



PLEASE READ CAREFULLY REVISED MEET INFORMATION as of June 17th, 2020

Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge (Youth/Open/Masters)

Hosted by the City of Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach Track & Field Club

NEW RESCHEDULED DATES: Friday July 24th- Sunday July 26th, 2020

Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium (Myrtle Beach, SC)

“Track is Back at the Beach”: As sporting events around the country are beginning to return, we have reimagined the running of this track and field meet to align with the current environment of social distancing, hygiene and safety precautions that are recommended during the current pandemic. Please read carefully the following revised meet information.

COVID-19 STATEMENT OF PARTICIPATION FOR “AT-RISK” INDIVIDUALS: It is strongly recommended that individuals considered by the CDC to be “at-risk” not participate in this event in any capacity. This would include: individuals over the age of 65, individuals who live in nursing homes, individuals with underlying medical conditions, noted by the CDC, which place them at higher risk, such as chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, diabetes, serious heart conditions, severe obesity (BMI > 40), chronic kidney or liver disease, and individuals who are immunocompromised or live with someone who is immunocompromised. **If “at-risk” individuals choose to participate, it is strongly recommended that they get clearance from their healthcare provider.**

COVID-19 EVENT GUIDELINES AND POLICIES: The City of Myrtle Beach Sports Tourism Staff are making all preparations for the event by prioritizing above all the safety of all those involved (participants, spectators, meet officials and city staff) using the latest guidelines from the CDC, DHEC South Carolina and USATF. Please help everyone stay safe by practicing healthy hygiene, washing your hands frequently and feel free to use the hand sanitizer available throughout the stadium. It is recommended to wear a facemask in public. Practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from others, and properly dispose of your garbage in waste receptacles. The meet has been separated into four “Event Sessions” in order to limit the total number of people in the facility at any one time and to limit the interaction between Youth and Open/Masters age groups. (See tentative schedule at the end of this document).

FACILITY (Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium, 705 33rd Ave North, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577): The facility underwent a \$5+ million renovation in 2017. The common start-finish has been moved to the main grandstand (east) side of the stadium. The 100m, and 100/110HH events are now contested on the new straight-away in front of the main grandstand. Stadium Capacity (6,500) Lights for night events and New Video scoreboard with results. NCAA & NFHS Certified 400M track, Beynon Sports Surfaces Full Pour Polyurethane Synthetic Surface with Embedded Texture, Eight 42” lanes, sprint and short hurdles marked in both directions on both straightaways, South D-area (High Jump), North D-area (Steeplechase Water Jump, 4 Pole Vault runways), Long/Triple Jump (Inside the track oval, 2 runways with sand pits at each end (4 total pits) parallel to main straight), all throws are outside the track oval, Javelin runway is 4m x 36.5m same synthetic surface as track and solely dedicated landing area, NCAA Hammer/Discus cage with one recessed circle, 2 Shot Put circles with separate rock dust landing areas. **FLATS OR 1/4" SPIKES ONLY ON TRACK SURFACE.**

ELIGIBILITY/RULES: The Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge is an open event for age group, open and masters clubs and unattached individuals. Current USATF rules will govern all meet competition. Current USATF membership is NOT required to enter and compete.

INTENT TO COMPETE: Your Club Team must be on the Invited list to enter online. To be added to the Invited list you must complete and submit the Intent to Compete form on the Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge page at <https://www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com/club-challenge-intent-to-compete-form.html>

HOTELS:

The Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge will be offering discounted rates for lodging at several ocean front partner properties. We are working on revised hotel information based on the new rescheduled dates.

Visit www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com for more information and updates



THINGS TO DO/VISIT MYRTLE BEACH: What a better location to support your team with all the activities the Myrtle Beach area offers. 60 miles of sun, surf and sand are not the only things the Myrtle Beach area has to offer. Whether you are ready to relax by the beach or take a ride on a jet ski, the Myrtle Beach Area offers it all. Check out all the in between games/competitions. There are so many fun activities to choose from, it'll be hard to do it all. Go to the <https://www.visitmyrtlebeach.com/things-to-do/> to find out more about fun-filled entertainment options, 100's of restaurants, shopping and so much more! Come play, stay and dine in the Myrtle Beach area and see what all awaits you in between competitions.

AGE GROUPS:

Please be advised we will NOT be offering an 8 & under age group for this event, due to the challenges of maintaining social distancing with groups of young children.

The USATF age divisions for this meet and the competition year 2020 are as follows:

<i>Age Division</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>
9 - 10	2010-2011
11 - 12	2008-2009
13 - 14	2006-2007
15 - 16	2004-2005
17 - 18	2002-2003*
Open	No age limits or 19-29
Masters	(30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85-89, 90-94, 95-99, 100+)

* Athletes who are still 18 through the final day of competition for the Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge are eligible to compete in the 17-18 age division through that meet.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND ENTRY LIMITS:

It is strongly recommended to register and enter events as soon as possible as events and/or event sessions may sell out based on venue capacity and social distancing guidelines. There is no fee to register at Athletics.net

Entry Limits: A competitor in the 9-10 or 11-12 year old divisions may enter a maximum of (3) three events. Competitors in the 13-14, 15-16 or 17-18 year old divisions may enter a maximum of (4) four events. Entries are open on-line at <https://www.athletic.net/TrackAndField/meet/395688/register> (Your club must be on the invited list to enter on-line through your club affiliation or you can enter the meet unattached directly through Athletic.net).

On-line Registration Entry Deadline is 11:59pm ET Friday July 17th 2020.

ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT PROCESS:

\$10 per Youth Athlete who is registered with a Club Team;

\$25 per Youth Athlete who is Unattached (this includes 1 all session wristband for a relative/coach);

\$25 per Open/Masters Athlete

Please DO NOT pay entry fees prior to Friday July 10th. We want to make sure this event is viable prior to collecting entry fees. A reminder will be sent to all registered athletes and clubs prior to the opening of the payment window. Beginning July 10th ALL entry fees MUST be prepaid and are non-refundable unless the event is canceled. We will NOT be taking entry fees the day of the meet. If we do not receive your entry fee by the posted deadlines your entries will not be accepted into the meet. Entry fees can be paid either by check via mail or credit card on-line.

Make checks payable to "The City of Myrtle Beach" 1011 Crabtree Lane, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 Attn: VMB Club Challenge. Please do not postmark prior to July 10th. Checks must be received by Wednesday July 22nd, 5:00pm.

A link to pay on-line via Pay Pal will be made available on July 10th. There will be a \$2.50 service charge per transaction.

HEAT SHEETS/FINAL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: Will be posted at <https://www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com/visit-myrtle-beach-club-challenge.html> , <http://snaptiming.com/> and emailed to all registered email addresses by 9pm Wednesday July 22, 2020. Hard copies will be available at packet pick-up.

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SEEDING/FORMAT: In order to maintain social distancing, straightaway races and the 200m will be run in alternate lanes (4 athletes/heat). In all running events scheduled with prelims, the 8 fastest times overall will advance to a two section final w 4 athletes per section in alternating lanes. If there are 8 or less entries in a preliminary running event, the event will be run as a final only at the scheduled time for the final. All other running events will be run in timed finals seeded in sections from slow to fast, female followed by male and from youngest to oldest in age division. Some divisions may be combined based on field size. We will not run ahead of the FINAL posted schedule, unless inclement weather or impending inclement weather becomes a problem and we need to move to a rolling schedule. Field event flights will be seeded from shortest to longest or lowest to highest. Flights for Throws, Triple Jump, and Long Jump will be seeded from shortest to farthest and will be limited to approximately ten athletes/flight. For Youth Age groups each athlete will receive FOUR attempts, NO Finals. For Open/Masters Athletes each athlete will receive three attempts in the preliminary round with the top nine plus ties advancing to the finals for three more attempts. Triple Jump Boards are at 24', 32', 36', and 41'. Only two boards will be designated for each competition based on ages and seed marks of field. No relay events will be held.

CHECK-IN: Competitor Numbers: All athletes must show a competitor number to check-in for running or field events. Competitor numbers are provided in the team packet and remain the same for each athlete for all days of competition. Running Events: Athletes MUST check-in at least 30 minutes before the start time of their event at the Clerk of the Course to get a hip number or they will be scratched from the event. NO meet day adds! Please notify the clerk asap if you intend to scratch. Athletes will be escorted from the clerk tent to the starting area prior to their event. Field Events: Flight specific check-in with the head judge at the event site, only the current flight will be allowed to check-in, warm-up and be with-in the competition area during each flight. Disinfecting of chairs and surfaces will occur between each flight.

WARM-UP AREAS: Warm-ups will be done on Ashley Booth Field. There are to be no athletes warming-up on the infield or track unless they are actively competing in an ongoing field event or are being staged for the next running event. Athletes will be encouraged to socially distance while warming-up for an event.

TENT FREE FACILITY: So that athletes and spectators can safely social distance with-in the facility we will not be allowing pop-up tents of 10'x10' or greater with-in the facility. Athletes, coaches, and spectators are strongly encouraged to bring umbrellas (up to 7.5' in diameter) or any other approved shade devices (see list at the end of this document).

RESULTS: Live Results will be posted at <http://snaptiming.com/> and on the videoboard throughout the competition. NO hard copy results will be posted. Final Results will be posted at the following sites: <https://www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com/visit-myrtle-beach-club-challenge.html> and www.athletic.net

RESTROOMS/HANDWASHING STATIONS: Permanent restrooms are available in the stadium and in the Ned Donkle building by the warm-up area. Portable toilets will be located at the throws areas. Handwashing stations will be available.

IMPLEMENTS/WEIGH-INS: A limited number of age-group approved implements will be available for the field to use at each throwing event. Implements will be sanitized. Athletes who provide their own implements will be inspected and weighed for USATF compliance prior to competition at the event site. Implements that do not pass inspection will be impounded and returned to the competitor after the event is completed.

SCHEDULE: See attached time schedule. The schedule has been separated into four "Event Sessions" in order to aid social distancing and limit the total number of people in the facility at any one time. Please note the schedule is tentative and may be modified due to weather or larger/smaller than expected entry fields. A FINAL Schedule with any revisions will be posted and emailed by 9pm on Wednesday July 22nd, 2020.



TEAM SCORING: Club Team Scoring will be through 8 places 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1 in each event in each youth age group.

AWARDS: Youth Age Group individual events will receive 1st– 6th Place Ribbons (to be sent by mail the week after the conclusion of the event)

Trophies awarded for the following will be distributed to the head coach only at the conclusion of the meet (no group award ceremony):

Girls Club Team Champions (all girls age group divisions combined score)

Boys Club Team Champions (all boys age group divisions combined score)

PARKING: Parking is available in the Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium parking lot off 33rd Avenue North. Buses will be allowed to drop off athletes and equipment at the front gate and then be directed to park in front of the skate park. Overflow parking will be available as well at MB Primary and MB Middle School lots.

ATHLETIC TRAINING: Certified Athletic Trainers will be available on site during the competition.

PACKET PICK-UP: Packet pick-up will be open at 3:30pm on Friday July 24 at the entry gate plaza.

STADIUM AND INFIELD ACCESS: Athletes gain access to the stadium with their competitor number. Coaches, spectators and officials must have a wristband to enter the stadium. Wristbands for approved club coaches will be provided in team packet. Approved coaches with wristbands will be allowed on the infield inside of designated coaching boxes, provided they are practicing social distancing.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION: A limited number of spectators will be allowed. All registered **unattached** youth athletes will be charged an additional \$15 to include an All-session wristband for one relative/coach in the athlete's packet. For all registered **club** youth athletes, all-session spectator wristbands for \$15 will be available for presale on-line up to the number of athletes a youth club has entered into the meet. Spectators will have to designate which youth club they are associated with. A limited number of Session 1 and 3 (Open/Masters events) wristbands will be available for presale at \$10 each. All spectator admission fees must be prepaid either on-line or through a check. Spectator wristbands will be included with athlete numbers at packet pick-up.

COMPETITOR NUMBERS: All participating athletes **MUST** wear a competitor number while competing. They must also present the number at the clerk's tent or field event site to be checked into the event and to gain access to the stadium. Competitor numbers will be provided in the team packet at packet pick-up and remain the same for all days of competition.

QUESTIONS/MEET DIRECTOR CONTACT INFO: Feel free to contact the Meet Director Jeff Jacobs at 843-231-5677 cell, email jjacobs@cityofmyrtlebeach.com

Tentative Meet Schedule Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge July 24-26, 2020

Session #1 Friday July 24th 5pm-10pm (Open/Masters)

Track Events (6pm Women followed by Men)

-High Hurdles
-100m Prelims
-800m
-200m Prelims
-3000m RW
-5000m

Field Events (5pm Women followed by Men)

-Long Jump
-Javelin
-Pole Vault (will include youth divisions)

Session #2 Saturday July 25th 8am-1pm (Youth Age Groups 9-18)

Track Events (8am Girls followed by Boys)

-3000m
-High Hurdles
-800m
-100m Prelims
-400m

Field Events (8am Girls followed by Boys)

-Hammer followed by Discus
-Long Jump
-Mini/Aero Javelin (outside)

Session #3 Saturday July 25th 5pm-10pm (Open/Masters)

Track Events (5pm Women followed by Men)

-100m Finals
-400m
-400mH
-1500m
-200m Finals
-3000m Steeplechase

Field Events (5pm Women followed by Men)

-Hammer followed by Discus
-High Jump followed by Triple Jump
-Shot Put

Session #4 Sunday July 26th 8am-1pm (Youth Age Groups 9-18)

Track Events (8am Girls followed by Boys)

-200m Prelims
-1500m
-200/400mH
-100m Finals
-2000m Steeplechase
-200m Finals

Field Events (8am Girls followed by Boys)

-Shot Put
-Javelin (13+)
-High Jump followed by Triple Jump

“Tent Free” facility guidelines:



OK, rain/golf personal umbrellas



OK, beach umbrellas up to 7.5’ in diameter



OK, small ground umbrellas/shelters



OK, small baby shelters



OK, personal folding chairs w/sun shade



NO, pop up tents 10x10 or larger