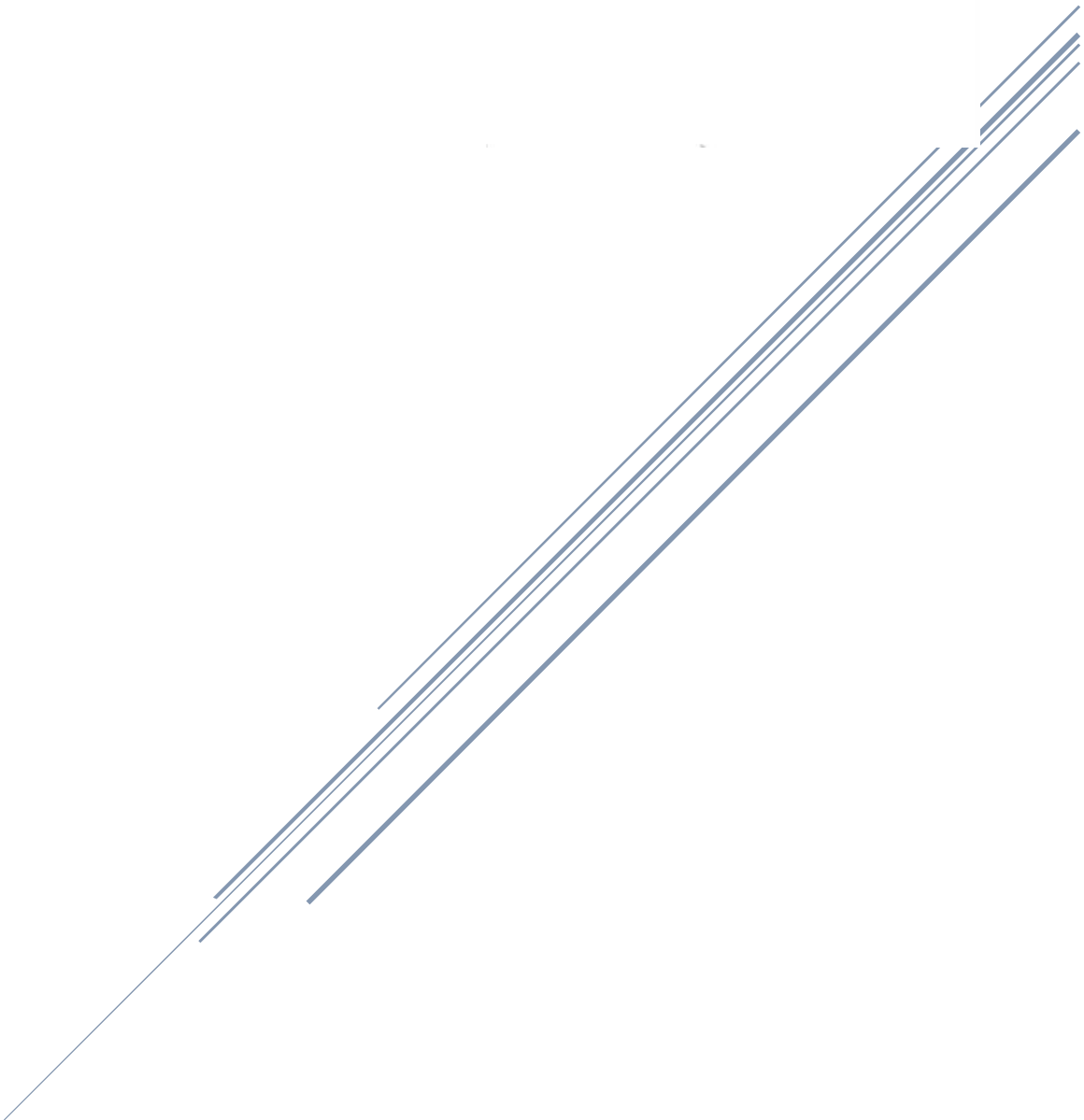


NORTH FLORIDA
YOUTH TRACK LEAGUE



North Florida Youth Track League

North Florida Youth Track League (NFYTL) is a youth developmental league, focused on the advancement of youth track and field in the North Florida Region.

Our vision is to be an essential part of the rejuvenation of track & field in youth athletics - one developmental meet at a time.

Our mission is to provide developmental opportunities in track and field for elementary and middle school age athletes. Providing developmental track and field meets during the spring season while given platforms and tools to ensure each athlete thrives and not just survives. The goal is to always strive for the individual athlete to compete against their personal best. Every practice and track and field meet is the opportunity to do just that.

NFYTL is a track league for all levels of youth track athletes. NFYTL is open to Clubs, Schools, and unattached athletes. The league's focus is on the elementary and middle school age athletes (5-14/K-8).

NFYTL will host a series of developmental track meets during the spring season. We will host the NFYTL Championship in mid-April at the end of the season.

Below you will find a Q&A about NFYTL:

- ***What time do the meets start?***

Unless otherwise noted on the meet schedule, gates open at 8:00am, and events may start as early as 9:00 a.m.

- ***Who can participate?***

Anyone age 5-14/K-8 may enter these developmental meets. Clubs, schools, and unattached athletes are all welcome.

- ***Is USATF or AAU membership required?***

No

- ***How much does it cost to enter each meet?***

The entry fee is \$20 per athlete (Spring Championships \$25 per athlete) and \$150 per middle school. Entry and spectator fees defray costs for facility rental, custodial hours, security, event crew, medals and awards, FAT timing, online registration, and event supplies. Thank you for your support.

- ***Is there a separate fee for relays?***

No. The athlete entry fee is a flat fee that covers all events, including relays.

- ***What is the spectator fee?***

The spectator fee is \$15 per person. \$12 Early Bird (purchase before day of the event). All ticketing will be done online through S34T online ticketing at www.S34T.com. The following persons enter without charge: registered athletes, certified coaches, event volunteers, and persons under age 4. Entry and spectator fees defray costs for facility rental, custodial hours, security, event crew, medals and awards, FAT timing, online registration, and event supplies. Thank you for your support.

- ***Are coaches charged an entry fee?***

Coaches of clubs/schools with 1-9 entries are entitled to one band for free entry; 10-19 entries, 2 bands; 20-29 entries, 3 bands; 30-39 entries, 4 bands, and 40+ entries, 5 bands.

- ***Are coaches permitted in and around the competition venues during competition?***

Absolutely. Coaches may remain infield and in the proximity of field event venues throughout the meet to observe, instruct, and otherwise coach their athletes - provided they do not interfere with the progression of the meet. One exception is the North Florida Youth Track League Series Spring Championships where coaches are expected to remain outside the competition venues.

- ***Is club membership required?***

No

A club or school affiliation is not required. Athletes not affiliated with a club or school will register as "unattached".

- ***Is there an age minimum?***

Yes. This league is for boys and girls age 5-14/K-8. Eligibility date is age as of September 1st of the current year. This league was developed to give elementary and middle school age athletes an opportunity to compete during the High school track season. Also to help minimize early season travel for local track athletes and club programs. Competition age is determined by the athlete's age as of September 1 of the current year.

- ***Are age groups combined in competition?***

Yes, on occasion. In instances where there are few athletes in a single age division, efficiency may dictate combining age divisions to form a single heat. Even so, athletes will be awarded medals within their respective age divisions.

- ***Who gets medals and awards?***

At each meet, athletes finishing in first, second and third place, in each event, in each age division, by gender, receive Ribbons.

- ***Are starting blocks required?***

Starting blocks are not required. However, starting blocks are optional for athletes age 14 and younger. Starting blocks are provided at every meet (if available). Athletes may bring their own starting blocks.

- ***Are implements provided?***

Athletes must bring their own batons, blocks (if not available) and implements.

- ***What are the competition rules?***

North Florida Youth Track League relies on the USATF Competition Rules unless otherwise stated on the meet schedule.

- ***Are there uniform restrictions?***

No. Uniforms are not required. Sunglasses and jewelry are not prohibited. Athletic shoes are required. Spikes (1/8) are permitted but are not required. Headphones are not permitted during competition.

- ***When/where are meet results posted?***

A FAT timing system is used to record performance marks and times. During the meet, results are available at the awards desk and the timer's website. After the meet, final results are submitted to athletic.net and flrunners.com.

- ***Is there late registration?***

No. Registration after the deadline is not permitted

- ***Can changes be made to event entries after registration?***

Yes, but only for 5 minutes following the Coaches meeting.

- ***Who do we contact in the event of an emergency?***

For matters requiring immediate attention, contact the Meet Director at nfyouthtrackleague@gmail.com

COMPETITION AGE CHART

AGE/GRADE

8 & Under (K-2nd Grade)

9-10 (3rd - 4th Grade)

11-12 (5th - 6th Grade)

13-14 (7th – 8th Grade)