

2026 USATF Illinois Association Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships

Proviso East High School
807 S. First Avenue
Maywood, Illinois 60153
June 26-28, 2026

AGE DIVISIONS & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

Age Divisions

8 & under (born 2018 & later)

9-10 (born 2016-2017)

11-12 (born 2014-2015)

13-14 (born 2012-2013)

15-16 (born 2010-2011)

17-18 (born 2008-2009)

* Athletes who are still 18 through the final day of the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships are eligible to compete in the 17-18 age division through that meet.

Individuals: Only U.S. citizens, aliens living in the United States and foreign exchange students are eligible to compete in these Championships. See the USATF Rules for more information and exceptions. A competitor must compete in his/her age division only. There will be no "moving up" in any events, including relays. Competitors in the 8 & under, 9-10, and 11-12 divisions may compete in a maximum of three (3) events, including relays. Competitors in the 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18 divisions may compete in a maximum of four (4) events, including relays. All athletes must be 2026 members of USATF in good standing.

A valid 2026 USATF Membership and Proof of Birth (which must be uploaded to the athlete's profile) are needed to compete.

Relay Teams: Only registered 2026 USATF member clubs may enter a relay team(s). All athletes representing the club must be affiliated with and members of that club as part of their USATF membership at the time of meet registration.

Para Olympic: We are offering PARA ambulatory and wheelchair events in addition to our regularly scheduled events. PARA athletes can compete in the following events: 100, 200, 400 and shot put. After PARA athletes are registered online, please email the office (usatfil@sbcglobal.net) advising of ambulatory or wheelchair status so that necessary adjustments can be made. It is the guardian's responsibility to register and pay for the event(s) on the registration site prior to the deadline. On site (day of event) registration will not be accepted.

The registration site is www.athletic.net and the link: <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/651643/register>

There deadline for registration is Tuesday, June 23, at 5:00 pm. The registration deadline will not be extended.

***Note: New entry registrations, changes, or substitutions will not be accepted at the meet site.**

FEES: The fees are: \$10.00 per event and \$40.00 per relay.

For questions, contact us at: usatfil@sbcglobal.net

Combined Events: Will not be contested at the Association Championships. It will be contested during the USATF Region 7 Track & Field Junior Olympics, July 9-12, Terra Haute, Indiana. Meet information will be posted at the following site: <https://indiana.usatf.org/26region7ff-1>.

AWARDS: USATF Junior Olympic medals will be awarded to the top three (3) individuals and the top three (3) relay teams in each event of each age division. Awards are available 30 minutes after the completion of the event.

ADVANCEMENTS: The top **twelve (12)** finishers in each event of each age division will advance to the USATF Region 7 Championships to be held July 9-12, in Indiana..

The National Junior Olympic Championships will be held Monday, July 27, through Sunday, August 2, 2026. Location in Norwalk, California. The top eight (8) athletes and relay teams from the Region 7 Championships will qualify for the National Championships.

OTHER NATIONAL TRACK MEETS (effective January 1, 2026)

Athletes competing at the Championship level at the Nike, New Balance, or Adidas Invitational meets on this same weekend may request a waiver to the regional meet. Please send an [email](#) if you are interested in a waiver. You must still register and pay for the athlete's events for the Illinois Association Championships.

IMPLEMENT WEIGH-IN: Will be at the track one hour before each event in the SP/Discus area. If the athlete is unable to check in, a coach or a parent can have the implement weighed.

EVENT CHECK-IN: There are separate check-in areas for running and field events. Field events athletes check in at the field event. Running events athletes must check in the "check-in tent" once the announcement is made. All athletes are required to REMAIN in the designated warm-up area after checking in.

If an athlete is in a field event when a running event is called, the athlete MUST notify the Field Event Judge that they need to check in for the running event. The Event Judge will notify the Head Field Judge and they will notify the Clerking Tent that the athlete is at a Field Event. At the final call, a Meet Official will escort the athlete to the clerking tent.

Effective 2026: Athletes 10 & under will be returned to the hiping and clerking area after competition. They must be picked up by a coach or parent.

PACKET PICK UP:

Proviso East High School, June 26th, packet pick up starts at 11:00 am at the track and each morning of competition starting at 7:30 a.m.

Competitors must wear their assigned bib numbers during competition on the front on their jersey. **If an athlete loses the bib number, a replacement can be purchased for a fee of \$10.00. The replacement wrist band (athlete) fee is \$10.00.**

If a coach band is lost, it will not be replaced and coaches' privileges are revoked, and the coach will have to pay the entry fee at the gate.

EVENT RESULTS: During competition, event results will be posted available at <https://results.shazamracing.com>. At the completion of the meet, event results will be posted at www.usatfillinois.org. Go to Association Championships/All Results.

PROTESTS: There is a **\$100.00 (cash)** fee for all protests. Checks will not be accepted. Protests must be submitted to the Protest Referee within 30 minutes of a result that is announced or posted. The protest fee will be refunded if the protest is upheld. Judgment calls cannot be protested. Only rule violations can be protested and you must cite the rule that is in violation. All protests must be presented by the head coach if the athlete is on a team. Or the parent or coach of an unattached athlete.

RULES – CONDUCT & FACILITY: The following are not permitted in the facility.

Smoking

Glass or metal containers

Weapons, fireworks, explosives or munitions

Laser pointers

Gum on the track or the infield

Pets

Skates, skateboards, or roller blades

Plastic bottles and coolers are permitted but are subject to inspection by security personnel at the gate entrance.

GATE ADMISSION FEES The daily entrance fee is \$10.00 **CASH at either location**. Children four (4) and under and those coaches who are listed in the coaches' registry will be allowed to enter at no cost. Pending coaches' applications **WILL NOT** be accepted for free entrance.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the case of inclement weather and we are forced to postpone an event, it is the responsibility of the competitor to check for the adjusted time schedule. Instructions will be provided and announced.

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Order of Events

Friday, June 26

Coaches meeting 2:00 pm

Running Events 3:00 pm

4x100 F
fx100 F Coed (FFMM) (15 & Up)
4x800 F
4x800 F Coed (MFMF) (15 & up)
200 P

Field Events at 12:00 noon

Pole Vault Boys
Javelin (Girls & Boys 13-18, oldest to youngest)

Field Events 3:00 pm

Pole Vault (Girls)
Triple Jump (Girls)
Long Jump (Girls up to 12)
Javelin (Girls & Boys 8-12, oldest to youngest)

Saturday, June 27

Running Events 9:00 am

1500/3000 Race Walks
200/400H F
3000 F
100 P
800 F
100 F
4x400 F Coed Mixed (MFMF) (15 & up)

Field Events 9:00 am

Discus (Girls)
High Jump (Boys)
Triple Jump (Boys)
Long Jump (Girls 13-18)
Shot Put (Boys)

Sunday, June 28

Running Events 9:00 am

110/100/80H P*
10 Minutes Break
80/100/110H F ** (Boys 13-14 height is 36)**
400 F
1500 F
200 F
4x400 F

Field Events 9:00 am

High Jump (Girls)
#1 Long Jump (Boys up to 12)
#2 Long Jump (Boys 13-18)
Shot Put (Girls)
Discus (Boys)

Notes:

1. Unless otherwise noted, the starting order shall be younger to older, girls followed by boys per age group.
2. Athletes participating in field events must provide their own implements.
3. Schedules are subject to change. It is your responsibility to continue to check for recent updates.
4. PARA athletes compete in the "finals" time slot if prelims are scheduled. An example of prelims to finals is the 100m.
5. We reserve the right to remove any athlete, parent or coach displaying unsportsmanlike conduct.

Key — P = Prelim, F = Finals