INFORMATION SHEET

USATF JUNIOR OLYMPIC REGION I CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Bryant College, Smithfield, Rhode Island November 24, 2002

EVENT MANAGEMENT

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ENTRY INFORMATION

The Regional entry fee is \$5.00 per athlete.

Individuals must enter at their association meet: complete the entry form, include their USATF membership number, attach copy of birth certification (birth certificate, certified baptismal record, driver's license, passport or U.S. military identification) and Regional entry fee (check payable to the home association).

Association Youth Chairmen must forward all final entry forms with a single check or money order made payable to USATF-New England, complete results of the association championship, and team declaration forms no later than November 19, 2002, to USATF-New England, 2001 Beacon Street, Suite 207, Brighton, MA 02135.

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

The top three (3) teams and other individuals finishing in the top 25 at the association meet qualify for the Regional meet. See Rule 245(3) of the 2002 USATF Competition Rules Book.

TEAMS

Teams must represent current USATF Association member clubs; athletes representing clubs must be registered members of said clubs prior to participation in their Association Championships.

All members of the same club listed on the team declaration roster at the Association Championships are eligible to compete on the club's team (minimum of five, maximum of eight) in the Regional and National Championships as long as the team qualifies.

TEAM SCORING

Teams are required to declare their scoring runners *IF* they have entered more than eight (8) individuals. Declarations are due Sunday, November 24th, at 9:00 a.m. If a team with more than eight entries fails to declare, the first eight runners listed on their team roster - whether they run or not - will be considered their declared team.

All unattached runners, members of incomplete or ineligible teams, and runners not declared as scoring members of their teams will be removed from the order of finish for the purposes of team scoring.

Up to eight runners may figure in each team's scoring, with the aggregate places of its top five finishers determining its team score and its number 6-7-8 finishers displacing.

Ties in scoring are broken by the higher finish of a team's fifth finisher.

RULES

USATF rules apply unless superseded by Youth Athletics Handbook.

TIME SCHEDULE

Age group	Birth Year	Race Time	Distance
Bantam Girls	1992 and later	10:00 a.m.	3000 m
Bantam Boys	1992 and later	10:30 a.m.	3000 m
Midget Girls	1990-1991	11:00 a.m.	3000 m
Midget Boys	1990-1991	11:30 a.m.	3000 m
Youth Girls	1988-1989	12:00 noon	4000 m
Youth Boys	1988-1989	12:30 p.m.	4000 m
Intermediate Girls	1986-1987	1:00 p.m.	5000 m
Intermediate Boys	1986-1987	1:30 p.m.	5000 m
Young Women	1984-1985	2:00 p.m.	5000 m
Young Men	1984-1985	2:30 p.m.	5000 m

Starting positions will rotate on starting line so all runners will have a fair start. Teams may be allowed a limited number of runners on the front line to ensure a fair start for all.

RESULTS

Official results will be available 30 minutes after each race and posted in the field house. Each club is entitled to a set of results of the races in which they have a team. The results will also be posted at www.usatfne.org and on www.usatf.org

AWARDS

Winners of each race will receive a gold medal; second place finishers receive a silver medal, and places 3 through 15 receive bronze medals. The first and second place teams will receive plaques.

GAMES COMMITTEE

Ron Boemker, Meet Director Lance Turley, USATF-NE Youth Chairman Dan Hart, USATF-NE Cross Country Chairman Steve Vaitones, USATF-NE Managing Director

JURY OF APPEAL

The jury of appeal will be made up of Region I Youth Chairs or their designees.

PROTESTS

Protests must be submitted in writing to a member of the Games Committee within 30 minutes of the end of the race

Appeals to the decision of the Games Committee shall be made in writing within 30 minutes after the action by the Games Committee has been officially announced and shall be accompanied by a \$25.00 fee. The fee is returnable if the decision is reversed.

MEDICAL

There will be a trainer and EMT at the meet.

COURSE

The course is located on the campus of Bryant College starting and finishing adjacent to the athletic center. The 3K, 4K, and 5K courses start in the same general area and finish at a common finish line. The course is mostly grass and packed trails, with several paved crossings.

Maps will be available, and a course walk will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 23, and at 8:30 a.m. (3K) and 11:00 a.m. (4K and 5K) on Sunday, November 24.

The starting area can handle about 100 on the front row, and runners have over a 100-meter straightaway before the first turn.

The finish area will be flagged and must remain clear except for finish officials. Coaches and parents crossing into restricted areas render their teams and athletes subject to disqualification.

CONCESSIONS

T-shirts will be for sale at number pick-up on Saturday, and at the meet along with a variety of refreshments.

NUMBER PICK-UP

Saturday, November 23 5:00-8:00 p.m. Comfort Suites Hotel, 1010 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI Sunday, November 24 8:30 a.m.

Gymnasium at the Bryant College Athletic Center

COACHES AND PARENTS MEETING

An informational meeting for coaches and parents will be held at 7:00 p.m. at the Comfort Suites Hotel, 1010 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI. It is requested that coaches submit their team declarations at this time.

DIRECTIONS TO BRYANT COLLEGE

Bryant College is located on Route 7 in Smithfield. Rhode Island, just off Route 295. Smithfield is approximately 15 minutes northwest of Providence, RI, and one hour from

After entering the main entrance, proceed to the central parking lot. The gymnasium and course are adjacent to the parking lot.

FROM THE NORTH (on Route 95 or 146). Take Route 295 south to Route 7 north (exit 8B). The College is one mile north on the left.

FROM THE SOUTH (on Route 95). Take Route 295 north to Route 7 north (exist 8B). The College is one mile north on the left.

FROM THE MASS. PIKE (Route 90). Take Exit 10A to Route 146 south to Route 295 south - see from the north.

FROM ROUTE 84 EAST. Take Route 6 east to Route 295 north see from the south.

FROM CAPE COD (Bourne Bridge). Make your way to Route 195 west to Route 95 north to 146 north to Route 295 south - see from the north.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

www.usatfne.org

USA Track & Field – New England P.O. Box 1905, Brookline, MA 02446 2001 Beacon Street, Suite 207, Brighton, MA 02135 Telephone 617-566-7600 Fax 617-734-6322 Email office@usatfne.org

HOTELS FOR REGION I JUNIOR OLYMPICS

For both the Comfort Suites in Smithfield and the Comfort Inn in Pawtucket, make sure to identify yourself as being part of the Region I Junior Olympics.

HOST HOTEL: COMFORT SUITES (84 Rooms)

1010 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI. Off exit 8B on 295 (the same as Bryant College). Telephone: 401-231-6300. Room Rate \$80.

This hotel is right on Route 7, less than a mile from campus. Rooms have two beds, a sitting area, a refrigerator and a microwave. Sunday morning they have a continental breakfast. Number pick-up and the coaches/parents meeting will take place at this hotel on Saturday, November 23rd.

Preferred Hotel for those who want to stay closer to restaurants, shopping areas and theaters:

THE COMFORT INN (138 Rooms)

2 George Street, Pawtucket, RI. Off exit 27 on Interstate 95 (just two minutes from Providence and 15 minutes from Bryant College). Telephone: 401-723-6700. Room Rate \$74.

For those of you who might want to stay in the Providence area, this is one of the hotels used by the Brown Invitational. The standard variety of rooms is available. This hotel also has a Sunday morning continental breakfast. There is a full service restaurant on the property.

Other "moderately priced hotels for this area" for those of you who belong to specific hotel frequent guest programs are listed below. Most offer discounts for AAA and other clubs.

Best Western in West Greenwich, RI (401-397-5494)

Fairfield Inn in Smithfield, RI (401-232-2400)

Holiday Inn in Downtown Providence, RI (401-831-3900)

Mainstay Suites in Warwick, RI (401-732-6667)

Motel 6 in Warwick, RI (401-467-9800)

Radisson at Providence Harbor, Providence, RI (401-272-5577)

Sheraton Airport Hotel, Warwick, RI (401-738-4000)

NATIONAL JUNIOR OLYMPIC CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday, December 14, 2002 in Carrollton, Georgia.

The top three teams and other runners finishing in the top 20 qualify for and are eligible to compete at the national meet. Please pick up all National information at your association meet. ALL entry for the Nationals takes place at the Region I meet; Please register as soon as possible after your race to avoid end of day crowds.

Check www.usatf.org

for entry forms and team applications for both the Region I meet and the

National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships