



Friday June 4th-Saturday June 5th 2021
Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge (Youth USATF Age Groups)
Hosted by the City of Myrtle Beach and Myrtle Beach Track & Field Club
Doug Shaw Memorial Stadium (Myrtle Beach, SC)

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. A face covering is currently required to enter all City of Myrtle Beach facilities. 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. Do not attend this event if you are sick, have a fever or experiencing any symptoms of Covid-19. Practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from others, and properly dispose of your garbage in waste receptacles. As guidelines and regulations at the federal, state and municipal level a final list of event guidelines and policies will be posted and sent out to all participants at least one week prior to the event. For the latest updates on COVID-19 regulations and guidelines within the City of Myrtle Beach: <https://www.cityofmyrtlebeach.com/coronavirus/index.php>

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 development event for youth age group athletes who can enter through a club or unattached. Current USATF rules will govern all meet competition. However 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>

HOST HOTELS:

The Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge has partnered with two Ocean Front full service properties [The Carolinian Beach Resort](#) (includes a free breakfast) and [The Patricia Grand](#). The following perks are included if you book at one of the host hotels by April 23rd 2021: Free Water Park, Free Mini-Golf. **Call 888-346-1799 and mention Visit Myrtle Beach Club Challenge to receive all the perks.** Host Hotels are only 1 mile to the stadium.

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.

Visit www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com for more information and updates

AGE GROUPS:

The USATF age divisions for this meet and the competition year 2021 are as follows:

<i>Age Division</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>
8 & U	2013 and later
9 - 10	2011-2012
11 - 12	2009-2010
13 - 14	2007-2008
15 - 16	2005-2006
17 - 18	2003-2004*

* Athletes who have not reached their 19th birthday by August 1st of 2021 (the last day of the USATF JO Championships) are eligible to compete in the 17-18 age division at this meet.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION PROCESS AND ENTRY LIMITS:

Entry Limits: A competitor in the 8U, 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/423573/info> (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 Monday May 31st, 2021.

ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT PROCESS:

\$25 per Athlete (this includes 1 Adult All session wristband to enter the stadium). Children under 18 who are not in the meet are free. On-line payment option for entry fees will be set-up by May 14th. Clubs will have an option to pay at the meet site. Unattached entries must be prepaid on-line by the entry deadline of May 31st.

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 Tuesday June 1nd, 2021. Hard copies will be available at packet pick-up.

SEEDING/FORMAT: In events with preliminary heats the 8 fastest times will advance to the finals. 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 (see schedule for age group listings). Some age groups 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, each athlete will receive FOUR attempts, NO Finals. 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.

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 (large white tent) 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.

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.

TEAM TENTS: Team tents will be allowed in the following designated areas: Under the main grandstand, in the visitors bleachers, and in the grass behind the visitors bleachers. Please use social distancing when setting up your team's tent from other team tents.

RESULTS: Live Results will be posted at <https://www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com/visit-myrtle-beach-club-challenge.html> and on the videoboard throughout the competition. NO hard copy results will be posted. Final Results will be posted at the following sites: and <http://snaptiming.com/> 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 tentative time schedule at <https://www.officialmyrtlebeachsports.com/visit-myrtle-beach-club-challenge.html> . The time 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 Tuesday June 1st, 2021.

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– 8th Place Ribbons, Distributed by Club at end of meet. Trophies awarded for the following will be distributed at the conclusion of the meet:

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 opens at 1pm Friday June 4th and 7:30am Saturday June 5th 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 club coaches and adult spectators will be provided in club/athlete packet. Club coaches with wristbands will be allowed on the infield inside of designated coaching boxes, provided they are practicing social distancing. Clubs will get two Coach wristbands + 1/per 15+ athletes.

SPECTATOR ADMISSION: Each athlete entry includes an All-Session Adult wristband in the athlete/club packet. Additional Adult spectator wristbands will be available on-site, \$15 for All-session or \$10/day. Kids Under 18 Free.

COMPETITOR NUMBERS: All participating athletes MUST wear a competitor number while competing. Competitor numbers will include a list of events the athlete is entered. 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