

2008 USA INDOOR COMBINED EVENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS



University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

***EVENT DATES:
March 8-9, 2008***

ENTRY BOOKLET

ENTRY INFORMATION

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ENTRY PROCESS: *January 1, 2008 – March 2, 2008 11:59 p.m. ET*

MEET DIRECTOR: *Dick Moss - 770-941-6792
email: dechep@bellsouth.net*

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: *Visit www.rdu.com for airport shuttle information.*

RENTAL CARS:	<i>Alamo</i>	<i>800-327-9633</i>
	<i>Avis</i>	<i>800-331-1212</i>
	<i>Budget</i>	<i>800-527-0700</i>
	<i>Dollar</i>	<i>800-800-4000</i>
	<i>Enterprise</i>	<i>800-736-8222</i>
	<i>Hertz</i>	<i>800-654-3131</i>
	<i>National</i>	<i>800-227-7368</i>
	<i>Thrifty</i>	<i>800-847-4389</i>

HOUSING: *Hampton Inn & Suites
6121 Farrington Rd
Chapel Hill, NC 27517 (919-403-8700)
Rate: \$89plus tax Single/Double with continental breakfast*

On-line reservation – www.hampton-inn.com/hi/chapelhillsuites

Reference: USA Track & Field

*******Deadline: Thursday, February 14, 2008*******

ATHLETES & COACHES MEETING

Meetings will be conducted at the Hampton Inn. Room location available upon arrival. Bib numbers will be distributed during meetings scheduled as follows:

Men's Heptathlon
Women's Pentathlon

Friday, March 7, 2008
Saturday, March 8, 2008

START TIMES – subject to change

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

QUALIFYING MARKS

Combined Events qualifying marks may be from indoor or outdoor competitions between January 6, 2007 and March 2, 2008.

The following will be contested as championship events:

Women's Pentathlon
Men's Heptathlon

Men's Qualifying Standards

Heptathlon 5450
Pentathlon 3850
Decathlon 7700

Women's Qualifying Standards

Pentathlon 3750
Heptathlon 5200

QUALIFYING STANDARDS

1. Qualifying marks must be made and verifiable in one of the following:
 - a. USATF- or IAAF-sanctioned events which prescribe to or exceed USATF rules of competition
 - b. Collegiate meets which prescribe to or exceed USATF rules of competition
 - c. meets or events which meet a minimum for competitiveness set by the Chair of the Sport Committee and determined to be valid by the USATF staff member responsible for verification.
2. Combined Events qualifying may be from indoor or outdoor competitions between January 6, 2007 and March 2, 2008.

ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE

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

- *For all athletes, a 2008 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 National Office at 317-713-4665. The fee is \$29.95. Visa, the only card accepted by USATF.*
- *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.*
- *USATF rule 11.3(b) concerning adding athletes to make a competitive field and USATF rule 10.3 (b) i and ii concerning automatic qualifications will be used.*

TRAVEL ALLOCATIONS

An allocation of funds will be provided first to the defending U.S. Indoor Combined Events Champion and then to the top four ranked indoor performers, based on the 2008 U.S. Indoor List.

If the defending U.S. Indoor Combined Events Champion is NOT entered and qualified for the Indoor Combined Events Championships by the on-time entry deadline (Sunday, March 2, 2008 by 11:59 pm ET), funding will then be allocated to the top five (5) ranked performers in each event who have entered by the on-time entry deadline and have met the qualifying mark.

For this allocation, funds will be awarded to the top ranked athletes based on rankings in the indoor Heptathlon and Pentathlon events, and NOT performances/point scores achieved in alternate qualifying events (i.e. decathlon, a composite of event times/distances, or outdoor Heptathlon or Pentathlon). The only exception to this would be in the case of the allocation to the indoor combined Defending Champion, who simply needs to be ENTERED AND QUALIFIED in order to be allocated and, therefore, could use an alternate distance/time.

In addition to the payments as described above, an allocation of funds will be provided to those athletes who were not allocated funding prior to the

Indoor Combined Events Championships but who place in the top three (3) in the event at the 2008 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships.

In order to be eligible for the Indoor Combined Events Championships travel allocations, an athlete must be a current USATF member in good standing; must have entered by the on-time entry deadline (Sunday, March 2, 2008 by 11:59 pm ET); must have met the qualifying standard set by USATF no later than the on-time entry deadline; and must be a citizen of the United States of America who is eligible to represent the USA in international competition.

** All athletes except the defending champion must have a 2008 indoor mark to qualify for funding.*

Notes:

- *Travel funding breakdown:*
 - *Airfare – based on a “Supersaver” fare (21 day advance purchase/ Saturday night stay over)*
 - *Per Diem/Accommodations will be a flat rate of \$250*
- *Travel funding distribution:*
 - *Athletes who qualify for pre-allocations will receive their checks at packet pick-up prior to the Championships.*
 - *Athletes who qualify for post-allocations will receive their checks via mail (U.S. Postal Service) after all drug testing results have become final.*

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 place and a Bronze Medal to third and fourth places.

PRIZE MONEY

For the 2008 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships, USA Track & Field will pay prize money to the first- through third-place finishers. The prize structure is as follows:

<i>First Place</i>	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Second Place</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Third Place</i>	<i>\$ 500</i>

Prize money will be distributed after 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 Combined Events 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:

- A 2008 USATF MEMBERSHIP IS REQUIRED TO ENTER.*
- All entries must be submitted on-line at www.usatf.org (click on National Championships on the homepage and then on USA Indoor Combined Events Championships).*
- On-line entry is the only method of entry. No other form of entry will be accepted.*
- On-time entries are those that are completed on-line between Tuesday, January 1, 2008 and Sunday, March 2, 2008, 11:59 p.m. ET. An entry fee of \$25 must accompany the entry.*
- A Help Line is available for those who need help with the entry process. For assistance call 317-713-4689 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ET, Monday -Friday.*
- The Status of Entries/Declarations web page updates hourly: www.usatf.org*
- In order to enter on-line, please have the following information available:*

- a) *Your 2008 USATF membership number*
 - b) *Your USATF membership password*
(see www.usatf.org/members-only/ for assistance)
 - c) *The qualifying mark and qualifying event*
 - d) *Name, location and date of event where qualified*
 - e) *Athlete's affiliation*
 - f) *Coach and/or agent phone number*
 - g) *An updated athlete location form on file with USADA if you are in the Out-Of-Competition Drug-Testing Pool (OOC).*
 - h) *Credit card information: "VISA, the only card accepted by USA Track & Field"*
- *Late entries are those that are completed on-line after 11:59 p.m. ET on Sunday, March 2 through Monday, March 3, 11:59 p.m. ET. Late entries must be accompanied by the \$25 entry fee PLUS A LATE ENTRY FEE OF \$50.*
 - *On-line entries and other fees must be paid by credit card. "VISA, the only card accepted by USA Track & Field."*
 - *All performances are subject to verification.*
 - *Athletes are encouraged to enter even if they have not yet met the qualifying standard. However, athletes will not be permitted to compete unless they have:*
 - a) *A 2008 USATF membership*
 - b) *Completed the entry process*
 - c) *Met the entry standard by March 2, 2008*
 - d) *An updated athlete location form on file with USADA if in the Out-of-Competition Drug-Testing Pool (OOC)*
 - e) *Completed the declaration process*

Proof of qualifying performance, if required, must be submitted to USATF no later than 1:00 p.m. ET, Tuesday, March 4, 2008. Any submittal received after this date will not be accepted. Please contact stats@usatf.org for verification procedures.

DECLARATION PROCESS

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

- *DECLARATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON-LINE at www.usatf.org.*
- *On-line is the only method of declaration. No other form of declaration will be accepted.*
- *Declarations begin at 9:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, March 4, 2008 and close at 11:59 p.m. ET on Tuesday, March 4, 2008.*
- *A Help Line is available for those who need help with the declaration process. For assistance call 317-713-4689 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. ET, Monday -Friday.*
- *Each athlete or his/her representative must declare whether that athlete will or will not compete in the event they have entered. The person declaring may submit any corrected or improved marks in the event entered.*
- *The Status of Entries/Declarations web page updates hourly: www.usatf.org*
- *In order to make a declaration, please have the following information available:*
 - a) *2008 USATF membership number*
 - b) *Your USATF membership password*
(see www.usatf.org/members-only/ for assistance)
 - c) *Athlete's name*
 - d) *Athlete's affiliation*
 - e) *Event declaring*
 - f) *Event scratching*
 - g) *Any updated qualifying mark and qualifying event*
 - h) *Name, location and date of event where qualified, and meet director*
 - i) *Phone number for call-back questions*
- *Petitions for late declaration will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 and must be accompanied by a late declaration fee of \$100 payable by credit card only. Petitions may be filed by calling 317-713-4689. Decisions on late declaration petitions will be acted upon by a special committee no later than Thursday, March 6, 2008.*

Drug Testing

Athletes who participate in this competition are subject to drug testing performed by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) in accordance with the USADA Protocol for Olympic Movement Testing.

BE ALERT – Knowing your rights and responsibilities may save you from making a mistake that could jeopardize your athletic career. The use of ALL dietary supplements is “at the athlete’s own risk of committing a doping violation.” Please see page 50 of the 2007 Guide to Prohibited Substance and Prohibited Methods of Doping (www.usada.org/go/prohibitedguide) for additional information on dietary supplements. Check out the Test Alert Card for key details every athlete should know prior to competing: www.usada.org/go/testalert.

BE AWARE – Testing may take place at any time or after any round – preliminary, qualifying, or final – USADA typically selects place finishers and random athletes. Athletes have 60 minutes from the time they are notified of being selected for testing to arrive at the Doping Control Station and will be accompanied by a chaperone during that time..

BE CLEAN – Checking to see if the medication you take is allowed could be the difference between passing your test and serving a doping ban. A search on USADA’s easy to use Drug Reference Online™ (www.usada.org/dro) or a quick call to USADA’s Drug Reference Line™ (1-800-233-0393) and following-up with any necessary forms is all it takes to pass with flying colors.

BE INFORMED – Watching USADA’s short testing video will familiarize you with the drug testing process: www.usada.org/what/process/. When making travel arrangements please allow enough time for drug testing at the end of your event. This will include providing a sample and processing paperwork.

The adjudication of anti-doping rule violations or refusals to test will be carried out by USADA. Athletes found to have committed a doping violation will be disciplined according to penalties specified by the World Anti-Doping Code and, if appropriate, applicable IAAF rules. Such penalties may result in a period of ineligibility as well as disqualification from the event.

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

VAULTING POLES

Athletes who wish to ship their poles directly to the University of North Carolina should ship them to:

*USATF Combined Events Championships
University of North Carolina
Eddie Smith Field House
100C Ridge Road
Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27515*

ENTRY/DECLARATIONS QUESTIONS & PROBLEMS

Call the USATF Indoor Championships Help Line at 317-713-4689

CONDUCT OF COMPETITION QUESTIONS

*Call Meet Director
Dick Moss
770-941-6792
e-mail: dechep@bellsouth.net*

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*

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 317-713-4665*