



# Gamecock Opener

January 10 2026

## MEET INFO



### TEAM ENTRY INFORMATION

- Entries open 1/2/26
- **Team Entry Deadline 1/5/26 @ 5:00pm**
- Entries: <https://www.directathletics.com>
- Entries should abide by current NCAA rules.
- Only invited college teams and approved unattached athletes will be allowed to enter.
- Per school, limit of 3 entries per field event, 3 per running event, and up to 2 relays teams.
- **All entries and requests will not be accepted.** Meet management will limit total entries per event to manage field sizes and time schedule.
  - **Triple Jump: Minimum take off board is 11m. There will be no taped "short" board. Please do not enter athletes who cannot make the pit from the 11m. No exceptions will be made.**
- **FIELD SIZE PROJECTIONS:**
  - Running Events: up to 48 entries per event**
  - Vertical Jumps: 28 entries**
  - Horizontal Jumps: 36 entries**
  - Throwing Events: 36 entries**
- Accepted entries will be posted Wednesday, January 7th.

### UNATTACHED ATHLETES & CLUB ENTRIES

- A limited number of unattached athletes and clubs will be accepted at the discretion of Head Coach Tim Hall. For all inquiries, please contact Maurice Campbell at: [theemeetdirector@gmail.com](mailto:theemeetdirector@gmail.com)
- **The unattached deadline for request for entry into the meet is 1/2/26 @ 5:00pm**
- Not all requests will be granted an entry invitation. Approved athletes will be sent an email with further entry instructions.
- **No high school athletes**
- Unattached athletes and clubs must provide a verifiable 2025 or 2026 performance. When making request to enter, please provide: Name, gender, and event(s) along with verifiable performance.

### ENTRY FEES & PAYMENT

- Entries and payment will be online at **Direct Athletics**.
- Collegiate Teams (14 or more): \$1,200 per gender
- Collegiate Teams (13 or less): \$85 per individual
- Unattached athletes (not active on a collegiate roster): \$50
- No cash. No checks.
- Late entries and late entry fees will not be accepted. All payments must be made at the time of entry.



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### RESULTS

- Results will be available at AdkinsTrak Timing Associates (<https://results.adkinstrak.com/>)

### PACKET PICK UP

- Friday, January 9 @ 5-7pm and Saturday, January 10 @ 7am-12pm

### PRACTICE

- Friday, January 9 @ 5:00 – 7:00pm at the Indoor Track
- All spikes must be checked and zip tied before practicing in the facility.

### BUILDING ENTRY

- Look for the tents located in the parking lot off Marion and Whaley Streets. Packet Pick up and Spike Check will take place under these tents.
- All visiting athletes and staff enter through the glass doors facing Whaley Street at the end of the walkway. Once inside, go down the stairs/walkway and enter the track area through the double doors on the left. Student-Athletes and Coaches must have wristbands to enter.

### SPIKE POLICY & SPIKE CHECK

- Athletes will not be allowed to practice or compete if they do not have the approved spike. No refunds or provisions will be made for athletes not in compliance.
- 1/4" pyramid spikes ONLY (on the track). This will be strictly enforced.**
- 3/8" pyramids will be permitted for the high jumps only.**
- Not Allowed: Permanent spikes, Omni-light spikes, "Christmas Trees," Needles, Pins
- Spike Check will be located next to packet pick up.
- Spikes will be tagged. Athletes must have the correct tag to compete.





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### FACILITY ACCESS

- Only athletes and coaches will be permitted inside the competition areas. Wristbands will be required to have access to these areas. Running event contestants will be escorted onto the track after completing check-in with the clerk.
- Access to the infield and competition areas will be limited to immediate events. COACHES-please assist us with this and ask your athletes who are not actively competing to leave the competition area.

### COACHES, FIELD EVENT CREDENTIALS & COACHING BOXES

- Coaches will be able to coach from areas around the track and from designated coaching boxes
- All field events will have coaching boxes.
- No more than 2 coaches per school per coaching box. Coaches must have correct wristband.
- Athletes are not allowed to wait between attempts or spectate from the coaching boxes.
  - ***Coaches: We ask your help with this! Coaches and athletes who do not oblige will be in jeopardy of not being invited back in the future.***

### NOTE ON TEAM CAMPS

- No team may occupy more than their assigned bleachers or floor space

### PARKING & TEAM DROP OFF

- Buses/vans drop off on the eastern side of the Indoor Track and Field Complex located on Bull Street.
- Additional information for parking will be made closer to the day of competition.

### SPORTS MEDICINE

- If you are unable to bring an athletic trainer, please contact Iliana Velazquez (i.velazquez@sc.edu)
- Please contact in advance if your team has any specific needs. If you require taping, please provide your own supplies.
- USC staff will provide ice and emergency medical assistance.
- Water stations will be at various locations around the facility. We encourage you to use your own reusable water bottles.
- Teams will not have a designated Athletic Training area and should set up near their team camp.
- The USC athletic training area will be located outside Turn 2 and the back stretch.
- Ice and emergency medical equipment (AED & splint bag) will also be available in this area.
- EMS will be located outside Turn 1 on the track near the large garage door.
- A USC team physician will be present or on-call during competition.
- Contact Iliana Velazquez (i.velazquez@sc.edu) for any questions regarding medical needs.



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### CHECK IN FOR RUNNING EVENTS

- **Athletes can check in ONE TIME for running events anytime during the day, but no later than 30 minutes prior to the event scheduled start time. A report back time will be provided as appropriate.**
- Athletes should report race ready. They will collect their hip numbers at this check-in.

### CHECK IN FOR FIELD EVENTS

- **All field event athletes must be checked in 30 minutes prior to their event.**
- Pole-vaulters may begin check-in 90 minutes before the event (runway will open for warm-ups).
- Other field event athletes may check-in with officials up to 60 minutes before the scheduled start.
- Long jump, triple jump and high jump check in at clerk table, **not at event**, and will be escorted to the infield. Report back times will be provided when appropriate. High Jumpers must report to the clerk area no later than 1 hour before the event and be escorted to the infield.
- Pole Vault and Throwing events check-in at the event area.
- There will be no general warm-up for field events. Flight specific warm up time will typically be 15min but may be adjusted based on flight size.
- **Do not enter the infield until your flight is called. Leave the infield (or throw competition area) once your flight is completed.**

### WEIGH IN

Weigh-in will be conducted from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday. Implements should be checked-in no later than 1 hour before the event start.

### RESTROOMS

- Restrooms are located inside the building to the left of the lobby once entering the facility. These will be marked, and signage will be in place to help locate each restroom. These restrooms are available for visiting athletes, coaches, and spectators.
- Portable toilets are located outside the rear of the building, next to clerking, on the finish line end.

### FOOD DELIVERY

- Delivery address is 184 Marion Street Columbia, SC 29205
- Teams having food delivered should instruct drivers they will have to meet them outside the building in the lower parking lot. Drivers will be instructed by event parking staff to pull up in this lot. Teams are responsible for having a food contact assigned and for picking up their deliveries in a timely manner.