

MPTC would like to present the measures that we are taking to make our Home Meet on Saturday, July 11 safe and successful for all athletes and families in attendance:

1. The number of athletes will be greatly reduced compared to prior years. We are able to control this number with athletic.net (which is where athletes register for our meet), and we have split the meet between a morning and an afternoon session. We have set a deadline for registration as July 3 so that we will have a firm number on athletes by Monday, July 6. ****Note: final numbers are 118 athletes for the morning session and 191 athletes for the afternoon session. If you have an athlete in the morning session, please plan to leave the facility when this session is over or your athlete is finished competing.**
2. The area that we have taken the most precautions is clerking. We will use the multi-purpose field to spread out athletes as they check in for their running events one heat at a time. We will have separate tents for boys and girls with X's marking six feet apart. As the athletes approach the check in table, we will paint X marks on the grass to indicate where they are to stand so that they are six feet apart. Once it is time to move that heat, they will proceed to the shelter next to the track. Then they will be led onto the infield to wait for their heat to run. We will have smaller heats than in previous years for distance events, and sprints will run one athlete per lane. Masks will be worn by all clerking volunteers and each station will have hand sanitizer and wipes.
3. Field events are spread between the infield of the track, the football field and Cario. We will have only one flight under the tent and competing at one time. Flight = 10 kids. We will have hand sanitizer and wipes at each field event. Shot Put and Discus are at Cario, Javelin will be on the football field, Pole Vault is at one end of the infield, High Jump has two separate pits and Long Jump has two separate pits. All shared implements will be wiped down between each athlete.
4. We will be handing out individual small bottles of water at the finish line instead of cups of water from a large cooler. This will be for all running events, but field event athletes must bring their own water.
5. There will be no concession stand this year to avoid hand to hand contact. Everyone must **BRING THEIR OWN FOOD AND DRINKS!**
6. We will send out communication via email to other teams registered to limit the number of people to one parent per athlete. This is mandatory and will be monitored at the gate by the MPRD. Also, if anyone who has been in contact recently with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 you should self quarantine and not participate in our meet.
7. We believe that it does not benefit the athletes or traveling families to extend our meet to more than one day. All of our athletes (excluding a handful of pole vaulters) compete in more than one event. By extending the meet to multiple days, we are putting the burden of expenses and a hotel stay on families outside of Charleston.
8. We will indicate spots for family tents that are 6' apart, and encourage families to stay under their tent unless competing or cheering for their athlete in a race or field event.
9. We will have tables at clerking and around the venue with hand sanitizer and wipes and a sign that encourages social distancing. Athletes and volunteers will be required to use hand sanitizer at each event and wear a mask. All commonly used equipment will be wiped between each athlete (javelins, shot put and discus). Announcers will remind everyone to practice social distancing every 30 minutes over the loud speakers.
10. Monitoring at the two entrances to the facility will be done by the MPRD to ensure only one parent per athlete enters the facility. We do not charge an entry fee to our meet, so this would just be for monitoring purposes. Athletes and families will come and go throughout the days so the maximum number of people allowed in the venue will fluctuate all day long. **We do not have an awards ceremony** at the end of our meet, so there will be **NO GATHERING** of teams at any time. All volunteers must enter wearing their red MPTC t-shirt and have their mask ready to put on when their shift begins.

11. We will encourage everyone at the venue to wear a mask when outside of their family tent. Because social distancing is possible at the meet, we do not feel masks are a requirement per the town council's ordinance on Monday, June 29.

Thank you!

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