



2017 GHSAA 1A(private)/4A/7A
State Track & Field Championships
May 11-13th, 2017

Meet Information

Location: Meet will be held on Clark Track and Dickey Field at Valhalla Stadium on the Campus of Berry College. College address is; 2277 Martha Berry Hwy NW, Mount Berry GA 30149.

Facilities: The meet will be held on Clark Track and Dickey Field located at the Valhalla Stadium complex. Track is a Rekortan M99 8-lane track with 48" lanes. North D-zone includes Steeplechase pit and PV. South D-zone includes HJ apron. LJ/TJ runways and pits run East-West with pits on both ends and are located on South end of stadium. Throws are located on Dickey Field across maple drive.

GATE:

General admission is \$7.00 each day for all ages. Gates will open at 11am on Thursday, 8am on Friday, and 9am on Saturday.

Coaches/teams and Volunteers are to use the team/pass gate at the Main Valhalla entrance to enter the facility on Thursday and Saturday. On Friday, the team/pass gate will be located on maple drive just before the main gate. The General public will enter the facility on Friday on the parking lot side of Dickey Field (throws area). See the Facility/parking maps for more info.

Parking: Spectator parking will be located within the Cage Recreation Center Parking lots. Upon entering campus and checking in at the Welcome Center, take the first left after proceeding through the Welcome Center. Team Mini-buses and Buses are to continue past the second lot and drop off teams in the horseshoe on Maple Dr. Buses will then be directed onto the main campus and park in the bus lot behind McAllister Science Building (See parking map). Overflow spectator parking will be available behind McAllister Hall as well.

Team Camps: No Canopies will be allowed to be used in the stands. Team camps must be set up in grass areas outside of the track fence on the North and East end of the track (flag pole side and visitors grandstand side) Teams are also asked to stay off the turf infield unless warming up for an upcoming event. At no time should team members congregate on the infield to cheer or hang out. If in the Grandstands, please remind athletes, fans, and team personnel that standing at the railing is prohibited.

Athletic Training/First Aid: Berry Athletic Trainers will be available for all First-Aid and ice needs only. The First Aid tent will be located near the finish line on the South end of the infield. Berry trainers will not do massage, stretching or modalities. Water will be made available at various areas around the competition area.

Inclement Weather:

In the event of inclement weather, the Cage Recreation Center will be available. Announcements regarding lightning delays or other weather related information will be made over the PA system and also on the Berry Track & Field Twitter feed (@BerryXCTF)

Implement Check-in and Weigh-in: Implement Check-in and Weigh-in will take place at Dickey Field under the canopy on the Javelin runway starting at 8:30am on Friday. Implements must be checked in no later than 30min prior to the scheduled start of their event for their classification. Any athlete using an implement that has not been checked in and marked will be grounds for disqualification.

Coaches Packet Pick-up: Coaches may pick up their team packets starting at 11am on Thursday at the main stadium entrance at the team/pass gate entrance. Packets will contain necessary communication regarding the meet along with coaches meal passes for Friday hospitality meal and wristbands for all competing student-athletes. Athletes are to wear their wristbands at all times and will not be allowed to enter the facility or competition area without the wristband on. No exceptions.

Timing and Results: Timing will be provided by The Perfect Timing Group (www.ptgrouponline.com) as well as live results online. Hard copy results will also be posted on results boards/tables near the concession pavilion at the conclusion of each event.

Concessions: Concessions will be available in the concession stand near main entrance to the Valhalla Stadium. No food or drink will be allowed on the track surface or on football field surface at any time. Water is the only thing that will be allowed on track and infield. Anyone caught eating/drinking anything other than water on the infield may be asked to leave the warm-up area/infield.

Athlete Check-in: All running event athletes must check in with the clerk of course under the White 20'x40' canopy located on the infield no later than 30min prior to the first flight of their event. Failure to check-in before third/final call may lead to a scratch/DQ. Hip numbers will be issued at the time of check-in and are to be worn on the Left outside thigh. Dual Hip numbers may also be issued to all 1600/3200m runners to be worn on left upper chest for lap counting purposes.

Field event athletes are to check in at their field event starting 45min prior to the scheduled start of their event but no later than 15min prior to the scheduled start of their event. Any Field event athlete who does not check in prior to their event starting (regardless of which flight they are in) may be scratched from that event

At Third/Final call, all runners are to be at/immediately report to the clerking area under the Clerking Tent. Flights will be assembled and then sent to the clerking cones near the finish line to await the next race. Spikes may be checked by the Clerking tent, clerk, and/or field event judge.

Spikes: ¼” pyramid spikes only! Spikes may be checked at both the Clerking Tent and also upon checking in at Field Event sites. You must have your spikes with you when you check in at both Clerking Tent and at Field Event. Replacement spikes will be avail for sale for .25 each at the concession booth.

HJ/PV Starting Heights: Starting heights in the PV and HJ are as follows:

High Jump: 1A Girls – 4’8/4A Girls – 4’8/7A Girls – 4’8
1A Boys – 5’8/4A Boys – 5’8/7A Boys – 5’8
Pole Vault: 1A Girls – 7’6/4A Girls – 7’6/7A Girls – 7’6
1A Boys – 10’/4A Boys -10’ /7A Boys – 10’6

Awards:

An Awards ceremony for each event will take place at approx. 30min after the conclusion of the each event and the results are final. Athletes finishing in the top 8 are asked to pay attention to the PA announcements and stay within the stadium immediately after their event and will be called down to the awards tent/stage near midfield. The ceremony will take place on the field in front of the main grandstands. Medals will be presented to the top 8 in each event

Coaches Boxes for Field Events:

There will be marked off coaches boxes for all Friday field events. Only credentialed coaches will be allowed to be in the box. Please refer to the facility map for box locations for Friday. On Thursday and Saturday, there will be no coaches allowed on the infield, only athletes warming up within 1 hour of their scheduled event and/or to check in at the clerking tent.

Friday Coaches Hospitality:

On Friday from 11am-2pm, Berry Track & Field will host a coaches hospitality area in the home locker room located under the main grandstand bleachers. Lunch, snacks, and beverages will be avail for all GHSA credentialed coaches. Meal tickets will be located inside of your Meet Packet. There will be 4 tickets per program. Programs needing extra tickets are to see Coach Syverson during the day on Friday.

Facility Practice Options:

Dickey Field and Valhalla will be open to practice on Thursday from 9am-11am only. After 11am on Thursday, Dickey Field will be open as a general warm-up field for prelim running events. The turf infield inside the track will only be avail for general warm-up for athletes 1 hour before the scheduled start time of their event(s).

Rules and Regulations:

Please keep in mind and follow the following Facility and GHSA/NFHS regulations:

- Headphones and electronic devices are not allowed anywhere within the black fence surrounding the track or within the fenced off area on Dickey Field (throws area).
- No food or drink is allowed inside of the black track perimeter fence surrounding the track. Water is the only thing allowed on the track and turf field.
- Only athletes currently warming up for their event are allowed on the turf infield or within the perimeter track fence. Athletes will not be allowed to enter the competition or warm-up area until it is within 1 hour of the scheduled start of their event.
- Please review GHSA and NFHS Uniform rules (Rule 4.3/pg22-24) with all of you athletes. YOU are responsible for what your athletes wear.
- Please remind your athletes of both GHSA and NFHS sportsmanship expectations (NFHS rule 4.6/pg 26-27). This includes the removal of any part of the official school uniform while still in the competition area (defined at Berry as inside any fenced in area of Clark Track or Dickey Field) before or after the event. Unless it is on fire. 😊
- Any protest of an event's result or of a ruling made by head field event official, starter, umpire, timer/finish line judge, must first be made to the Head Meet Referee and a protest form must be filled out in its entirety. This is to be done at the Protest table under the main clerking canopy on the infield.
- The Games committee shall act as the Jury of Appeals for this meet and include a representative of each of the classifications and a representative of the GHSA. For this meet it includes: Matt Henson (Parkview-7A), Roby Ross (Landmark Christian-1A), Ryan McClay (St. Pius X-4A), and Jay Russell (GHSA). When a ruling involves one of the classifications, that member will be excluded.

Questions:

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