

12th Annual New Balance Armory Collegiate Invitational
February 3-4, 2012
New York City

1. Rules of Competition

Competition will be governed by the active editions of:

Colleges – The NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Men’s and Women’s Rules, with exception as needed by meet management

Open and Junior Divisions – The USA Track and Field Competition Rules

High School – The Official National Federation Track & Field and Cross Country Rules Book

The meet referee is Anne Rothenberg, of Exeter, R.I.

Appeals must be made within 15 minutes of the posting of a result and should be filed at the protest table.

A fee of \$50 must accompany an appeal.

2. Competition Sites

The Armory track is a 200-meter banked 6-lane Mondo track. The lanes are 36” wide. The horizontal jumps are contested in two parallel pits. The women’s runway is 53 meters, or 173 feet, in length. The men’s runway is 54 meters, or 178 feet, in length. The pole vault runway is 45 meters, or 147 feet, in length. The runways are Mondo. The high jump is contested at both ends of the infield; two high jumps can be conducted simultaneously. The Mondo straightaway is 8 lanes and 60 meters. The lanes are 48” wide.

In the weight throw, only bag weights can be used. A wooden throwing circle is used.

There is warm-up space on the 2nd and 3rd floors of the Armory. Spikes must be ¼”. Only starting blocks supplied by the Armory may be used.

Vaulting poles can be shipped c/o Mr. Bassett Thompson, Director of Track & Field, New Balance T&F Center, 216 Fort Washington Ave., NYC 10032. Please also notify Mr. Thompson in advance (212-923-1803 x11, cell 516-668-3234). Poles will be stored securely until your arrival.

3. Lanes

For seeding purposes, lane priorities are:

In the 200, 400, 500, 4x200 and 4x400, lane priority is 5-6-4-3-2-1. On the straightaway, it is 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8.

In the 200 meters, all lanes will be used in the preliminaries, lanes 3 through 6 in the final. The Championship final will be 3 sections of 4 runners each; the fastest section will run last. All six lanes will be used in the College consolation final.

In the 400 meters, all lanes will be used in the preliminaries, 2 through 6 in the final. The Championship final will be 2 sections of 5 runners each, the faster section last. All six lanes will be used in the College consolation final.

4. Entries

College entries are submitted online, via DirectAthletics.com. Entries open Dec. 1, 2011. **Entries close at 4 p.m. EST Monday, Jan. 23, 2012.** Include the names of all relay team members. Most events will be seeded on Tuesday, Jan. 24.

Entry standards are posted on the Armory website www.armorytrack.com. Satisfaction of an entry standard does not guarantee acceptance to the meet; all possible efforts are made to admit as many athletes as the time schedule will permit. The limit on the number of positions available in each event is listed on the Entry Standards form.

Teams are limited to four athletes per event. Coaches should submit an athlete's **estimated performance** on the day of competition. Preference for acceptance and seeding will be given to (1) performances from the current indoor season, (2) from the 2011 indoor season, (3) from the 2011 outdoor season, and (4) from previous seasons.

Most heat and section assignments will be posted on the Armory website by 6 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25. The names of all athletes accepted in individual events will also be posted at that time.

Scratches and performance updates should be submitted by fax (212-923-1645). Submit scratches and updates no later than *Monday, Jan. 30*.

Open athletes enter via DirectAthletics.com. Entries open Dec. 1, 2011, and close at 4 p.m. EST *Monday, Jan. 30, 2012*. Open athletes must pay their entry fee online prior to the close of entries in order to be accepted into the meet. Athletes who wish to be considered for inclusion in the Open events must contact the event coordinator, Mr. Bob Rothenberg, ph. 401-294-9946, no later than *Monday, Jan. 23*.

High school and Juniors entries will be done on [DirectAthletics](http://DirectAthletics.com). These entries will close at 5 p.m. EST *Thursday, Jan. 26, 2012*. To secure the password for this entry, contact the event director, Mr. Dan Doherty. All high school and Juniors entry fees must be paid online prior to the close of entries. School purchase orders will not be accepted.

5. Entry fees

College teams -- \$475 per sex, or \$40 per athlete per event and/or \$50 per relay team

High school, Juniors -- \$30 per relay team, \$25 per individual event

Open athletes -- \$40 per individual event, \$50 per relay team

Examples

A. One athlete in 2 events = \$80

B. Four athletes on one relay team, one of those athletes in an individual event = \$90

C. 27 female athletes in 45 individual events and 4 relay races = \$475

Checks should be made out to The Armory Foundation. If mailed, they should be sent to Jack Pfeifer, Meet Director, Armory Foundation, 216 Fort Washington Ave., NY, NY 10032.

Entry fees are based on entry, not competition, in the meet. Entry fees will be calculated on the number of entries at the time of the official close of entries. Team packets and competitor numbers will be issued only to teams that have (1) paid their entry fee in full, or (2) presented a satisfactory school purchase order. Teams that have not paid entry fees from previous years will not be allowed to participate.

Late entries After the official close of entries, additional College and Open entries may be accepted, on a limited basis. The entry fee for such late entries is \$60 per athlete per event and/or \$75 per relay team. This is a required fee, regardless of the number of entries per team.

6. Divisions

The college competition is conducted in a single division. In some events a seeded section will be held and called Championship, while the remaining competitors will compete in College.

7. Team scoring

Events are scored 10 points for 1st place, 8 for 2nd, 6 for 3rd, 5 for 4th, 4 for 5th, 3 for 6th, 2 for 7th and 1 for 8th. There is separate scoring for each sex. Trophies are awarded to the top four teams for each sex. All events are scored.

In those events with various heats or flights, all competitors are eligible to place and score, with the exception of the high jump and pole vault, where only the Championship sections will be scored. In the 60 dash, 60 hurdles, 200 and 400, an athlete must qualify for the Championship final to score. In all other events, all performances will be used to determine the scorers.

Teams are limited to four scorers per event. Open athletes are omitted from the scoring.

8. Open Events

The 800 and 1,500 for men and women will be contested. Participation is by invitation only. In addition, elite-level Open competitors will be accepted in *field events only* on a limited basis, upon request. The chairman for these events is Mr. Bob Rothenberg, of Exeter, R.I. (ph. 401-294-9946, email arotherberg2@cox.net). To be considered for any of these events and to secure an invitation, contact Mr. Rothenberg no later than *Monday, Jan. 23, 2012*.

If an Open athlete qualifies for a field-event final, sufficient collegians will be advanced to assure nine college athletes in that final.

9. High school & Junior events

In the high school 4x200 and 4x400, there will be 6 teams per sex. In the 4x800, the fields will be limited to 12 teams.

The Junior boys' and girls' 1,000-meter runs will be limited to eight competitors each. The Junior boys' and girls' 600-meter runs and girls' 300 will be limited to six competitors each, the boys' weight throws to eight competitors. In the Junior boys' weight throw, competitors will use the 25-pound implement. These events will be administered under USATF rules. Athletes in these events will not be permitted to wear school uniforms.

The director of these events is Mr. Dan Doherty, of Pearl River, N.Y., ph. 845-596-3625, email dohertyd@optonline.net. Participation in these events is by invitation only.

The lists of accepted teams and individuals will be posted on the Armory website (www.armorytrack.com) on Friday morning, Jan. 27, 2012.

10. College events

60 meters and 60-meter hurdles – All 8 lanes will be used in the preliminaries. The dash fields will be limited to 64 men and 64 women in the Championship division, 64 men and 96 women in the College division. The hurdle fields will be limited to 48 men and 64 women in each division. Lane assignments in the preliminary round will be random. Heat assignments will be seeded. The fastest 8 finishers in the preliminaries of both divisions combined will advance to the Championship final. The next-fastest 8 finishers will advance to the Consolation final. For the purposes of team scoring, only those competitors in the Championship final can score. Athletes who withdraw from Championship finals will not be replaced. **Late addition:** The fastest additional 8 runners from the College competition will advance to a College final for each of these 4 events.

200 meters – All lanes will be used in the preliminary round, although Lane 1 will be avoided whenever possible. Blocks will be permitted in the preliminaries. The fastest 12 finishers in all preliminaries will advance to the Championship final, which will be conducted in 3 sections of 4 runners each. Heat I of the final will be comprised of the slowest 4 qualifiers, Heat II the next 4 fastest and Heat III the fastest 4. Final places will be determined by comparing times. Lanes 1 and 2 will not be used in the Championship final. The next-fastest six finishers from the College qualifying heats will advance to the College consolation final. Only those competitors in the Championship final can score. Assignments and lanes in the heats and finals will be seeded. The fields will be limited to 50 men and 60 women in the Championship division, 60 men and 96 women in the College division. All competitors will be eligible for the Championship final. Athletes who withdraw from Championship finals will not be replaced.

400 meters – The fastest 10 finishers in the preliminaries will advance to the Championship final, which will be conducted in 2 sections of 5 runners each. Heat I of the final will be comprised of the slowest 5 qualifiers, Heat II the fastest 5. Final places will be determined by comparing times. Lane 1 will not be used in the finals. Assignments and lanes in the heats and finals will be seeded. Lane 1 will be avoided whenever possible in the prelims. The fields will be limited to 70 men and 60 women in the Championship division, 72 of each sex in the College division. Blocks will be permitted in the Championship division. All competitors are eligible for the Championship final. The next-fastest six finishers from the College qualifying heats will advance to the College consolation final. Only those competitors in the Championship final can score. Athletes who withdraw from Championship finals will not be replaced.

500 meters – Fields will be limited to 66 men and 58 women. Blocks will be permitted in the Championship division. In the Championship division, three sections will be run. A three-turn stagger will be used.

800 meters, 1,000, mile, 3,000, 5,000 – The competition will be conducted using timed sections. Where there are consecutive heats, the fastest runners will run last. The size of the fields will be limited to: 800 – 92 women, 110 men; 1,000 – 36 women, 40 men; mile – 75 women, 73 men; 3,000 – 60 of each sex; 5000 – 60 women, 40 men.

4 x 200 – No qualifying times are necessary. A limited number of timed sections will be contested.

4 x 400 – No qualifying times are necessary. Teams from Pennsylvania and New York will be placed in the appropriate state races, to be contested Saturday afternoon. If a team from one of those states is among the leading entrants, they will be entered in the Championship division if that is their desire. A team must compete in the state race to be eligible for the award for that event.

4 x 800 – The fields will be limited to 14 women's teams and 12 men's. **Late addition** A College race will also be contested for additional teams.

Distance medley – The fields will be limited to 32 teams per sex. No B relay teams are permitted in any relay event. The championship heats will be limited to 12 teams. Club teams will not be permitted in the Championship division.

Field events – The order of competition will be seeded, with the best entrants competing in the final flight. Finalists will compete in reverse order of their standing after the preliminaries. Nine collegians will advance to each final. All attempts will be measured. Distances will be measured and recorded in meters but will be announced in feet and inches. The limits of the fields are:

High jump	48 per sex
Pole vault	48 per sex
Long jump	96 women, 75 men
Triple jump	72 women, 60 men
Shot put	60 per sex
Weight throw	42 women, 36 men

11. Check-in

Athletes in running events must check in at the clerks' table no less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event. Hip numbers will be issued at that time. Athletes in field events should check in to the head official of their specific event at the competition site, no less than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event. It is the prerogative of meet management to scratch a competitor who does not meet these deadlines. No public-address check-in calls will be made. The meet will not be allowed to run more than 5 minutes ahead of schedule.

12. Awards

Trophies are awarded to the top four teams for each sex. These awards will be made on the infield immediately following the final event. Coaches and team members are asked to stay for the ceremonies. Trophies will be awarded to the Outstanding Competitors, one chosen for each sex, in the college competition. The Dr. Philip Edwards Award is presented to the outstanding male competitor, the Evelyn Lawler Award to the outstanding female competitor. The Louise Tricard Spirit Award is presented annually to a school that has shown outstanding enthusiasm for the competition in previous years.

Plaques are awarded to the winners of the high school and Juniors events. Medals are awarded to all four members of the first three finishers of those relay races and to the first three finishers of the individual events.

13. Passes

Teams will be issued two coaches' passes per sex. A team with 15 or more competitors, for either sex, will be issued a third coach's pass upon request. An additional trainer's pass will be issued upon request, per sex if so requested. If additional passes are needed, they may be purchased for one-half of the Adult general-admission price. A team with a single relay team or one or two individuals will receive one coach's pass. Athletes must wear their competitor numbers to be admitted.

Coaches may sit in the stands along the backstretch of the track. Athletes can be in that area for consultation with their coaches but cannot use that area as permanent seating.

The northeast corner of the 3rd floor of the Armory is reserved for team training tables. Trainers may not set up in any other area.

Team packets may be picked up at the headquarters hotel, the New York Hilton, on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 2 to 10 p.m., or at the Armory beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, and beginning at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. The hotel is located at 6th Avenue and 54th Street.

14. Tickets

Tickets will be available in advance online, and at the gate.

Reserved Section \$25 per day
General Admission \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Students

Student-athletes and coaches may sit in the General Admission sections.

15. Implement weigh-in

Friday, Feb. 3, beginning at 9:30 a.m. for women and at 1:45 p.m. for men, and on Saturday, Feb. 4, beginning at 8 a.m.

16. Practice

The Armory will be open for practice on Thursday, Feb. 2, from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and from 6 to 9:30 p.m. The Armory will open at 9 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 3, and at 7:45 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4.

17. Housing

The New York Hilton, located at 54th Street and 6th Avenue, is the official host hotel. A limited number of rooms have been set aside at the Hilton and at two adjacent hotels for participating teams. To arrange housing and to secure the special meet room rates, contact our housing agent, Total Travel, c/o Ellie Dayton or Arnie Ginsberg (516-222-9229, 800-353-5550).

18. Food

It is against Armory policy to bring food or beverages into the building. A full-service concession stand on the 4th floor and the Armory Café on the 3rd floor will be open throughout the meet.

19. Contact Numbers

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