



# TYSON INVITATIONAL

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12-13

## MEET INFORMATION

### Entry Procedure

Entry into all meets hosted by the University of Arkansas is by invitation only. Teams will be given access to enter online at [DirectAthletics.com](https://DirectAthletics.com). **Visiting teams are limited to a maximum of 27 student-athletes per gender.**

When entering, please submit marks that were achieved during the 2020 or 2021 seasons only.

If due to injury, sickness or COVID-19 test results and/or contact tracing an athlete entered into the competition at the close of entries can no longer compete, a substitution may occur. The substitute athlete may compete in any event of the competition. Email [downsm@uark.edu](mailto:downsm@uark.edu) to request substitutions.

### Individual Entries

Due to SEC requirements, no unattached or post-collegiate competitors will be permitted into the competition.

### Entry Deadline

All entries are due online at [DirectAthletics.com](https://DirectAthletics.com) by **5:00 p.m. Central Time on Monday, February 8.**

### Accepted Entries

A list of accepted entries will be sent to coaches by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9.

### Entry Fee Structure

Entry fees are \$500 per team, per gender (i.e. \$500 for women, \$500 for men). **All entry fees must be paid in full on DirectAthletics before the close of entries.** It is important to note that entries cannot be altered once entry fees are paid. Please wait to complete the payment process until all entries are entered online. Once entry fees are paid, no refunds can be given.

### Schedule of Events

The time schedule will be revised based upon the entries received. The final schedule will be sent to coaches and posted on [ArkansasRazorbacks.com](https://ArkansasRazorbacks.com) on Wednesday, February 10.

### Practice Times

**Teams interested in reserving practice time Thursday at the Randal Tyson Track Center must email [downsm@uark.edu](mailto:downsm@uark.edu) by Wednesday, February. Visiting teams will be assigned time slots in an effort to reduce the number of athletes inside the building. Due to COVID-19 precautions, no weight room will be available for 2021.**

### Facility Access

The Randal Tyson Track Center will open to competitors and coaches on Friday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. Only athletes will be permitted inside the competition areas.

### Spikes

Athletes may only use pyramid spikes. Spikes will be checked and those not meeting the regulations must be replaced. No pin/needle/Christmas tree spikes will be allowed on the competition track.

### Packets

Coaches may pick up team packets at the Randal Tyson Track Center on Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We will distribute the packet to the first coach who arrives at the packet pick-up area. This packet will contain the access credentials for the entire team. Please make arrangements to meet your team at a designated location outside the Tyson Center to distribute credentials if you are planning to arrive at different times. We will not hold the packet at the packet pick-up area. **Athletes and Staff will not be permitted entry to the Tyson Center without appropriate access credential.**

### Declarations

Final declarations for all events occur at initial check in for each event. For running events, this occurs at the clerking area not less than 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the event. For field events, this occurs by checking in with the official at the field event site not less than 20 minutes before the scheduled start of the event.

### Implement Inspection

Implement inspection will begin on Friday at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the east end of the Fowler Center in the track storage room. All implements must be inspected not later than ninety minutes before the scheduled start of the event. Implements will be impounded until they are brought by the officials to the event site.

### Team Score

The meet will be scored according to NCAA Rule 1.5.5.2 (6 scoring positions). All individual entries shall have the ability to score in the competition. One relay entry per institution shall score. In the throws and horizontal jumps, if the number of competitors at the start of the competition is not greater than the maximum number allowed in the final (9) automatic advancement to the final will be used (NCAA Rule 1.5.2.7).

### Results

Results and start lists will be available on [FlashResults.com](https://FlashResults.com).



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## COVID-19 IMPACT

*Please take special note of the following COVID-19 related changes from our usual operations for the 2021 season. Athletes and coaches must abide by all guidelines for Indoor Track & Field set by the SEC Medical Guidance Task Force. Failure to follow requirements below may result in removal from the facility and disqualification from the competition.*

<b>COVID-19 Testing</b>	Institutions from outside the SEC, ACC and Big-12 Conferences must at minimum follow the SEC Conference testing requirements for indoor track & field and submit the SEC COVID Attestation form at least 24 hours prior to the start of competition.
<b>Team Travel Party</b>	All visiting institutions are limited to a maximum travel party of 27 athletes per gender and 12 staff total.
<b>Spectator Attendance</b>	Venue attendance will be limited to essential personnel to allow coaches, support staff and student-athletes to achieve physical distancing. Spectators, including athlete guests, will not be permitted into the venue.
<b>Individual Entries</b>	Due to SEC requirements, no unattached or post-collegiate competitors will be permitted into the competition.
<b>Mask Policy</b>	All coaches, staff and non-competing student-athletes are required to wear a mask/neck gaiter. Physical distancing should be employed to the extent possible. All competing student-athletes are required to wear a face mask/neck gaiter during warm-ups and at the starting line which may be removed just prior to the start of a race. All track and field officials are required to wear a face mask/neck gaiter in the competition area at all times.
<b>Competition &amp; Coaching Areas</b>	Only competing student-athletes and track & field officials are allowed in the competition area. Medical personnel are allowed to enter the competition area in the event of an injury or illness to provide medical assistance. Coaches are not permitted into the competition area at any time. Coaching locations will be indicated surrounding the track. Per NCAA rules, athletes are not permitted to cross the track at any time to receive instruction.
<b>Practice Times</b>	Teams interested in reserving practice time at the Randal Tyson Track Center must email <a href="mailto:downsm@uark.edu">downsm@uark.edu</a> by Wednesday, February 10. Visiting teams will be assigned time slots in an effort to reduce the number of athletes inside the building. Due to COVID-19 precautions, no weight room will be available. The venue will not be open for any practice opportunities on competition days.
<b>Team Camp Areas</b>	<p>Teams will be assigned a team camp location in the grandstands at the Tyson Center. All athletes not competing or actively preparing for competition should remain in their assigned team camp area with masks on. Athletic trainers will be assigned a location inside the Fowler Center to use for treatment and final preparations for athletes. Athletes should not camp in the Fowler Center. Food <u>is</u> permitted in team camp areas inside the Tyson Center but not inside the Fowler Center.</p> <p>To the extent possible, institutions should arrange to have student-athletes arrive to the competition facility no more than two hours prior to his/her scheduled event. Consideration should also be given to transport student-athletes who have completed competition away from the facility following their last event. Please direct student-athletes to limit interaction between camps and with athletes from other teams</p>
<b>Warm-up Areas</b>	<p>No warm-ups will be permitted on the competition track at any time. Athletes should use the warm-up facility located in the Fowler Training Center or warm-up outside the venue. Hurdles and starting blocks will be located on the practice track in the Fowler Center. Athletes will not be permitted entry to the Fowler Center until 90 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event. Athletes in field events will not be permitted in the competition area until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event.</p> <p>Athletic trainers will be assigned a location inside the Fowler Center to use for treatment and final preparations for athletes. Athletes should not camp in the Fowler Center. Physical distancing should be employed to the extent possible in the medical and warmup areas as these are typically the most congested sites.</p>



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### Field Event Specific Protocols

Athletes will not be permitted into the competition until 30 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event. When multiple flights of a field event occur, there will be 30 minute flight specific warm-up times. Athletes are not permitted to report until their assigned flight warm-up time and must depart the competition area at the conclusion of their flight. In the pole vault and throws, no chalk will be provided (athletes must bring their own personal). In the throws, each team will be required to use only their implement (no sharing implements between teams). Masks must be worn between competition attempts and during warm-ups.

### Running Event Specific Protocols

Athletes in running events must check in at clerks' area not less than 45-minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event. At the assigned time (approximately ten minutes prior to the start time of their heat), athletes will be asked to report back to the clerking area to be escorted through the Tyson Center lobby to the final staging area, and then on to the starting line. At the conclusion of their event, athletes must exit the track on the backstretch and return the final staging area to collect any warm-ups or belongings. Masks must be worn during warm-up, clerking and staging. Masks will be able to be removed at the final call area. Disinfectant wipes will be available at the starting line if athletes wish to wipe starting blocks prior to use.

### Visiting Team Media

Visiting team media (sports information, photographers, videographers) must be included in the 12-person staff limit and be included in the institution's testing pool. Photographers and videographers must remain outside the competition area. A pool photographer will be available for visiting teams; contact Shawn Price ([sdp013@uark.edu](mailto:sdp013@uark.edu)) for more information.

### Sports Medicine

Medical personnel must stage team training areas in designated space in the Fowler Center warm-up area. Medical personnel may enter the competition only in the event of injury or illness. Teams are responsible for providing their own water and nutritional needs; there will be water coolers available. The meet's medical area is reserved for emergency situations only. Athletic trainers can contact Cole Peterson ([cwpeters@uark.edu](mailto:cwpeters@uark.edu)) to discuss modality availability.



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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday Running Events

Time	Event	Gender
2:00 PM	60 Meter Hurdles Prelims	Women
2:20 PM	60 Meter Hurdles Prelims	Men
2:40 PM	400 Meters	Women
3:10 PM	400 Meters	Men
3:40 PM	60 Meters Prelims	Women
4:00 PM	60 Meters Prelims	Men
4:20 PM	800 Meters	Women
4:35 PM	800 Meters	Men
4:50 PM	60 Meter Hurdles Final	Women
5:00 PM	60 Meter Hurdles Final	Men
5:10 PM	3,000 Meters	Women
5:35 PM	3,000 Meters	Men
6:00 PM	60 Meters Final	Women
6:10 PM	60 Meters Final	Men

### Friday Field Events

Time	Event	Gender
1:00 PM	Long Jump	Women
1:00 PM	Weight Throw	Women
2:00 PM	Pole Vault	Men
3:30 PM	Long Jump	Men
3:30 PM	Weight Throw	Men

### Saturday Running Events

Time	Event	Gender
1:00 PM	200 Meters	Women
1:30 PM	200 Meters	Men
2:00 PM	1 Mile	Women
2:20 PM	1 Mile	Men
2:40 PM	5,000 Meters	Women
3:05 PM	5,000 Meters	Men
3:30 PM	4x400 Meter Relay	Women
3:50 PM	4x400 Meter Relay	Men

### Saturday Field Events

Time	Event	Gender
11:30 AM	Pole Vault	Women
11:30 AM	High Jump	Women
12:00 PM	Triple Jump	Men
12:00 PM	Shot Put	Women
1:45 PM	Triple Jump	Women
2:00 PM	High Jump	Men
2:00 PM	Shot Put	Men





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## VENUE MAP

