



Durham Striders Youth Association 2017 Track and Field Season

Orientation:

Thursday, February 16, 6PM-8PM

Location: Southern Durham High School Cafeteria

Registration & Physicals:

Southern Durham High School

Saturday, February 25th, 9AM-1PM

The Durham Striders Youth Association invite interested children, ages 6-18 years old and their families, to consider registering and participating in the 2017-2018 Durham Striders Track & Field (indoor and outdoor) and/or Cross Country programs. An introduction/Q&A/orientation session will be held PRIOR to registration on Thursday evening, February 16, 2017 in the cafeteria of Southern High School on Clayton Road in Durham.

Those that cannot attend the scheduled registration on February 25th may register during weekly practice. **The first day of practice will be Monday, March 6th. Free physicals will only be given on Saturday, February 25th.** Athletes must have a valid physical before they can participate. **The last day to register for all elementary school athletes is May 8th. The last day for high school and middle school athletes to register is May 25th.** **These dates are firm. If you are not registered according to the date for your age group, you will not be eligible to participate in our outdoor program this season.** Athletes are required to provide a copy of their birth certificate or legal proof of age before they can participate.

Our practice venues are Southern Durham High School and Burlington Cummings High School. Indoor practices/conditioning are Saturdays, 9a-11a at Southern and Thursdays at 4p at Cummings, January 7th – February 25th. Durham outdoor practices are Mon, Wed and Thurs from 5:30p-7p (6p-7:30p after daylight savings time) beginning March 6th at Southern. Burlington outdoor practices will be held Mon, Wed, and Thurs at 5:30p, also beginning on March 6th, at Cummings.

ALL of the following are required at the time of registration.

We cannot accept incomplete files and your child is not eligible to practice with the team until fully registered:

- Completed registration packet to include registration, code of conduct and physical forms, all of which are available on our website and at the track during the registration period.
if you obtain your child's physical outside of the club, please retain a copy for future use with other sports your child may participate in during the year as copies may not be available from us

- **Copy of the child's birth certificate for us to keep, do not bring original document.**
- **Indoor/Outdoor Registration Fee - \$125 p/a – cash, certified checks or credit card, no personal checks. Fees are non-refundable.** Discounts may be available for families with multiple children, please ask when you register; **fee includes indoor & summer seasons and a team t-shirt.**
- **Cross Country Registration Fee - \$75 p/a.** We will accept registration and fees from cross country athletes during our regular registration period, March-May 2016. Again, **these fees are also non-fundable**, so please do not register your child for our cross country season unless they fully intend to participate.
- USATF membership number – new or renewed – visit <http://www.usatf.org/Products---Services/Individual-Memberships.aspx> to obtain your child's membership number. **Only athletes who will be 7 y/o or older in the calendar year 2017 will need a number.** The cost is only \$20. Your membership comes with some great free stuff. Join or renew as early as January 1st.

****Other Important Information – Please Note****

- **MANDATORY MEETING** for middle and high school athletes **AND** their parent/guardian(s); Wednesday, May 24th, 7:30p, after practice in the stands at Southern. Your eligibility to participate or continue participating in our 2017 outdoor season requires you and your parent/guardian's attendance.
- **OPTIONAL MEETS** – There are meets throughout the season that we, as a club, do not participate in.
 - ✓ Durham Striders sanctioned meets are only those on our posted schedule and any additional that our coaching leadership may add.
 - ✓ Athletes who want to participate in *optional* meets are free to do so, but **must register for them as unattached**. Participants cannot run in an *optional* meet as a Durham Striders athlete and therefore **cannot wear Durham Striders gear**.
 - ✓ **Parents are solely responsible for any and all fees associated with optional meets.** The club only covers fees for our sanctioned meets.
 - ✓ Your Durham Striders age group coach must be **notified in advance** of your participation in an *optional* meet if you want your results/times from those meets considered for qualifying standards purposes elsewhere in the season.
- **ADDITIONAL FEES** –
 - ✓ Unless otherwise provided, parents are required to purchase team uniforms from 9th Street Active Feet, 725 Iredell St, Durham, NC 27705. Typical cost is about \$20 after Striders discount. Coaches will inform you when the uniform is needed.
 - ✓ Parents are responsible for at least one night's hotel stay for travel meets. Rates do vary, but we will provide as much advance notice as possible.
 - ✓ Although the club covers meet entry fees, all of which are non-refundable, if your child is a **no-show** for a meet that we've paid for, parents are required and expected to reimburse the club for those fees on the Monday immediately following the missed meet. Your athlete will not be allowed to return to the club until the total amounts of those fees are reimbursed.
 - ✓ **Please consider this our written fundraising notice.** The way to limit additional fee assessments is to materially participate in or contribute to our fundraising efforts

and/or establish your own. We are a non-profit organization with limited and diminishing municipal funding. Consequently, our coaches often personally incur costs/expenses to make sure all athletes who want to participate, can participate. Some of these coaches' kids have aged out and are no longer even in the club. That said, parents/families with participating athletes have to provide their financial support as well. We will communicate with you as the season progresses about what will be required.

Visit (www.durhamstriders.com) or e-mail dsya@durhamstriders.com for additional information.

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