsters submitting published stories will receive a specially-designed bookmark from USATF and [kidsrunning.com](http://kidsrunning.com).

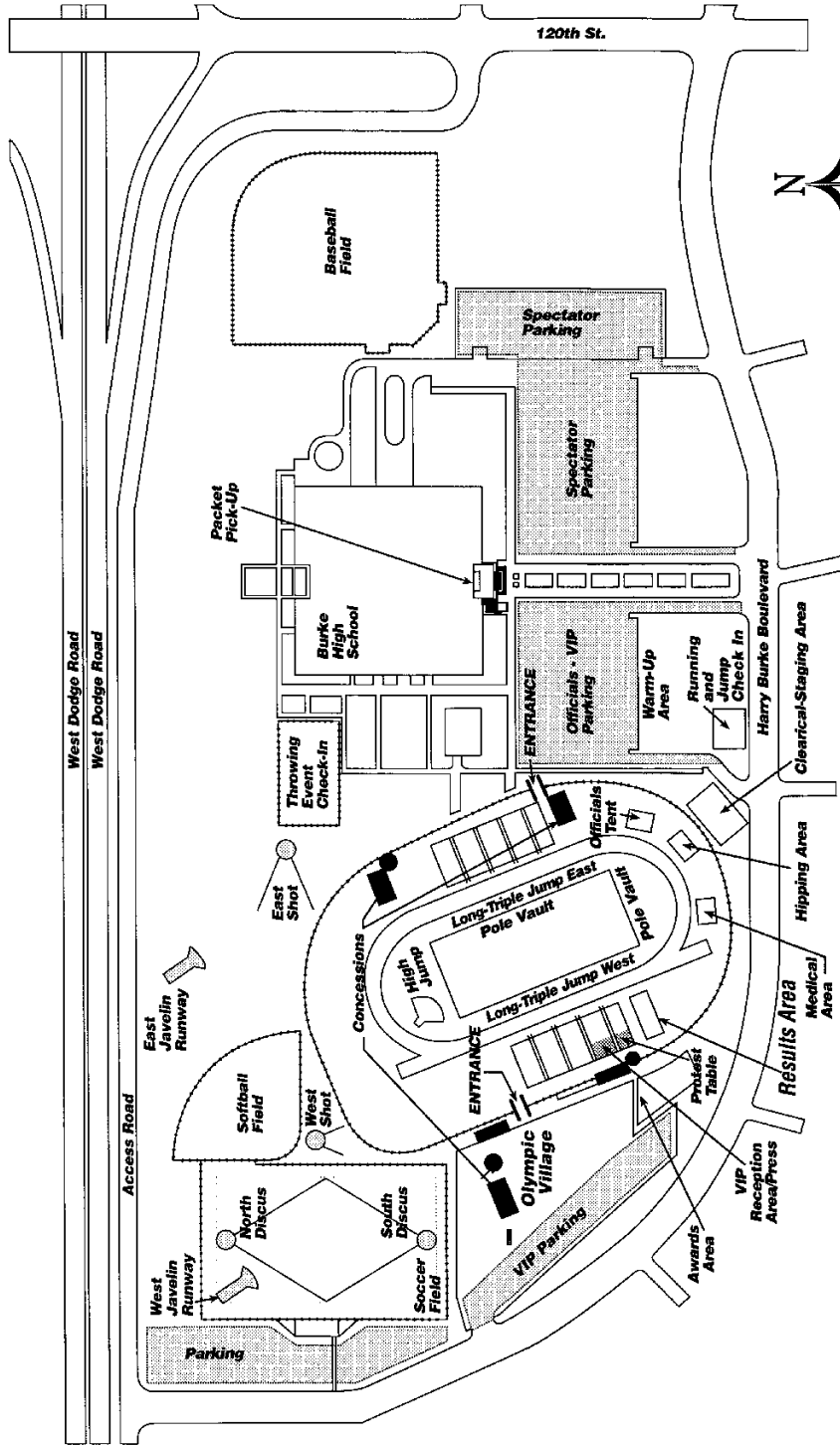
Complete entry information and suggested reading lists are available online at [usatf.org/coaches/ReadForSpeed/](http://usatf.org/coaches/ReadForSpeed/). **For additional information, please contact Mark Springer, USATF Director of Grass Roots Programs, at [Mark.Springer@usatf.org](mailto:Mark.Springer@usatf.org).**

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