

Youth Athletics Meeting Report 2013 February Semi-Annual Meeting

2012 Cross Country

Ohio Association Junior Olympic Championships were held on November 10th at Hilliard Davidson High School in Hilliard, Ohio.

Did not have a region 5 Championships this year - athletes qualified for the National Championships directly from the Association Championships

National Championships were in Albuquerque, New Mexico on December 8, 2012.

If anyone is interested in hosting a cross country meet this year, send an email to usatfohio@gmail.com.

Indoor Track & Field

Did not have a meet this year.

Will have a meet in January 2014.

Will be an invitational meet for youth in 2014 - no USATF membership required.

2013 Summer Track & Field Outdoor Schedule

Go to the youth website for information on the meets on our schedule.

We have five invitational meets and four developmental meets this year.

Junior Olympic program has four meets.

- Ohio Association Combined Events meet on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th at Thomas Worthington High School in Columbus, Oh.
- Ohio Association Individual Events meet on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd at Cedarville University in Cedarville, Oh.
- Region 5 meet on July 11th to July 14th at Olivet College in Olivet, Michigan.
Combined events will be July 11th and 12th. Individual events will be July 13th and 14th.
- National championships on July 22nd to July 28th at Carolina A&T in Greensboro, NC.

Junior Outdoor meet on June 19th to June 22nd in Des Moines, Iowa

Youth Outdoor meet on June 25th to June 30th at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Illinois.

The youth trials for the World Youth Championships will also be held at Southern Illinois University on June 25th and 26th.

Track & Field Clinics

Held three clinics in 2012 (pole vault, javelin and race walk). No charge to participants.

Would like to hold three or more in 2013. If anyone is interested in doing a clinic in one of the following (triple jump, steeplechase, hurdles, hammer, or anything else) send an email to usatfohio@gmail.com.

Will be holding a throws clinic for athletes going to the youth trials (see above) on Saturday, June 22nd in conjunction with association JO meet in Cedarville (see above). This will give them a chance to throw the implements used in the World Youth Championships.

Youth Athletics Income

In 2012 we used \$ 5,600 of our youth athletics income to help our athletes and their families.

Paid Cedarville college \$ 4,000 (\$ 2,000 each for our two meets) so that families would not have to pay an admission charge each day to watch the meet.

Held three clinics at a cost of \$ 400 with no cost to the participants.

Reimbursed athletes a total of \$ 1,200 for entry fees at the Youth Nationals, JO Nationals and Junior Outdoors

Also gave a total of \$ 1,500 to the officials that worked the association and region meets as a thank you for their dedication to our youth program.

Miscellaneous Items

Age group designations have been changed from bantam, midget, youth, etc. to year age groups 9-10, 11-12, 13-14, etc.

Youth Level II coaching course was cancelled in 2012 because not enough coaches signed up for the course. Not sure if they will set one up for this year.

Club memberships are done on-line by the club. Association membership chair receives notice of club application and has to approve the application before National completes the process.

If a club does batch processing for their athletes membership, they now must put the athletes information down and not the clubs information. National wants to make sure athletes are getting all the information they should be receiving from National.

Coach O has two grants for clubs (\$ 1,000 and \$ 500) to be used for either equipment or travel. Go to the Coach O site for more information.

2014 National Meet locations: Youth Athletics (Bloomington, Indiana); JO Track & Field (Houston, Texas) and JO Cross Country (Myrtle Beach, South Carolina).

Reminder that athletes date of birth has to be verified before they can enter the Ohio Association Junior Olympic Championships. Coach O meet entry system will not allow athletes to enter the meet if the USATF data base does not show that date of birth has been verified. If athletes date of birth has not been verified, proof of date of birth should be sent to our membership chair when membership number is obtained (need membership in order to verify date of birth). PO Box 26305, Dayton, Oh 45426

Reminder that athlete waiver forms have to be turned in at the Ohio Association Junior Olympics Championships before an athlete can get their competitor number. Waiver form can be downloaded from Coach O when athlete enters the meet or can be downloaded from our youth web site (will be posted when we get it from the National office). Form has to be completely filled out, including both the athlete and parent/guardian signature if athlete is under 18 years of age. Only athlete needs to sign if 18 or over.

Go to our youth web site <https://sites.google.com/site/usatfohioyouth> regularly for updated information on our youth program.