



**2019 USATF Track & Field Montana Association
Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships
Charlie Merrifield Track at Bulldog Memorial Stadium
Butte, MT – June 14-15, 2019**

Clubs and unattached athletes should register online by no later Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. (MST). Late entries will not be accepted thereafter. Online registration at www.athletic.net opens May 1, 2019. Fees must be paid online by the close of registration. Accuracy of data entered is the responsibility of each club and/or athlete. Please validate data within the online vendor for accuracy prior to submitting entry.

Age Division	Year of Birth
8 & Under	2011+
9-10	2009-2010
11-12	2007-2008
13-14	2005-2006
15-16	2003-2004
17-18	Born 2001-2002 or still 18 on July 28, 2019

* Per USATF Rule 300.1 (c) “Athletes must be at least seven (7) years of age on December 31 of the current year to compete at the Youth Athletics or Junior Olympic National Championships.”

** 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. This extended eligibility does not apply to cross country events.

Place: The meet is hosted at Charlie Merrifield Track at Bulldog Memorial Stadium, 1725 Stuart Avenue, Butte, MT 59701, directly south of East Middle School. This facility, which features the ten-lane Mondo all-weather Charlie Merrifield Track, is one of the premier Montana venues for the sport of track and field.

Entry & Fees: \$7.00 per event for participants, \$28.00 per relay and \$10.00 for Pentathlon/Triathlon. The heptathlon, decathlon, steeplechase, and hammer throw will not be hosted at the Association championships in Butte, with athletes wishing to compete in those events automatically advancing to regionals. Please contact Liza Dennehy regarding registration stipulations at liza.dennehy@gmail.com.

Awards: USATF Junior Olympic medals awarded for 1st through 5th place. Formal presentation of awards will occur immediately following the completion of all track & field events. Make sure to confirm final placing of athletes prior to leaving site of each individual event.

Regardless of overall finish in the multi-events, relays or individual events all participants may advance to the Region 11 Junior Olympic track & field championships in Bozeman, MT on June 20-22, 2019. There is no pre-qualification to advance to the Region 11 J.O. championships.

Contact: Meet Director: Betty Merrifield at (406) 310-0261 or email merrifields@bresnan.net, or Liza Dennehy at (406) 310-1002 or email liza.dennehy@gmail.com.

Rules & Conduct: USA Track & Field Competition Rules will govern. Coaches and parents are responsible for the conduct of their athletes. Failure to maintain proper control or display good sportsmanship may result in the removal of a team or individual from further competition, or the expulsion of a coach, parent, or spectator. Once the meet begins, only competing athletes and working officials will be allowed on the track or infield, except in the case of medical emergencies.

Protests: Protests relating to matters, which develop during the conduct of the meet, must be made to the Referee, at once and not later than (30) thirty minutes after a result has been announced. All protests must be made in writing and accompanied by a \$50.00 cash deposit. The deposit will be refunded if the protest is upheld and forfeited if the protest is denied.

Uniforms: All relay team members must wear a top and shorts of the same color. Body suits must be of the same colors also.

Implements: All throwing implements will be inspected from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM only on Saturday. Implements will be marked and returned to the athlete. The head judge of each event will check to determine if the implement has been marked. Only marked implements will be allowed for the competition. All implements that fail to pass the inspection will be impounded until after the competition has completed. Implement specifications are as follows:

Throws Implement Specifications						
	Shot Put		Discus		Javelin	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
USATF Youth						
8 & Under	2 kg	2 kg	NA	NA	300 g Mini-Jav	300 g Mini-Jav
9 - 10	6 lb	6 lb	NA	NA	300 g Mini-Jav	300 g Mini-Jav
11 - 12	6 lb	6 lb	1 kg	1 kg	450 g Aero Jav	450 g Aero Jav
13 - 14	4 kg	6 lb	1 kg	1 kg	600 g	600 g
15 - 16	12 lb	4 kg	1.6 kg	1 kg	800 g	600 g
17 - 18	12 lb	4 kg	1.6 kg	1 kg	800 g	600 g

Pole Vault Certification Forms: Prior to check-in, it is the responsibility of the coach or parent to fill out a pole vault certification form (download form provided online or at the pole vault area) stating that the competitor's weight shall be at or below the manufacturer's pole rating. It is the responsibility of the coach or parent to verify the competitor will use a legal pole rated at or above his/her weight.

Equipment: Any legal baton may be used. Meet management will have batons available for those teams needing one. Only starting blocks provided by meet management may be used. The maximum spike length allowed for events on the track or runways is 1/8". Athletes with spikes that do not meet this requirement will not be admitted to their event.

False Starts: False starts are called on individuals, not on the field. For the 8 & under, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 year-old divisions, for a first false start by a competitor there shall be no disqualification. For a second false start, the respective competitor(s) shall be disqualified. This rule does not apply to the 15-16 and 17-18 year-old divisions.

Athlete Check-In: Athletes must check-in 30 minutes before the scheduled start of their event. Any athlete not checked-in by the last call for their event will be automatically scratched.

Parking: All teams and spectators will park in the parking lots located to the east and north of the East Middle School or street parking, as available.

Participant/Spectator Admissions: All athletes, coaches, and spectators can enter through the main entrance; there is a charge of \$5.00/adult and \$1.00/children 6-12 years old. There is no admission charge for participating athletes or coaches with a 2019 USATF membership.

Participant Seating: All athletes are asked to sit in the grandstands when not participating or warming up. Tents are allowed in the west grandstands only. Coolers and food may be brought into the stadium. No glass containers, smoking, or alcohol will be allowed.