# 2024 SC Meet Information



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### **ELIGIBILITY:**

This event is open to all athletes who fall within the age divisions listed below. Athletes in age ranges 13-18 years old may enter up to a maximum of four events. Athletes that are 12 and younger (based on year of birth) may participate in a maximum of three events whilst still qualifying to compete on a relay as a fourth option. If an athlete is entered into more events than he or she qualifies for, the Meet Director reserves the right to reject the athlete from one or more events without notification.

# **AGE DIVISIONS** (Determined by year of birth):

AGE DIVISION	GENDER	YEAR OF BIRTH	# OF EVENTS	RELAY AS A 4 <sup>TH</sup>
6 & Under	Girls/Boys	Born 2018 and later	3	Yes
7 Years old	Girls/Boys	Born 2017	3	Yes
8 Years old	Girls/Boys	Born 2016	3	Yes
9 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2015	3	Yes
10 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2014	3	Yes
11 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2013	3	Yes
12 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2012	3	Yes
13 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2011	4	No
14 Years-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2010	4	No
15-16 Year-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2009-2008	4	No
17-18 Year-old	Girls/Boys	Born 2007-2006	4	No

# **FAIR PLAY**

If it is determined that an athlete knowingly competed in the wrong age group, they will be barred from participating in Speed Capital competitions for a full 12 months from the date of the incident—without exception. To maintain the integrity of our events, we reserve the right to request birth certificates before distributing awards if an athlete's age is contested. This policy is enforced to ensure fair competition for all participants.

### **S**EED TIMES

When entering seed times, it is important to remember that while some athletes achieve marks that far exceed the norm for their age groups, these cases are rare. As such, please be diligent and accurate when submitting seed times. If an entry appears questionable, you will be required to provide supporting documentation. Failure to do so may result in the athlete being seeded with a NM (No Mark) or NT (No Time) for their event. We apologize if this policy causes any inconvenience, but our primary responsibility is to ensure fairness and integrity for all Parents, Athletes, Coaches, and Clubs participating in our events.

#### **MEET ENTRY FEE:**

Registration for Track & Field events is set at \$40.00 per athlete. To ensure your athlete's participation, **all entry fees must be paid online and are strictly non-refundable**. Please be aware that meet entries will not be processed unless the registration fee is fully paid by the specified deadline. We accept all major credit cards for online payments. **Please note that personal checks are not accepted under any circumstances**. Adhering to these payment guidelines is crucial to secure your athlete's spot in the competition.

#### **SPECTATOR PASSES**

The standard admission fee for spectator tickets is \$20.00 for a day pass and \$35.00 for a weekend pass for two-day events.

**Please be aware that Speed Capital events are completely cash-free.** All spectator tickets must be purchased online at <a href="www.fuml.net">www.fuml.net</a>. We highly recommend purchasing spectator passes in advance online to eliminate wait times at the stadium entrance and to reduce any safety risks associated with cash transactions.

# **Key Points to Remember:**

- Every athlete must have their assigned competition bib to gain entry to the stadium; if not, a spectator pass will need to be purchased.
- Children aged 4 and under are admitted free of charge.
- Parking fees, where applicable, are \$5.00 per day or \$10.00 for the weekend.

Adhering to these guidelines will ensure a seamless and safe experience for all attendees.

### **COACHES PASSES**

Club coaches will receive one armband for every 10 athletes, with a maximum allocation of five armbands per club. **Please note**: Parents of unattached athletes are required to purchase a spectator ticket, which can be exchanged for a coaching band. This coaching band grants access to both the field and track areas.

### **Key Instructions:**

- Ensure that armbands are distributed in accordance with the athlete-to-coach ratio to maintain fairness and order.
- Parents of unattached athletes must secure their coaching band by exchanging their spectator ticket, as this is the only way to gain field and track access.

# **ENTRY PROCESS**

All teams and unattached athletes are required to use the online entry process available at <a href="www.SpeedCapital.com">www.SpeedCapital.com</a>.

Please ensure that you complete your registration through this platform to secure your participation.

## **Important Instructions:**

- Immediately upon completing your online registration, you will receive a confirmation receipt from the website. This receipt will list all athletes entered into the event.
- This receipt serves as your official transcript of meet entries. If an athlete does not appear on the confirmation page, they are **not** registered for the event.

### **ATHLETE REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

Registration will close Wednesday night prior to the meet at 11:59pm. In the past, we have made concessions to register athletes the day of the event, unfortunately, that has resulted in unwanted mistakes, delays, and the deterioration of meet efficiency. As a result, we WILL NOT accept same day registrations moving forward.

#### PACKET PICK-UP

Packets can be picked up at the track facility on the morning of the event from 6:45AM-12:00PM unless otherwise indicated.

#### **BIB REPLACEMENT FEE**

The fee for lost athlete bibs is \$10.00; please contact the Meet Director onsite to obtain a new bib

# MEET AWARDS

In individual and relay events, medals will be presented for participants who finish Top 3 finishers.

#### **INDIVIDUAL MVPS**

A total of 26 individual MVPs will be selected by our MVP committee; this group will consist of 2 SC representatives and 3 coaches from participating clubs. The MVP selections will be based on total points earned, level of competition, and PR/National record benchmarks. The following age categories will be used to determine the male and female winners respectively: 6U, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-16, 17-18, Field MVP (12U) Field MVP (13& up).

The winners will be determined by the total amount of points earned, level of competition and overall degree of difficulty; the points system remits 10 points for first place, 8 points for second place and 6 points for third place.

Please note, the selection process is not based solely on total amount of points earned, this is merely the first degree of voting. There may be scenarios where an athlete out scores another but did not compete in a strong enough field to garner the victory over the candidates in contention. For example, if an athlete competes in the 1500 against one competitor and earns gold (10 points), while another athlete competes in the 800M against 15 athletes and earns silver (8 points) – it is likely the degree of difficulty and level of competition level will impact the committee's decision.

#### **PROTESTS**

Protests concerning the status or eligibility of any competitor must be made to the Meet Director or Referee during the meet. Protests relating to matters, which develop during the conduct of the meet, must be made to the Referee and be filed at once, but in any case, not more than 30 minutes after the result has been announced. Protests MUST be filed in writing and presented to the Meet Director or Referee accompanied by a cash deposit of \$75.00. The Referee shall consider all available official evidence. When the Referee renders his/her decision, there is still the right of appeal to the Jury of Appeals. The jury's decision is final. If the protest is denied, the cash deposit will be forfeited. PROTESTS CONCERNING JUDGMENT CALLS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

### COMPETITION

All Running events will start at the designated time listed; once the events commence, they will be on a rolling schedule. Please listen to the announcements; athletes that do not check-in before their schedule heat is ran will be scratched from the event. Athletes who do not check-in before their designated flight starts will be scratched from the event. Field Event athletes who have a conflict with a running event will be released by the Field Event Official — ONLY at the appropriate time. Field Event athletes will have 10 minutes to report back to their Field Event after their running event concludes. If the event has closed, the athlete has forfeited the rest of their remaining attempts. Please encourage your athletes to take all attempts before leaving for a running event. In cases of the high jump the bar DOES NOT COME DOWN.

# **FACILITY MAINTENANCE**

There is a growing concern with facilities throughout the state of Florida as it pertains to accepting youth events. A primary reason for this is the sheer conditions in which the venues are left at the conclusion of these events. As a result, Speed Capital is taking a proactive approach to limiting the trash left behind at our meets by implementing a mandatory "5 minute Clean-Up Period" every two hours of the event. During that period, we will ask that parents/coaches instruct their athletes to clean up their surrounding areas. Ultimately, this will serve to ensure the facility administration permits our return the following year as we look to host you all for years to come – thank you for the understanding.

#### YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM

Speed Capital is a huge advocate for entrepreneurship and would like to aid our youth athletes in promoting their products to their peers. Therefore, we will have a one vending slot available (free of charge) at each Speed Capital Invitational specifically for participating athletes who are embarking on a business venture. These slots are first come first serve so please be mindful in your reservation attempts.

#### **NOTABLE AMENDMENTS**

- Athletes are prohibited from wearing midriff tops to participate
- Up to (3) relay team per team per age division for both genders.
- As it pertains to field events, in cases where the venue only has one long jump pit, all entries for that event will be capped at 32 athletes per division – the first 16 Girls/16 Boys that register and pay their registration fee will be counted.
- All field events will be contested with 3 attempts with the exception of the High Jump.