

FIGHTING ILLINI.

TRACK & FIELD

ILLINI CHALLENGE

Friday, January 27th, 2023, and Saturday, January 28th, 2023

Meet Directors

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Competition Venue

Armory Track and Floor | 505 E. Armory Ave | CHAMPAIGN, IL 61820

Competition during the Indoor Track and Field season takes place at the Armory track, located in the heart of campus, adjacent to Huff Hall. The track surface provides the University of Illinois with one of the finest indoor facilities in the Midwest. In 2020, the Armory track was resurfaced with The BSS 2000 Resurfacing System. The revolutionary manufacturing and installation process restored the appearance and texture of the existing track and field surface, and dramatically enhanced the feel under foot.

Track Features

Surface: Beynon BSS 2000 RE with Hobart Texture

Curbed flat 200m

8 42" wide lanes for sprints

6 36" wide lanes for 200m oval

20.129m turn radius to measure line

150' + runway length for LJ/TJ/PV

Gill Raised Runways with Mondo surfacing on East LJ/PV

Entry Information

Illini Challenge – Southern Illinois, Western Illinois, Illinois State, Lindenwood, DePaul, Butler, Central Arkansas, Valparaiso, Wisconsin, and Indiana Tech.

***NCAA Division 1 teams with a confirmed acceptance from the Director of Operations**

Entry Limits

Unlimited entries in all events.

Athlete Registration Deadlines

- **Illini Challenge – Tuesday, January 24th at 12pm noon CT.**

Teams competing in the meet must submit athlete entries for the meet at www.directathletics.com.

Accepted entry lists will be distributed Wednesday or Thursday of that week. Heat/flight sheets are assembled and posted on Thursday.



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Team Entry Fees

\$300 per team per gender (Men's and Women's is **\$600**). Entries must be paid through Direct Athletics. No cash will be accepted. No refunds.

Individual Fees: \$25.00

Multi-Athletes (January 27-28) - \$50

Unattached Entry Procedure

Unattached entries are accepted by reaching out to our Director of Operations at juanita@illinois.edu. All unattached athletes must include their performance and proof of those performances when requesting entry into the meet. ***Entries must be approved by the meet directors prior to registration. Entries will be notified the week of the meet regarding approval and registration.*** UNA entries are considered exhibition and not guaranteed preferred lanes or heats. NCAA Rules will govern competition. Unattached athletes must complete a waiver prior to competing and are required to pay the individual fee.

Friday Practice

The Armory will be available for practice on **Thursday, January 26th and throughout the day on Friday, January 27th**, but will be impacted by running and field events in progress.

Team Bus Instructions

Friday: Buses should drop off on Armory Ave. on the North side of the Armory, heading east (*please see below for team bus directions*). Buses and vans should never park on Gregory Ave. for long periods of time due to the congestion this causes. During the day on Friday, buses may park at the SW or SE quadrants of the **State Farm Center**. Buses and vans should park in the Huff Hall parking lot (Lot E-12,) only after 4pm on Friday.

Saturday: Buses should drop off on Armory Ave. on the North side of the Armory, heading east. (*please see below for team bus directions*). Buses and vans should never park on Gregory Ave. for long periods of time due to the congestion this causes. Buses and vans may park at the State Farm Center SW or SE quadrants for both days (*available at all times*). Team vehicles that can fit in one parking space may park in the Huff Hall parking lot (E-12), just south of the Armory across Gregory Street.

Team Camps

Team camps are assigned under the south overhang or in the east bleachers (*Please see below for a facility map*).

Team Packets

Packets are available at the table in the southwest corner of the track. Included are heat sheets, event schedules, and relay cards. **A tentative schedule will be provided prior to the meet.** A final schedule will be released once all meet entries have been placed.

Warm-ups

Athletes warming up should take into consideration events in progress. The 3rd floor hallway can be used as an alternate warm up area. The infield is restricted to athletes actively competing in field events.



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Athlete Check-in Procedures & Hip Numbers

The hip number table is in the NW corner under the school record boards. Hip numbers will be worn on the right hip for all races. Races 800m and longer and relay anchors will also wear a number on the left chest.

Clerking

Athletes in the 60m/60H are clerked at the 60m start line (NE corner of facility). All other running events are clerked from the NW corner by the hip numbers table.

Report Times

Track athletes should check in 30 minutes prior to the start of their event. *Field event athletes* should report 45 minutes prior to the start of your events (not flights) at their field events and with their head official

Relay Cards

Relay cards should be turned in at the hip number table as the relay team checks in. Relay cards are available in the team packet and at the hip number table.

Implement Inspection

All implements are verified at the throwing area prior to each event. An official will be available for inspection prior to the start of each throwing event.

Advancing

60m/60h – Heat winners plus the next best times will fill the 8 lanes for finals. NCAA Rule 7-9.5 applies. *For field events* – the top 9 advance to reverse order final. NCAA Rule 5-2 applies. All entries are eligible to qualify for finals.

Facility Restrictions

- Only coaches, actively competing athletes, and meet personnel are allowed on the infield. Spectators and non-competing athletes are required to stay out of the competition areas. The finish area and straightaway of the track should always stay clear while running events are in progress.
- Only tape will be allowed on the runways. No marking chalk is allowed.
- No headphones or electronics in the event area or while on the track.

Sports Medicine

Athletic trainers are in the southwest corner of the track providing basic modalities.

Legal Spikes

Maximum 1/4" Pyramid

*Any official or Illinois coach has the right to check an athlete's spike at any time. Use of illegal spikes will result in disqualification and their marks will be removed from the meet.



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Locker Rooms

Locker rooms are NOT available at the Armory Track and Floor.

Hospitality

Coaching staffs will have access to the hospitality room located in room 134, west of the track inside the Armory building. Coaches will be provided with wristbands which will serve as a credential into the hospitality room.

General Information

Live Results

Results will be available at Shazam.Live. Results will also be posted on www.fightingillini.com following the event.

Spectator Admission and Seating

Admission for spectators is free. The north center entrance is the main spectator entrance. Spectators are not allowed in the team camp or competition areas. Spectator seating is located in the north end bleachers.

Spectator Parking

Friday: Due to the work week, parking on Friday in any campus parking lot is not available until after 5pm. There are University parking meters and the City of Champaign meters available around the building. They are monitored through the week.

Concessions:

Concessions are sold in the North hallway of the Armory building.

Restrooms

Men's restrooms are in the NE and NW corners of the 1st floor. Women's restrooms are located at the SE and SW corners of the 1st floor. A men's and women's restroom are also located in the north corridor. Additional restrooms are located throughout the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of the building.

Media Requests

All media requests should go to Nick Tomanelli, nt21@illinois.edu. Media will have to check in with event staff in the southwest corner of the track upon arrival.



Ground Directions to Champaign-Urbana:

From CHICAGO and points North:

Head South on I-57 toward Champaign
Exit on I-72 (University Avenue) East
Turn right (South) on Mattis Avenue
Turn left (East) on Kirby Avenue
Turn left (North) on 4th Street
Continue straight and arrive at facility

From ST. LOUIS and points South:

Head East (from St. Louis) on I-70 to I-57, turning North at Effingham
Take the Monticello exit just South of Champaign, but turn right (East)
At the “T”, turn left (North) on U.S. Route 45
Upon arrival in Champaign (on South Neil Street), turn right (East) on Kirby Avenue
Turn left (North) on 4th Street
Continue straight and arrive at facility

From PEORIA and points Northwest:

Head Southeast on I-74 to I-57 South
Exit on I-72 (University Avenue) East
Turn right (South) on Mattis Avenue
Turn left (East) on Kirby Avenue
Turn left (North) on 4th Street
Continue straight and arrive at facility

From SPRINGFIELD and points Southwest:

Head Northeast on I-72 until it ends in Champaign, turning into University Avenue
Turn right (South) on Mattis Avenue
Turn left (East) on Kirby Avenue
Turn left (North) on 4th Street
Continue straight and arrive at facility

From INDIANAPOLIS and points East:

Head West on I-74 to Urbana, and exit South (left) on Lincoln Avenue
Turn right (West) on Florida Avenue, which becomes Kirby Avenue in Champaign
Turn right (North) on 4th Street
Continue straight and arrive at facility



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Travel Accommodations:

Airport & Airline Information:

| Airport Name | Location | Website | Servicing Airlines |
|---------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Univ. of Illinois-Willard | Champaign, IL | flycu.com | American Airlines Flightstar (Charter) |
| Central Illinois Regional | Bloomington, IL | cira.com | Allegiant American Airlines Delta |
| Indianapolis Int'l | Indianapolis, IN | indianapolisairport.com | All Major Airlines |
| Chicago - Midway | Chicago, IL | flychicago.com | All Major Airlines |
| Chicago - O'hare | Chicago, IL | flychicago.com | All Major Airlines |

Ground Transportation

(Area Code: 217)

Charter Bus Rental

Peoria Charter – 344-9943

Car Rental

Alamo – 359-5259
Avis – 359-5441
Budget – 378-8584
Enterprise – 355-1300

Train

Amtrak – 352-5905

Hotel Accommodations

(Area Code: 217)

Country Inn & Suites

602 W. Marketview Drive
355-6666

Courtyard by Marriot

1811 Moreland Blvd.
355-0411

Fairfield Inn by Marriot

1807 Moreland Blvd.
355-0604

Hilton Garden Inn

1501 S. Niel St.
352-9970

Holiday Inn

101 Trade Center Dr
398-3400

Home2 Suites by Hilton

2013 S. Neil St
355-6468

Homewood Suites by Hilton

1417 S. Neil St
352-9660

Hyatt Place

217 N. Neil St
352-2800

I Hotel & Conference Center

1900 S. First St
819-5000

Residence Inn

502 W. Marketview Dr.
398-0000

Wingate by Wyndham

516 W. Marketview Dr.
689-4714

Comfort Suites – Urbana

2001 N. Lincoln Ave.
328-3500

Hampton Inn – Urbana

2338 W. University Ave
337-1100

Holiday Inn Express – Urbana

1003 Killarney St.
328-0328

Wyndham Garden – Urbana

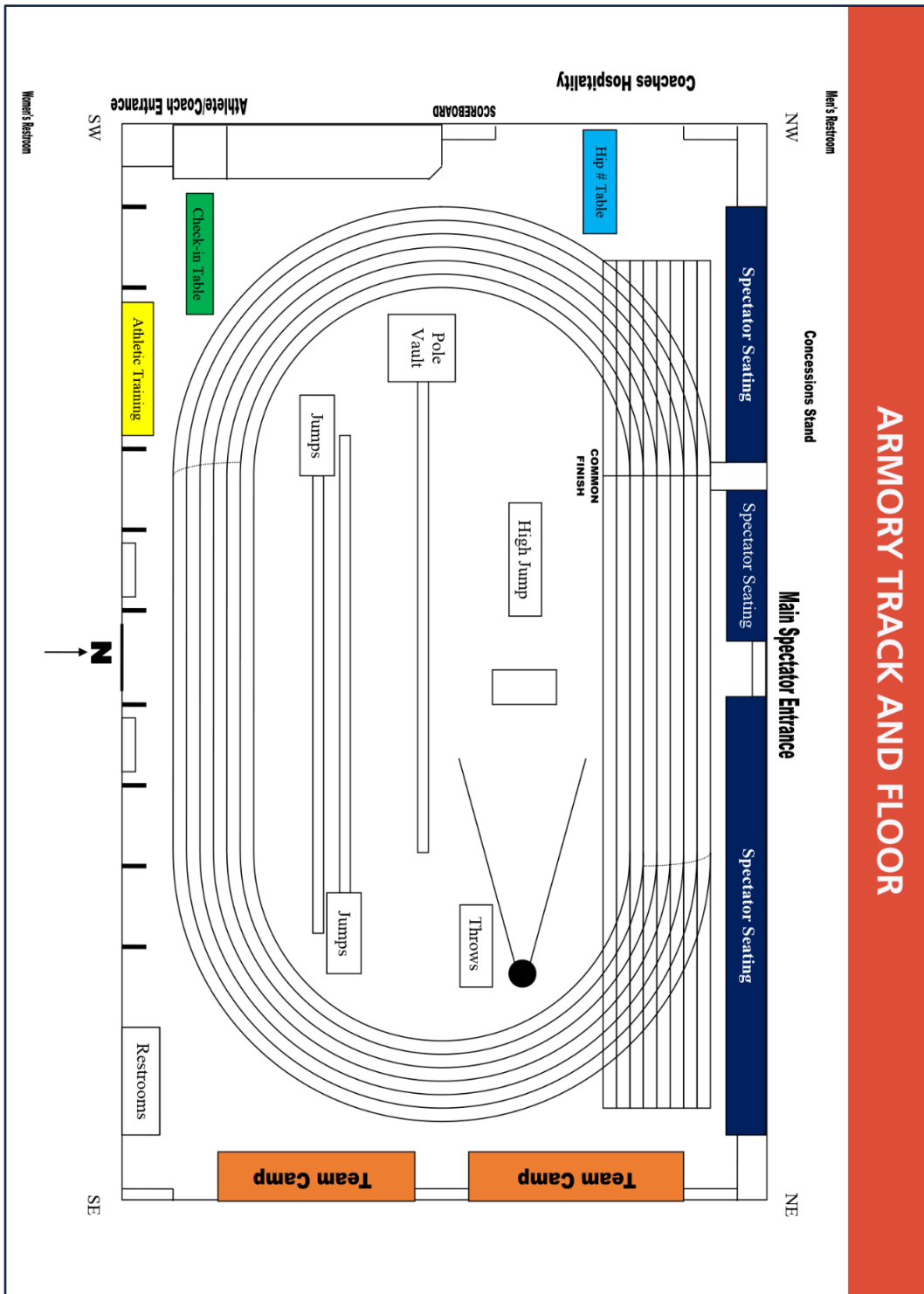
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Facility Map



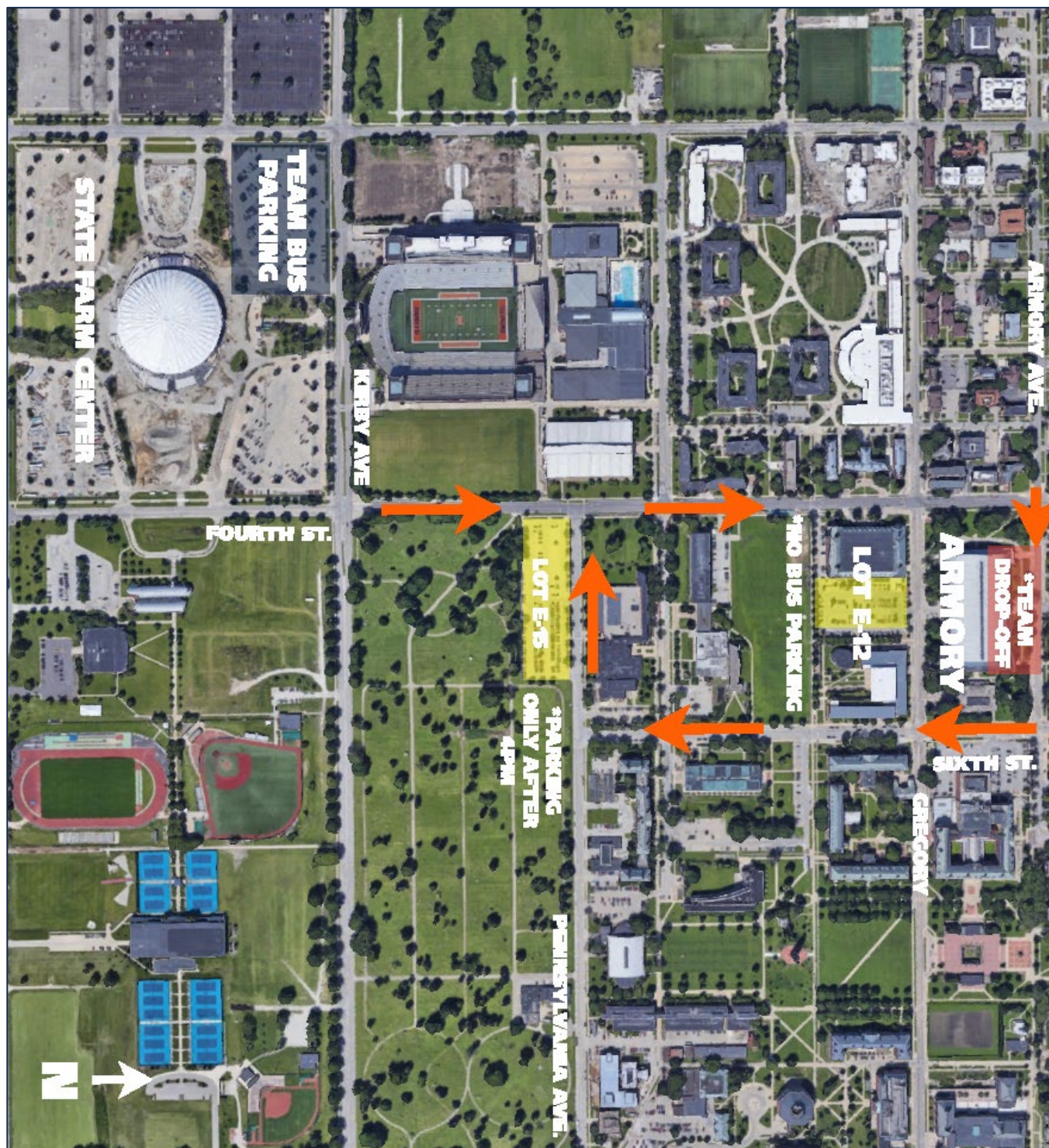
ARMORY TRACK AND FLOOR



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Parking Map



Recommended Unattached Performance Standards

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Women</u> | <u>Men</u> |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| 60m | 8.00 | 7.10 |
| 200m | 26.40 | 22.90 |
| 400m | 1:00.00 | 51:50 |
| 600m | 1:40.00 | 1:25.00 |
| 800m | 2:22.00 | 1:59.00 |
| Mile | 5:20.00 | 4:20.00 |
| 3000M | 10:25.00 | 8:55.00 |
| 60H | 9.60 | 8.70 |
| HJ | 1.60m | 1.95m |
| PV | 3.65m | 4.30m |
| LJ | 5.40m | 6.50m |
| TJ | 11.00m | 14.00m |
| SP | 13.00m | 15.00m |
| WT | 15.00m | 17.00m |

