



2021 USATF South Carolina Annual Meeting Youth Athletics Committee/Officer Report

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Committee Program Activities/Events/Projects:

This past year (Sep 2020 – Aug 2020) was an interesting because of COVID, but was nonetheless a moderately successful one for USATFSC Youth.

The USATFSC Youth Athletics Committee, otherwise known as the Youth Committee, has two keynote JO (Junior Olympic) Association events: Track and Field, and Cross Country (XC).

USATF National canceled the entire Junior Olympic progression in 2020 (both Track & Field, and Cross Country) and the Junior Olympic Track & Field progression in 2021. It is unclear if the Junior Olympic Cross Country progression will also be canceled. The name “Junior Olympic” technically was not to be used with the canceled progression. Lack of the Junior Olympic progression, which eliminated Region Championships, and the fact the National Junior Olympic championships were open registration, likely contributed to our diminished participation.

- 2020 SC Association Youth Cross Country Championships: 248 athletes
- 2021 SC Association Youth Track & Field Championships: 792 athletes

Even though the 2021 Region 4 Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships were canceled, USATFSC worked with Georgia to create an equivalent meet, Battle for the Peach, which was held in Georgia. USATFSC actually conceived both the idea and the name. We are exploring the possibility of making this an annual meet. and possibly having it switch hosting between GA and SC. We need to find a suitable date, likely late May or early June.

2020 SC Association Youth Cross Country Championships were held at Newberry. They were originally planned for a different location, but that location canceled in late August due to COVID-19. We thank Newberry for working with us and providing a venue at the last minute.

2021 SC Association Youth Track & Field Championships were held at CIU in Columbia. Locations were difficult to come by in the midst of COVID-19. There were certainly challenges with congestions with jumps at the venue. But, we appreciate CIU working with us.



Upcoming South Carolina Events:

- Saturday, November 09, 2021 : Open, Masters, and Youth JO Association XC Championships
- Saturday, November 20, 2021 – Region 4 JO XC Championships (SC, FL, GA)

- Friday-Sunday, Jun 17-19, 2022 : USATFSC Association JO Track & Field Championships
- Thursday-Sunday, Jul 07-10, 2022 : USATF Region 4 JO Track & Field Championships

2021 Open, Masters, and Youth JO Association XC Championships will be contested in Newberry again this year. RFPs were sent and the proposals were evaluated. Newberry had the best proposal.

2021 Region 4 JO XC Championships (SC, FL, GA) are being hosted by SC this year, and will also be contested at Newberry. It is possible, even probable, that USATF National Office will cancel the Junior Olympic Cross Country progression. We are in the process of developing a contingency plan, an alternate event such as the Battle for the Peach. This event may be named something pithy, something such as `A Traipse Through the Woods`, and would be contested at the same venue and same date as the Region 4 event it would replace.

2022 USATFSC Association JO Track & Field Championships will be contested at Winthrop University. That was a good venue for us in 2019. As usual, the RFP process was used to select this venue. Please note the date change. We had issue this year (2021) with USATF National changing dates, causing a conflict. We expect them to do that again next year, so we are being proactive. We are offered two weekends to host the Association meet: the third weekend (Jun 17-19) and the fourth weekend (Jun 24-26)

2022 USATF Region 4 JO Track & Field Championships will be hosted in SC, and will also be contested at Winthrop.

Meet Registration Changes Coming

Registration for the 2022 USATFSC Association JO Track & Field Championships will close two Sundays before the event. Late registration will be allowed the week after that, with a \$5 late per-entry late fee applied. No registration will be allowed after 11:59pm the Sunday before the meet. This will allow entries to be processed in a timely manner.

Recognition & Awards

New SC State Record

[Chantice Burton of Irmo, and a member of The Storm Track Club, set a new South Carolina Long Jump record for 9-10 Girls at 3.98m.](#)

[Ms. Burton's jump of 3.98m eclipsed the previous record of 3.94m set in 2005 by Aubreya Smith of Spartanburg](#)

[Congratulations Ms. Chantice Burton on your achievement, and congratulations The Storm Track Club!](#)

All Americans

USATF JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONALS

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

JULY 26. – AUGUST 1, 2021

61 All American South Carolina Individual Athletes

76 Total All America Awards, including 13 that took first place!

That does not include the relay teams!

There were 9 relay teams (each with 4 athletes) that also earned all American! Two teams finished first!

(A full listing is included at the end of this report.)



Top Teams

At the end of the 2021 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships:

- **Team Blaze (from Columbia) finished #6 in the nation!**
- **Mt. Pleasant Track Club (from Mt. Pleasant) finished #3 in the nation!**

**Congratulations to both South Carolina Teams!
Congratulations to both the Athletes and the Coaches!**

Upcoming 2021 Youth Cross Country Meets of Interest

Date	Location / Host
October 9	Mt. Pleasant Track Club
October 16	Irmo/Chapin (hosted by The Storm)
October 23	Aiken
October 30	Lexington
November 6	USATFSC Association XC @ Newberry
November 20	USATF Region 4 Meet @ Newberry
December 4	Georgetown
December 11	Nationals @ Paris, Kentucky

Supplemental Data**2020 USATFSC Association Youth Cross Country Championships**

Event/Race	Female	Male	Total
2000m 8u	19	21	40
3000m 9-10	28	23	51
3000m 11-12	31	47	78
4000m 13-14	22	33	55
5000m 15-18	7	17	24
TOTAL	107	141	248

2021 USATFSC Association Youth Track & Field Championships

We had 792 athletes at the 2021 USATF South Carolina Youth Track & Field Championships.

Georgia by comparison had 1,350 athletes at their 2021 USATF Georgia Youth Track & Field Championships.

The 2021 South Carolina population is estimated by the US Census Bureau to be 5,118,425 people, with three cities exceeding 100,000 (Charleston: 140,476; Columbia:129,482; North Charleston: 119,992).

By comparison, Georgia's population is estimated by the US Census Bureau to be 10.8 million (10,830,007) people. The city of Atlanta has a population of 524,067, while the metropolitan area has a population of almost 6 million (5,911,000) people.

South Carolina is the 23rd most populous state, while Georgia is the 8th most populous state.

South Carolina, with a population 47.26% that of Georgia, had 58.67% the number of athletes the Georgia had at our respective Association Track & Field Championships.



USATF JUNIOR OLYMPIC NATIONALS
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
JULY 26. – AUGUST 1, 2021
ALL-AMERICANS

36 ELITE MOVES

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Bayli Aiken	7 th Place	13-14 Girls	100m	12.43
Bayli Aiken	6 th Place	13-14 Girls	200m	25.21
Kamille Cunningham	6 th Place	15-16 Girls	High Jump	1.60m

A TOUCH OF SPEED

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Skylar Gates	6 th Place	11-12 Girls	1500m Racewalk	13:14.3
Sophie Webber	4 th Place	11-12 Girls	1500m Racewalk	12:07.3
Cailyn Webber	1 st Place ***	13-14 Girls	Triple Jump	11.19m

DREAMCHASERZ

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
John Stokes	4 th Place	11-12 Boys	Discus	27.80m
Gabby David	4 th Place	15-16 Girls	Long Jump	5.66m
Brianna Rodriguez	3 rd Place	17-18 Women	400m Hurdles	01:01.9

FAST FORWARD

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Kaniya Johnson	3 rd Place	17-18 Women	100m	11.7
Kaniya Johnson	4 th Place	17-18 Women	200m	24.22
Andrew Bond	1 st Place ***	17-18 Men	100m	10.64

FLORENCE TRACK CLUB

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Kerystynn Barr	6 th Place	9-10 Girls	Shot Put	7.88m
Kaylannah Burroughs	5 th Place	13-14 Girls	Triple Jump	10.25m
Cassie Hitch	7 th Place	15 -16 Girls	2000m Steeplechase	8:11.51

GREENVILLE JETS

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Ayanna Hunt	2 nd Place	13-14 Girls	Discus	34.59m
Ayanna Hunt	6 th Place	13-14 Girls	Shot Put	11.91m
Camden Kilgore	5 th Place	13-14 Boys	400m	53.25
Shyhiem Jamal Scottland	1 st Place ***	17-18 Boys	High Jump	2.10m

**IRON SHARPENS IRON**

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Saxon Brown	3 rd Place	17-18 Men	800m	01:53.6

LEXINGTON WILDCATS

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Kayden Murray	6 th Place	9-10 Boys	Javelin	28.99m

MT. PLEASANT TRACK CLUB

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Miller Worthy	3 rd Place	8 and under Boys	Shot Put	7.70m
Miller Worthy	6 th Place	8 and under Boys	Javelin	19.75m
Savannah Hislop	5 th Place	9-10 Girls	High Jump	1.10m
Charlotte Kellett	8 th Place	9-10 Girls	Javelin	18.21m
Ty Allenspach	3 rd Place	9-10 Boys	High Jump	1.30m
Ty Allenspach	3 rd Place	9-10 Boys	1500m	5:01.68
Ty Allenspach	8 th Place	9-10 Boys	800m	2:32.07
Dylan Johnson	2 nd Place	9-10 Boys	Javelin	29.82m
Miles Tonelis	1 st Place ***	9-10 Boys	High Jump	1.35m
Miles Tonelis	1 st Place ***	9-10 Boys	Triathlon	724 points
Miles Tonelis	7 th Place	9-10 Boys	Javelin	28.93m
Elle Cocco	1 st Place ***	11-12 Girls	Javelin	34.22m
Elle Cocco	5 th Place	11-12 Girls	Shot Put	10.21m
Anneke Gilich	6 th Place	11-12 Girls	High Jump	1.35m
Julia Goldman	7 th Place	11-12 Girls	1500m	5:08.86
Alex Corley	5 th Place	11-12 Boys	Javelin	38.28m
Gabe Hislop	8 th Place	11-12 Boys	1500m	4:49.74
Colin Price	7 th Place	11-12 Boys	High Jump	1.40m
Zachary Teachman	8 th Place	11-12 Boys	Javelin	33.06m
Nicola Visser	6 th Place	13-14 Girls	Pole Vault	2.95m
Kymani Clary	8 th Place	13-14 Boys	Triple Jump	10.67m
Sam Smith	5 th Place	13-14 Boys	Pole Vault	3.00m
Gavin Wease	3 rd Place	13-14 Boys	Pole Vault	3.45m
Ginger Arnold	5 th Place	15-16 Girls	Javelin	37.05m
Madison Jent	4 th Place	15-16 Girls	Pole Vault	3.60m
Troy Cocco	1 st Place ***	15-16 Boys	Javelin	57.36m
David Thilen	2 nd Place	15-16 Boys	Hammer	45.52m
David Thilen	7 th Place	15-16 Boys	Discus	42.50m
Tia Lucas	4 th Place	17-18 Girls	High Jump	1.65m



Tessa Mudd	3 rd Place	17-18 Girls	Pole Vault	4.00m
Max Livesey	6 th Place	17-18 Boys	High Jump	1.95m
Aaron Pierce	5 th Place	17-18 Boys	Javelin	50.36m

PALMETTO TRACK AND FIELD

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Eliza King	2 nd Place	15-16 Girls	Javelin	43.92m
Kyle Kaufelds	2 nd Place	15-16 Boys	Javelin	56.06m

QUICKSTRIDERS

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
4 x 100m Relay Team	6 th Place	13-14 Girls	4X100M	51.49

TEAM BLAZE

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Chase Staten	1 st Place ***	8 and under Boys	100m	13.68
Chase Staten	1 st Place ***	8 and under Boys	200m	28.34
Keyzelle Thomas, Jr.	3 rd Place	8 and under Boys	100m	14.39
Keyzelle Thomas, Jr.	1 st Place ***	8 and under Boys	Long Jump	3.88m
Sydney Blanton	4 th Place	9-10 Girls	Shot Put	7.89m
Peyton Hightower	1 st Place ***	11-12 Girls	400m	55.8
Peyton Hightower	1 st Place ***	11-12 Girls	200m	25.28
Nigel Joe	6 th Place	11-12 Boys	1500m Racewalk	11:54.8
Nigel Ancrum	2 nd Place	17-18 Men	100m	10.67
Nigel Ancrum	3 rd Place	17-18 Men	200m	21.52
4 x 100m Relay Team	1 st Place ***	8 and under Boys	4x100M	57.33
4 x 100m Relay Team	2 nd Place	11-12 Girls	4x100M	51.62
4 x 100m Relay Team	7 th Place	11-12 Boys	4x100M	54.16
4 x 100m Relay Team	8 th Place	13-14 Girls	4x100M	51.93
4 x 100m Relay Team	5 th Place	15-16 Boys	4x100M	44.74
4 x 100m Relay Team	1 st Place ***	17-18 Boys	4x100M	41.13
4 x 400m Relay Team	4 th Place	13-14 Girls	4x400M	04:04.1
4 x 400m Relay Team	4 th Place	15-16 Boys	4x400M	03:30.4

THE STORM TRACK CLUB

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Chanticleer Blanton	8 th Place	9-10 Girls	Long Jump	3.78m

**UNATTACHED (NO TEAM AFFILIATION)**

Athlete	Place	Age / Gender	Event	Mark / Time
Brett Jones	2 nd Place	13-14 Girls	Javelin	38.84m
Riley Vaughn	8 th Place	13-14 Girls	Shot Put	11.78m
Joshua Taliaferro	7 th Place	13-14 Boys	400m	53.86
Ryan Vaughn Jr.	4 th Place	13-14 Boys	Javelin	43.02m
Leila McClough	8 th Place	15-16 Girls	Triple Jump	11.46m
Randy Kelly	3 rd Place	17-18 Boys	High Jump	2.05m
Charles McCord	3 rd Place	17-18 Boys	Long Jump	7.23m
Charles McCord	1 st Place ***	17-18 Boys	Triple Jump	15.47m
Kinsley Allen	3 rd Place	17-18 Women	High Jump	1.65m
Arianna Williams	7 th Place	17-18 Women	400m	56.11