

# Austintown Middle School Track Invitational

2011

**Saturday, May 14, 2010**

**Coaches Meeting – 8:45AM**

**Running Events – 9:00AM**

**Field Events: 9:15AM**

**Dear Coach,**

Austintown Middle School welcomes you and your team to a track and field meet at Fitch Falcon Stadium on the campus of Austintown Fitch High School. Our facility consists of an 8-Lane, 400 meter all-weather track. The shot put pad and discus pad are concrete, while the pole vault, long jump and high jump surfaces are all weather-rubberized surfaces. We permit only the use of rubber-soled shoes or 1/4” spikes on these surfaces. **Athletes wearing spikes exceeding this limit will be disqualified.** To have a successful meet, we are asking you to provide your athletes with the following information:

**1. Entry Fee: \$70.00 per team. (\$140.00 for both Boys and Girls). Checks payable to Austintown Fitch Athletics. Remit by May 9, 2010 to:**

**Rob Conklin  
Austintown Fitch High School  
4560 Falcon Drive  
Austintown, Ohio 44512**

**2. Starting Blocks:** Each team is responsible for providing starting blocks for their athletes. We will not delay the start of any race for those athletes who fail to bring blocks to the starting line. **Starting blocks may only have 1/4” spikes.**

**3. Team Warm-ups are not permitted on the football field.** An announcement on the PA will be made allowing warm-ups prior to the start of the first running event at 9:00 AM, at which point all non-competing athletes must exit the track for the stands.

**4. Non-competing Athletes** must remain in the stands until their event is called. A non-competing athlete who interferes with athletes in a race (i.e. Walking in front of them, etc.) will be disqualified from further competition in the meet and their teammates in that race will be disqualified. (Rule 4,5,6)

**5. Clerk of Course** is located at the start of the 100 and hurdles and for **all other races athletes will report according to PA announcements.** Please tell your athletes where to report for their races. **Athletes and Relay teams who do not report to the Clerk by the 3RD CALL will not be allowed to participate in that event.**

**5. Spectators are not permitted on the track, infield areas, or at the finish line.** Parents and fans are permitted in the stands and behind crowd control fences on each side of the track.

**6. Finish Line Personnel-** Only **officials** are permitted at the finish line. Tell your athletes they do not belong there unless they are participating in an event. **Times will not be provided to the athletes.**

**7. Admission:** Adults: \$4.00 Students: \$2.00

**8. Rest rooms** are located at the north and south end of each stands. **There are no locker room facilities available.**

**9. Field Event Athletes** must report and check in at the field event before the competition begins, except in the case of the Shot Put and Discus where they can check in prior to their flight. **The shot put and discus are located at the scoreboard end of the stadium.**

a. The Shot Put, Discus and Long Jump will be competed as a final and each contestant will be given **4 trials.**

**NOTE:**

- **We will be utilizing the 34.92 degrees sector for both shot put and discus.**
- **No competitors are to retrieve their own implements.**
- **Absolutely no warm-ups without a coach or official present.**

**10. 10 MINUTE RULE WILL BE USED. Running events take precedence over field events.** Athletes excused to compete in another event must make themselves available for their next trial within **10 minutes** after being excused. High Jumpers/Pole Vaulters who have not returned within ten minutes will be credited with a **“PASS”** and the bar will be raised to the next height; in the shot put and discus, the athlete will be credited with a **“failed trial.”** Athletes in the shot put, discus and long jump may take their trials out of order and in succession before they leave.

**11. TRACK UNIFORMS:**

Please review with your athletes **OHSAA 2011 Manual regarding uniforms and jewelry on pages 15 and 16.** Athletes who compete in an **illegal track uniform** are in violation of these rules and will be disqualified. Our officials have been instructed to check contestants carefully before an event begins. Members of your team who are not dressed according to the guidelines established by the OHSAA will not be permitted to enter and compete in any event. It is the **responsibility of the coach** to make sure each athlete is dressed in the approved traditional track uniform **before** competition begins. We will not delay the start of an event to allow all athletes to change into a legal uniform. Enclosed is a checklist you can use to make sure your athletes comply with the OHSAA uniform regulations.

Removal of any part of the team uniform, excluding shoes, while in the **competition area** as defined by the Games Committee may result in disqualification. The competition area for track meets held at Fitch High School includes the track, infield, all areas around the track, the grandstands, and all field events areas. Please review Rule 4.3.4 on p.26 in your Rule Book with your athletes.

**Rule 4-3-3 Contestants shall not wear jewelry with the exception of religious or medical medals. If such medals are worn, they shall be taped to the body under the uniform. This change means no earrings or other body piercing adornments, bracelets, necklaces, etc.**

**The uniform rules apply to all track and field athletes in high school and junior high school. Coaches, officials or administrators do not have the authority to set aside this rule or any other rule.**

**12. Scoring based on a single divisional meet.**

**13. It is requested that Coach's Verification/Certification Forms, found in your packet upon arrival, be turned in upon arrival.**

**Please contact the following with any concerns or problems:**

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