

# Pitt State "The Almost Last Chance" Invitational



*hosted by Pittsburg State University*



**Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Site:** Pittsburg State University Outdoor Track & Field Complex  
Pittsburg State University  
825 E. Ford St. Pittsburg, KS

**Starting Time:** Field Events – Noon                      Running Events – 4:00 pm

**Admission:** \$10.00 per person, \$8.00 senior citizen (55 and older), 12 & Under and PSU College Students with a Valid Student ID are Free

**Entries:** Entries are due no later than Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm through [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com) at this time entries are final and considered entered and declared. We will send out accepted entries Friday morning no later than noon, May 8<sup>th</sup>. We will not accept additions or changes beyond the entry deadline. The seeded meet program will be emailed to coaches on Friday evening along with final meet notes regarding the meet.

**Entry Fee:** **\$50 per event per athlete. No team cap on entry fee.** Entry Fees will be paid through **Direct Athletics ONLY**, all entry fees are NON-REFUNDABLE. Payment must be received before the entry deadline for entries to be accepted. Entry fees are based upon the number of athletes entered at the entry deadline. Unattached athletes will be required to register as an individual (separate from their team) and pay online before the entry is accepted into the meet.

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**Unattached Athletes:** This is an open meet, but meet management reserves the right to accept only a select few unattached athletes to fill the field of competitors. Unattached athletes looking to compete in this competition must email Coach Brian Mantooth at [bmantooth@pittstate.edu](mailto:bmantooth@pittstate.edu) to get an invite. If accepted, an email will be sent to you through Direct Athletics with a link to enter the competition. Only unattached athletes with the link will be able to enter the competition. Unattached athletes will be required to register as an individual (separate from their team) and pay online before the entry is accepted into the meet.

**Entry Requirements:** Marks must be verified through TFRRS and we will accept marks from the 2024 season through the current track season to this point. Speculative marks will only be accepted with supporting documentation (link to online results). For example, if you have a freshman athlete who has not competed in the event at the college level, but has a quality mark from high school, or junior college, then enter the valid mark with the link to the mark, and leave this information in **“Entry Note/Additional Info”** box next to the **“speculative time/mark”** box in your entries.

**World Athletics:**

World Athletics and USA Track & Field policies require that marks to be considered for qualification to their championships may only come from competitions that are sanctioned through World Athletics/USATF and abide by their rulebook. While this meet will be conducted under NCAA rules, it is also sanctioned by World Athletics and USATF. Results will be reported both to TFRRS and World Athletics/USATF, with notations of any rule violations from World Athletics rulebook.

**Team Check In:**

Please pick up heat sheets, updated schedule of events and relay cards at the tent by the warmup track upon arrival. Heat and flight sheets along with an updated schedule will be emailed to the teams prior to arrival.

**Clerking:**

Hip numbers will be located adjacent to the warmup track/lanes under the tent (#7 on the map), hip numbers can be picked up **30 minutes** prior to the start of your event. Hip numbers will be worn on Left Hip/Left Chest. 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay teams need to turn in their relay cards to the hip number station **30 minutes** prior to the start of the event. If you do not turn in your relay card it is considered a scratch. Reminders for relay cards will be made over the PA system as the deadline approaches.

Athletes will be required to report to their respective start lines on their own, we will not clerk the athletes to and from the start/finish lines. **Please let your athletes know that they can either walk on the sidewalk around the track or just inside the fence of the oval, but do not walk across the infield or field events areas inside the oval of the track, please utilize the space outside of lane 9 to return to the warmup area.**

**Implement weigh in:** All implements will be weighed in at the throwing venue shed that is located by the hammer cage starting 2 hours prior to the first throwing event.

**Spikes:**

**1/8" or 1/4" pyramid spikes on track and javelin runway, please.**

**New Facility:**

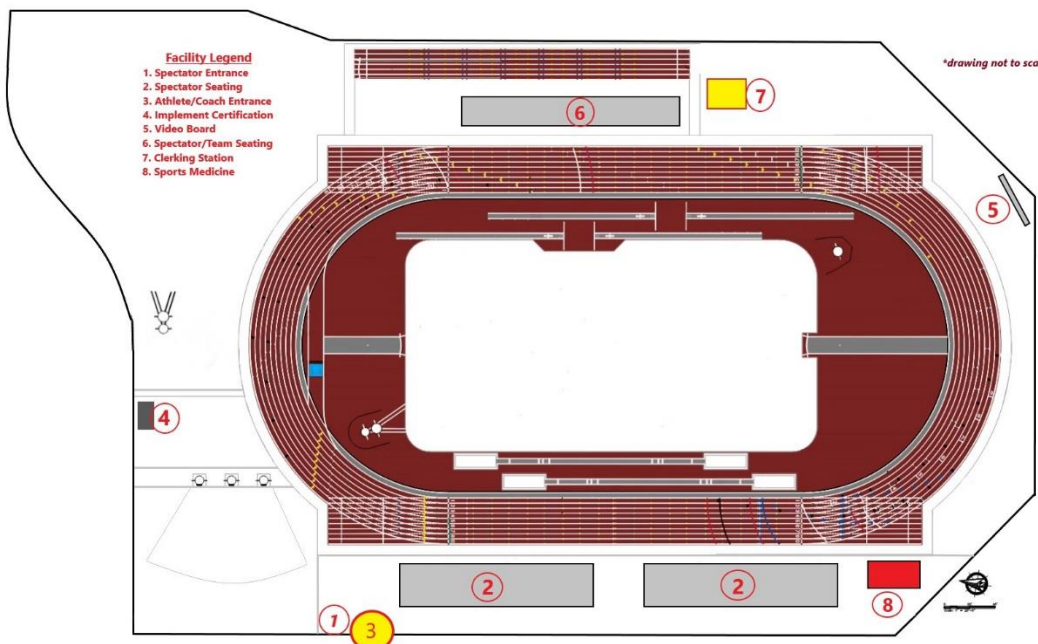
Beynon BSS 2000 with Hobart texture with nine 48" lanes on the oval. The jumping and javelin areas are Beynon BSS 2000 with Hobart texture. Chalk and Cones are not permitted on the track, **athletic tape only** for jump marks on the runway. Shot put, hammer, and discus areas are concrete.

**Men's Long Jump Board – 3.00m**

**Women's Long Jump Board – 3.00m**

**Men's Triple Jump Board – 12.50m**

**Women's Triple Jump Board – 10.00m**



**Pacing Lights:** PSU owns its own pacing lights and will utilize the pacing lights for all races 800m in length and up. Coach Barrows will send out a detailed pacing chart for each section on the track that used the pacing lights.

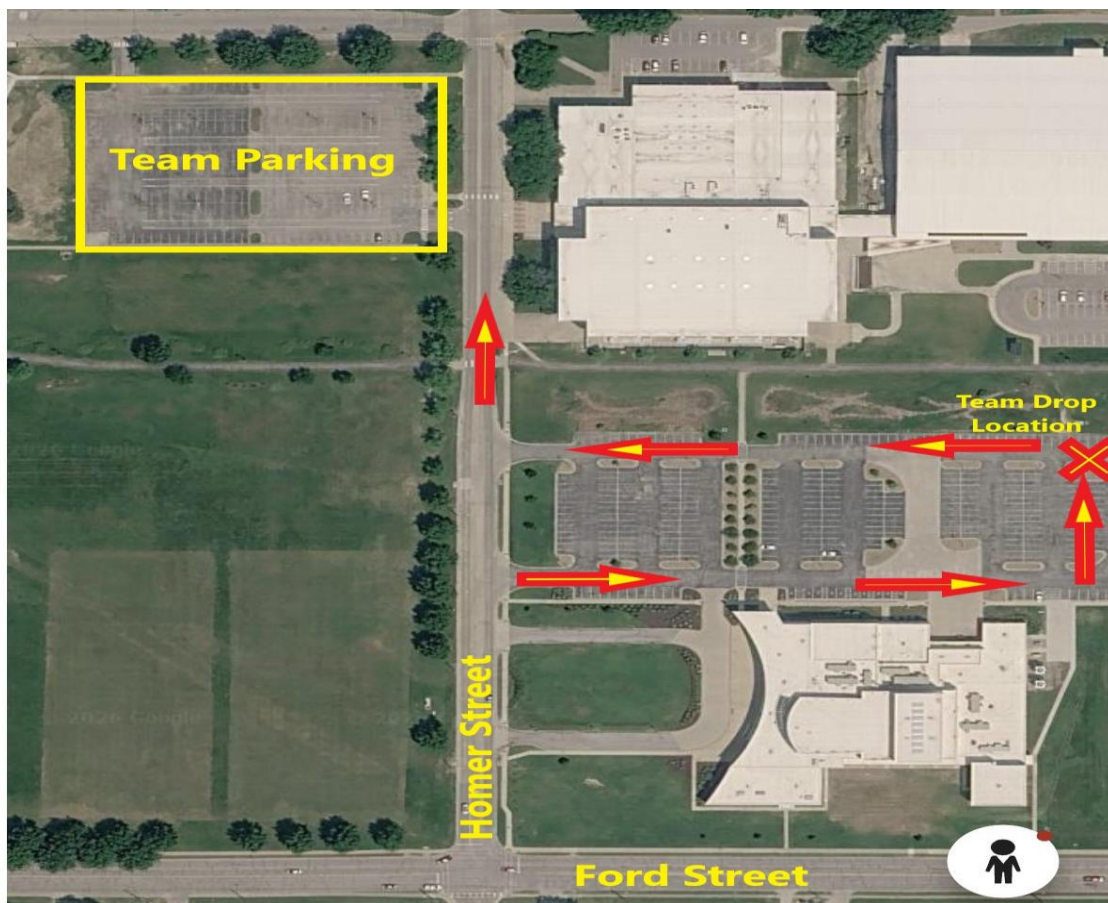
**Team Areas:** Please keep all team camps on the East side of the track. Absolutely nobody will be allowed on the infield due to the infield being used for javelin and discus throwing. Please keep tents and canopies out of the bleachers so as not to block the view of spectators.

**Electronics:** All electronic devices including headphones/earbuds are always prohibited in competition areas of the facility. Anywhere inside of the fenced in area is considered competition area.

**Results:** Results will be available shortly after the conclusion of the meet and will be announced throughout the day. Live results can be found at [www.midwesttiming.com](http://www.midwesttiming.com). Results will also be available on our website after the competition: [www.pittstategorillas.com](http://www.pittstategorillas.com)

**Live Video Stream:** This meet will not be livestreamed.

**Parking:** All team vehicles must park in the Kansas Technology Center parking lot on the East side of the Pittsburg State Track and Field Complex or in the Weede lot just west of the Weede Physical Education Building. Teams will be allowed to drop off at Gate 1/3 on the map but must park in the above-mentioned lots. The Bicknell Center lot is for paying track spectators, and functions associated with the Bicknell Center. The only entrance teams into the facility will be the West entrance located off the Bicknell Center lot until construction is complete.



**Officials/Meet Personnel:** Officials and Meet Personnel will be able to park in the Plaster Center lot that is located North of the outdoor track facility. The Plaster Center lot will be reserved for Officials and Meet Personnel.

- Concessions:** Concessions will be sold in the concessions trailer located on the west side of stadium.
- Practice Session:** For a practice session, please contact Damian Smithhisler at [dsmithhisler@pittstate.edu](mailto:dsmithhisler@pittstate.edu), he will provide you with a specific time. We just ask that no the jump pits are not used as staff will be doing final set-up for the next day's competition, please be respectful of their requests.
- Athletic Trainer:** Trainers will be available during the meet to administer first aid. Trainers will be located on the home stretch southwest of the track by the common finish line. Trainers will also be present at the throwing area. Please bring your own athletic tape and other necessary supplies. Please contact Track specific trainer Kody Eckert at [keckert@pittstate.edu](mailto:keckert@pittstate.edu) with more specific meet day athletic training info.
- Additional Info:** Meet Director – Brian Mantooth – [bmantooth@pittstate.edu](mailto:bmantooth@pittstate.edu), please use email only  
Director of Facilities – Damian Smithhisler – [dsmithhisler@pittstate.edu](mailto:dsmithhisler@pittstate.edu), please use email only  
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