



ENTRY INFORMATION

**2003 USA INDOOR
COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

MARCH 8 - MARCH 9

**EDDIE SMITH FIELDHOUSE
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, CHAPEL HILL**

A USATF EVENT



World's #1 Team

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University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

COMPETITION DATES	March 8 & 9, 2003	
ENTRY PROCESS	Begins November 25, 2002	
MEET DIRECTOR	Dick Moss - Ph: 770-941-6792; email: dechep@juno.com	
FACILITY HOST	Dennis Craddock, Head Coach of Men's & Women's T&F	
COMPETITION SITE	Eddie Smith Field House	
	Track: Mondo - 200 meter, 6 x 42" lanes, 69' radius, flat floor	
	Field: Mondo - long jump and pole vault runways exceed 150'	
	Throws: Shot putters may throw indoor implements ONLY.	
AIRPORT	Raleigh-Durham International – 16 miles to University	
AIRPORT TRANSPORT	Triangle Express	Phone: 919-368-0166 Reservations required.
	Hours of operation: 5:00 am – 11:00 pm 7 days a week Rates: \$35 one-way, \$55.00 round trip	
RENTAL CARS	Alamo	800-327-9633
	Avis	800-331-1212
	Budget	800-527-0700
	Dollar	800-800-4000
	Enterprise	800-736-8222
	Hertz	800-654-3131
	National	800-227-7368
	Thrifty	800-847-4389
HOUSING	Best Western University Inn 1310 Raleigh Road Chapel Hill, NC 27515	(919-932-3000) Ask for reservations reference USA Track & Field

Rate: \$80.00 single/double with continental breakfast

*****Cut-off date: Friday, February 22nd*****

ATHLETES & COACHES MEETING

Meetings will be conducted at the Best Western University Inn in the lobby meeting room. Bib numbers will be distributed during meetings scheduled as follows:

Men's Heptathlon	Friday, March 7, 2003	8:00 p.m.
Women's Pentathlon	Saturday, March 8, 2003	8:00 p.m.

ORDER OF EVENTS & TIME SCHEDULE – Tentative – subject to change

Saturday, March 8	Men's Heptathlon Day 1	2:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 9	Women's Pentathlon	12:00 noon
	Men's Heptathlon Day 2	2:00 p.m.

QUALIFYING MARKS

Combined Events qualifying marks may be from indoor or outdoor competition from **Friday, May 3, 2002** through **Monday, February 23, 2003**.

**The following will be contested as championship event: Women's Pentathlon
Men's Heptathlon**

Men's Qualifying Standards

Heptathlon 5450
Pentathlon 3850
Decathlon 7700

Women's Qualifying Standards

Pentathlon 3725
Heptathlon 5215

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

1. Qualifying marks must be made and verifiable in one of the following:
 - a. USATF or IAAF –sanctioned events
 - b. Collegiate meets
2. Combined Event qualifying may be from indoor or outdoor competitions from Friday, May 3, 2002 through Monday, February 23, 2003

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

In addition to correctly entering the meet and having equaled or bettered the qualifying standard during the stated qualifying period, the following criteria must also be met:

- **For all athletes, a 2003 USATF membership number must be provided or entry will not be accepted.** USATF memberships may be purchased on-line at www.usatf.org, through your local USATF association, or by calling the USATF Headquarters at 317-261-0478 x343. The fee is \$20.

- **FOR COLLEGE COACHES: The requirement that college athletes be USATF members in order to compete in the USA Indoor Championships is in effect. This legislation was enacted at the 2001 USATF Annual Meeting.**
- Athletes wishing to represent a branch of the Armed Forces of the United States must be registered with the membership committee of their local USATF Association.
- Only citizens of the United States who are eligible to represent the U.S. in all levels of international competition are eligible to compete in championship events.

PRIZES & AWARDS

A Gold Medal, emblematic of the Championships of the United States of America, will be given to the winner of each Championship event; a Silver Medal to second and a Bronze Medal to third and fourth.

PRIZE MONEY

For the 2003 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships, USA Track & Field will pay prize money to the first- through third-place finishers in each championship event. The prize structure is as follows:

First Place \$2,500
Second Place \$1,500
Third Place \$ 500

Prize money will not be distributed until a Direct Payment License (DPL) form is on file with USATF and all drug-testing results have become final.

Athletes with **remaining collegiate eligibility** are not eligible to receive this prize money. In these cases, for the Indoor Championships only, the next highest placing finisher in that event will be awarded the prize money.

ENTRY INFORMATION

To compete in the Championships, you must complete the entry process as follows:

- **THE PREFERRED METHOD OF ENTRY IS ON-LINE.** Athletes needing an alternative method of entry may call 317-261-0478 x337. The entry process begins November 25, 2002. **A 2003 USATF MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ENTER.**
- Enter on-line at: **www.usatf.org** (then click on USA Indoor Championships)
- **On-time entries are those that are completed on-line or received at the USATF Headquarters by Tuesday, February 18, 2003, 5:00 p.m. ET.** An entry fee of \$25 must accompany the entry.

- In order to enter on-line, please have the following information available:
 - your 2003 USATF membership number
 - your USATF membership password
(see www.usatf.org/members-only/ for assistance)
 - the qualifying mark and qualifying event
 - name, location and date of event where qualified
 - athlete's affiliation
 - coach and/or agent phone number
 - an updated athlete location form on file with USADA if you are in the Out-Of-Competition Drug-Testing Pool (OOC).
 - credit card information: **USATF prefers VISA.**
- **Late entries are those that are completed on-line or received by USATF after 5:01 p.m. ET on Tuesday, February 18 up through Monday, February 24, 2003, 2:00 p.m. ET.** Late entries must be accompanied by the \$25 entry fee **PLUS A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$50.**
- On-line entries must be paid by credit card. **USATF prefers VISA.**
- Entries not completed on-line must be accompanied by check, money order or credit card information and mailed to:

**USA Track & Field
2003 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships
One RCA Dome, Suite 140
Indianapolis, IN 46225**

- Athletes may enter even if they have not yet met the qualifying standard. However, athletes will not be permitted to compete unless they have:
 1. **A 2003 USATF membership**
 2. **Completed the entry process**
 3. **Met the entry standard by February 23, 2003**
 4. **An updated athlete location form on file with USADA if in the Out-of-Competition Drug-Testing Pool (OOC)**
 5. **Completed the declaration process**

Proof of qualifying performance, if required, must be submitted to Duffy Mahoney at the National Headquarters no later than 5:00 p.m. ET, Tuesday, February 25, 2003. Any submittal received after this date will not be accepted. **Please fax to 317-261-0514.**

DECLARATION PROCESS

Once properly entered, all athletes must complete the declaration process.

- **DECLARATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON-LINE** at www.usatf.org. Athletes needing an alternative method of declaration may call 317-261-0476.
- Each athlete or his/her representative must declare whether that athlete will or will not compete in each event they have entered. The person declaring may submit any corrected or improved marks in each event entered.
- **Declarations begin at 3:00 p.m. ET on Monday, February 24, 2003 and close at 3:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, February 26, 2003.**
- In order to make a declaration, please have all the following information available:
 - 2003 USATF membership number
 - Your USATF membership password (see www.usatf.org/members-only/ for assistance)
 - Athlete's name
 - Athlete's affiliation
 - Event(s) declaring
 - Event(s) scratching
 - The qualifying mark and qualifying event
 - Name, location and date of event where qualified, meet director and facility names
 - Phone number for call-back questions
- Athletes not declaring by 3:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, February 26, 2003 will be scratched from the competition.
- Petitions for late declaration will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 4, 2003 and must be accompanied by a late declaration fee of \$100 payable by credit card. **Petitions may be filed by calling 317-261-0478 x 336.** Decisions on late declaration petitions will be acted upon by a special committee no later than Thursday, March 6, 2003.

DOPING CONTROL

Athletes who participate in this competition may be subject to drug testing in accordance with IAAF Procedural Guidelines for Doping Control or the Olympic Movement Anti-Doping Code. Drug testing, and the adjudication of positive findings, will be carried out by the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA). Athletes found to have committed a doping violation will be disciplined according to the USADA Protocol and suspended, if appropriate, according to applicable IAAF rules. Such penalties may result in a period of ineligibility as well as disqualification from the event. Any substance taken by an athlete is at his/her own risk and may result in a positive sample. **(This includes cold medicines, nutritional supplements, and some over the counter medicines).** Information on drugs and medications and about drug testing may be obtained by calling the USADA Drug Reference Hotline at **800-233-0393** or visiting the USADA website: www.usantidoping.org.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE TIME NECESSARY FOR PROVIDING A SAMPLE AND PROCESSING PAPERWORK AT THE END OF YOUR EVENT WHEN

MAKING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS.

ENTRY/DECLARATIONS QUESTIONS & PROBLEM

Call Duffy Mahoney at the USATF National Headquarters at (317-261-0478, x336) or email: duffy.mahoney@usatf.org.

ATHLETE ISSUES

Call Mike Conley at the USATF National Headquarters at (317-261-0478, x333) or email: michael.conley@usatf.org

CONDUCT OF COMPETITION QUESTIONS

Call Dick Moss at 770- 941-6792 or email: dechep@juno.com

WHAT'S MY USATF PASSWORD AND WHERE DO I FIND IT?

If you joined by paper application, it's:

- in the confirmation e-mail you received after registration (if you provided your e-mail address)
- on the membership card mailer (the backing your card was attached to when you received it in the mail)

If you joined online, it's also:

- on the confirmation webpage displayed after registration
- the password you chose during the registration process
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If you cannot remember your password, you can retrieve it by:

- visiting www.usatf.org/members-only and clicking on "Don't know your password?"
- calling USATF Member Services at 317-261-0478 x343