

2008 NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships

Meet Information

- Location:** South Plains College – Levelland, Texas
- Dates:** Thursday, May 15 – Saturday, May 17, 2008
- Admission:** Adults - \$6.00 one-day pass, \$10.00 two-day pass
Students - \$3.00 one-day pass – must show student ID
- Facilities:** South Plains College Track and Field Stadium – 8 lane polyurethane track surface, 4 long jump/triple jump landing areas and 2 javelin runways with polyurethane runways, brushed concrete shot put and discus circles located inside the track, and a brushed concrete hammer/discus circle located outside the track.
- Spikes:** Allowable spikes are ¼” **including javelin and all jumping events.**
- Rules:** NCAA Track and Field Rules Apply. The meet will be governed by USATF certified officials.
- Entries:** Athletes will be entered and declared online through Direct Athletics at www.directathletics.com. If you have any questions on obtaining a password to login, go to the above website and click on new user and fill out the online form.
- Entry Fee:** \$20 per athlete entered. **ENTRY FEE MUST BE PAID AT PACKET PICKUP.** Make check payable to South Plains College, National Track Championships.
- Entry Deadline:** **Combined Events** entries must be received by **6:00 pm CST** on Saturday, May 10, 2008. All remaining entries must be completed on Direct Athletics by **6:00 pm CST** on Monday, May 12, 2008. **NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- Declarations:** Final Declarations for Combined Events must be completed by **3:00 pm CST** on Monday, May 12, 2008. Final Declarations for all events except the Combined Events must be completed on Direct Athletics by **3:00 pm CST** on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 (final declarations and scratches only). Please make all scratches, including withdrawing combined event athletes during the designated declaration period.
- Entry Eligibility:** Individuals entered in a NJCAA Track & Field Championship must be qualified for entry by one of the following:
- a. Have met the qualifying standards for events entered (listed in NJCAA Handbook) or:
 - b. Regional Champion in events entered or:
 - c. “White Card” entry for a single event or:
 - d. “Blue Card” entry for a single event.

Qualifying Procedures:

1. Qualifying Standards are enclosed. All performances that will be used for entry in the NJCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships must be listed on the NJCAA Performance List on Direct Athletics within 14 calendar days of the performance date (per NJCAA Handbook). Entries not on the NJCAA Performance List will not be accepted.

2. Athletes may compete in any event for which they have qualified. No college may declare more than three (3) athletes in any individual event. No college may enter more than one (1) relay team in any relay event.
3. Regional Champions in all events except the combined events automatically qualify for the NJCAA National Track and Field Championships. For an athlete to be a Regional Champion, a Regional or Multi-Region Championship Meet with two (2) or more teams per division (male and female) and ten (10) or more contested events must be held. The winner of each event will be declared the Regional Champion and earn the automatic entry into the National Championship.
4. Each institution will be permitted one (1) event "White Card" entry for each division, male and female. A "White Card" entry may be used on an individual entry or a relay entry which has not met the qualifying standard.
5. Each institution will be permitted two (2) "Blue Card" entries from each division, male and female. A "Blue Card" entry may be made if an athlete has already qualified for the National Championship in any event. The athlete must participate in the event for which they are already qualified in order to compete in a "Blue Card" event.

Performance List: All coaches need to update performances each week using the Direct Athletics website (www.directathletics.com). The proof of performance for each declared athlete will be taken from this list. Therefore it is very important that each coach use Direct Athletics for reporting results each week.

Combined Events: The competitive field in the Decathlon and Heptathlon will be limited to the sixteen (16) best marks. The combined event entry sheet is enclosed. To enter your athletes, please complete the entry form with all requested information and fax to 806-897-0139, Attn. Blaine Wiley. Entries for combined events must be received by **6:00 pm CST on Saturday, May 10, 2008**. Coaches will be notified by email if athlete is accepted into the National Championship on **Sunday, May 11, 2008**. Accepted combined event entries will also be posted on the South Plains College Athletics Website (<http://www.southplainscollege.edu/athletics/>) by **12:00 pm CST on Monday, May 12, 2008**.

Packet Pick-Up: Combined Events Only – 8:00 am – 10:00 am, Thursday, May 15, 2008.
All other events – at the coaches dinner – 6 pm, Thursday, May 15, 2008.
Location – SPC Track Team Room – West End of Stadium

Implement Weigh-In:

Must be completed at least 1 hour before competition begins.
Thursday, May 15 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Friday, May 16 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Saturday, May 17 – 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Warm-Up Area: Athletes will warm-up on the grass field located at the north side of the track, adjacent to the backstretch. Athletes will report to the clerk's tent positioned at the northwest corner of the track for event check-in and escort to the event area.

Team Practice: Stadium and track will be open for practice on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm and Thursday, May 15, 2008 from 12:00 pm – 5:00 pm. On Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 no warm-ups will be permitted in the competition area. The warm-up

area will be located in the grass field located at the north side of the track, adjacent to the backstretch.

- Eligibility:** As per NJCAA 2007-2008 Handbook
- Awards:** As per NJCAA 2007-2008 Handbook
- Timing:** Fully Automatic Timing using Finish Lynx timing system with Hy-Tek Meet Manager.
- Concession:** Food and drink will be available during competition hours at the concession stand located at the southwest corner of the track.
- T-shirts:** T-shirts will be sold during packet pick-up on Thursday at the check-in area in the SPC Track Team Room and at the meet site during competition hours.
- Coaches Meeting:** The Coaches Dinner and the NJCAA Track & Field Coaches Association Meeting will be held in the SPC Track Team Room located at the West End of the track stadium at **6:00 pm CST** on Thursday, May 15, 2008.