

The Florida / Georgia Challenge
Alachua County Sports Complex @ Celebration Pointe
4870 Celebration Pointe Avenue
Gainesville, Fl. 32608

February 4th – February 5th, 2023

Meet: The Florida / Georgia Challenge is a USATF sanctioned event. In this meet, all running events except the 60m, 60mH, 200m, 400m will be run as heats against time finals. The fastest seeded heat will run first. The top 8 from prelims in the 60m and 60mH will qualify for the final. The top 6 from prelims in the 200m and 400m will qualify for the finals. In the horizontal jumps and the throws, the HS division will have the top 8 qualifiers advance to the final, all youth divisions will get 4 attempts. Placement in Heats/Flights will be at the discretion of the meet management staff. If you have any additional seeding questions, please email Scott Peters (scott@raddsports.com) a minimum of 24 hours prior to the entries closing on DirectAthletics.

This meet will serve as a Preferred Qualifier for the Florida Indoor Championships. As a preferred qualifier, the top Florida athlete in each event will automatically be eligible to compete at the Florida Indoor Championships. All others will fall onto the rank order list for qualification. For High School, the Top 24 including the automatic qualifiers will compete on 2/11/23-2/12/23 for the title of Florida Indoor Champion! For youth, the Top 8 including the automatic qualifiers (12 in the 200m and 400m, 16 in the 60m) will compete on 2/11/23-2/12/23 for the title of Florida Indoor Champion!

Facility: The Alachua County Sports Complex @ Celebration Pointe. The Jimmy Carnes Track is a 200m banked, 6 lane track with 8 lanes of Mondo on the sprints runway. It also has 2 raised horizontal jump runways, 1 raised pole vault runway, 1 throws cage with landing areas, and a high jump area on the sprint lanes. **All athletes must wear only ¼” PYRAMID SPIKES on the surfaces.**

Entries:

All High School (15-18) Entries must be done through www.DirectAthletics.com

All Youth (4-14) Entries must be done through www.CoachO.com

The deadline for entries will be **11:59pm on Monday 1/30/23**. Entries will be **\$35/Athlete**. If the fields are not already full, late entries will be accepted until **5:00pm on Wednesday 2/1/23**. **Late entries will be \$60/Athlete**. Entry fees will be paid online at the time of registration. Any entry payment not accounted for by the deadline will not be seeded into the meet. Please make sure that your entries are accurate for gender, event, and marks. **Entry corrections will be \$20 per athlete changed (Gender corrections only) at the packet pickup times listed. NO OTHER CHANGES WILL BE MADE.**

Age Groups: 4-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, High School. USATF event limits will be enforced.

Awards: Top 3 in each age group will earn medals

Packet Pickup: Packets can be picked up at the South entrance to the complex. They will include your athlete numbers, pins, coach's passes, last minute meet updates. Only Coaches may pick up the packets and the entire packet must be picked up at one time. Please make team arrangements accordingly.

- **Friday 2/3/23** from 6:00pm to 9:00pm
- **Saturday 2/4/23** from 8:00am to 4:00pm. After 4:00pm the packets will no longer be available.
- **Sunday 2/5/23** from 8:00am to 12:00pm. After noon the packets will no longer be available.

Coaches Bands: Teams will receive 1 coaches' band for every 10 athletes registered. A maximum of 6 bands per team will be issued. 0-2 athletes = 0 bands, 3-10 athletes = 1 band, 11-20 athletes = 2 bands, 21-30 athletes = 3 bands, 31-40 athletes = 4 bands, 41-50 athletes = 5 bands, and 51+ athletes = 6 bands.

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Spectators: Single Day tickets will be \$15 each. A Two-Day pass will be \$25. Children three and under are free with their parents. All tickets will be through www.SportWrench.com. No paper tickets will be issued. **Broken or lost wristbands will be \$15.** All spectators must enter from the Main (west) lobby. No outside food/drink may enter the spectator areas.

VIP Seating: We will offer a VIP ticket package for the 2 days that will give access to the second level mezzanine seating as well as a catered lunch each day in that location (VIP ticket holder only). This package will be \$80.

Athlete venue Entry: Athletes must enter through the South Lobby. Athletes may carry in a water bottle and small snacks in their bag to stay hydrated. Water coolers will be provided throughout the venue for refills. Athletes will not be able to enter the venue without their athlete credential or a paid ticket. **Lost bib fee is \$15.**

Protest Fee: A \$100 fee must be paid in cash to complete a protest. **The head coach only** must go to the protest table located near the team packet pickup, fill out the form, and pay the fee before the 30-minute protest period has expired for the event in question. If your protest is upheld in your favor, you will be refunded your protest fee. If your protest is denied, the fee will be forfeited to meet management.

Implement Inspection: Athletes must bring their own implements. **ONLY INDOOR IMPLEMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED.** Implements will be impounded upon inspection at the throw area and must be through inspection 1 hour prior to competition.

Starting Heights & Progressions: Starting heights and progressions will be determined by the referee and published upon closing of entries.

Seating: For 2023 seating will be on temporary bleachers. Team camps are encouraged to be outside in the designated area by the parking garage. The grass in this area will serve as our warmup location for 2023. In the future that area will be upgraded to include a rubberized warmup area. When inside the building, keep team camps out of walkways, throws area, warmup/clerking zones.

Parking: Spectator and Team parking is in the garage across from the center.

Celebration Pointe: Please enjoy the proximity of the Celebration Pointe shops and restaurants. No team camps, warmups, etc. are allowed across the street into the celebration pointe complex.

State Bragging Rights: Each State will be represented by a "Celebrity Coach". Each event will be scored with the top 3 from each state earning points towards their state total. At the end of the meet, the Bragging Rights Trophy will be presented to the winning state and will be engraved with that year's champion!

Tentative Schedule: A final schedule will be published after entries are closed and the final number of participants are known. Below you will find an order of events.

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Saturday: 2/4/23

Field Events:

9:00am	High Jump	HS, Youth (11-14)	F/M	Finals
	20lb Weight Throw	HS	F	Finals
	Long Jump	Youth (4-14)	F/M	Finals
	Pole Vault	HS	M	Finals
11:30am	20lb Weight Throw	HS	M	Finals
1:00pm	Shot Put	HS	F	Finals
12:30pm	High Jump	HS, Youth (11-14)	F/M	Finals
	Pole Vault	HS	F	Finals
2:30pm	Shot Put	HS	M	Finals

Running Events:

9:00am	1000m Run	HS	F/M	Finals
	600m Run	HS	F/M	Finals
	200m Dash	HS	F/M	Prelim
	200m Dash	Youth (7-14)	F/M	Prelim
	Mile Run	HS	F/M	Finals
	Mile Run	Youth (9-14)	F/M	Finals
	400m Dash	HS	F/M	Prelim
	400m Dash	Youth (7-14)	F/M	Prelim
	60m Hurdles	HS	F/M	Prelim
	60m Hurdles	Youth (13-14)	F/M	Prelim
	60m Dash	HS	F/M	Prelim
	60m Dash	Youth (4-14)	F/M	Prelim



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Sunday: 2/5/23

Field Events:

9:00am	Shot Put	Youth (4-14)	F	Finals
10:00am	Long Jump	HS	F/M	Finals
12:30pm	Shot Put	Youth (4-14)	M	Finals
	Triple Jump	HS	F/M	Finals

Running Events:

9:00am	400m Dash	HS	F/M	Finals
	400m Dash	Youth (7-14)	F/M	Finals
	3000m Run	HS	F/M	Finals
	3000m Run	Youth (11-14)	F/M	Finals
	200m Dash	HS	F/M	Finals
	200m Dash	Youth (4-14)	F/M	Finals
	800m Run	HS	F/M	Finals
	800m Run	Youth (7-14)	F/M	Finals
	60m Hurdles	HS	F/M	Finals
	60m Hurdles	Youth (13-14)	F/M	Finals
	60m Dash	HS	F/M	Finals
	60m Dash	Youth (4-14)	F/M	Finals

Bragging Rights Trophy Presentation

