



TRACK & FIELD

2026 Desert Heat Classic

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MEET DIRECTOR: All meet-related communication should be directed to Mackenzie Landa.

Meet Format and Team Entry Information

Entries

Accepted entries will be limited to the following:

- Running Events: Top-48 Entries
- Field Events: Top-24 Entries
- All entries must be based off of a competitors PR from the 2025 or 2026 seasons ONLY and must be listed on DirectAthletics. The University of Arizona Track & Field Program reserves the right to make additional changes in the seeding process.
- Athletes will be seeded into sections based on times listed in a descending order list. We will publish an Accepted Entries by 5:00 PM PST on April 27.

Entries must be submitted on Direct Athletics by Sunday, April 26, 2026 by 11:59pm PST.

- You may edit and update your entries online any time before the entry deadline. Once entries close there will be no additional entries accepted. All submitted entries to directathletics.com by the April 26th deadline would be considered FINAL.
- **Payment must be made through Direct Athletics by Sunday, April 26, 2026 by 11:59pm PST.**

Relay Event Entry Procedure

- Teams will be allowed to enter more than one relay team per school. Please enter actual relay marks that have been achieved in the **2026 season ONLY**. After entering your seed mark for each relay event on-line, you will have spaces to enter up to 8 athlete's names per relay. Please include all four runners (in order, spaces 1-4) and any alternates (up to 4 per event, spaces 5-8) in the 8 spaces provided under each relay. You must enter each member of the relay team and any alternate(s) for the relay so we may assign a bib number for each member. Any relay runners who may compete on a relay team must be entered into the meet and have a bib number to compete.

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ENTRY FEE INFORMATION

The **ONLY** method to enter the Desert Heat Classic is via Direct Athletics.

The entry fee is \$1200 per team per gender.

- Men and Women teams are considered separate, and all entry fees are non-refundable and nontransferable. Teams entering with less than 12 athletes will pay a fee of \$50 per athlete. **Teams must pay the entry fee online at directathletics.com. All payments must be received by Sunday April 26, 2026 by 11:59pm PST.**
- Teams must pay a LATE FEE of \$100 and \$25 for Individuals for late entries or payment. Team packets will not be released if payment is not received.

TIMING AND RESULTS

Accepted entries, Heat sheets, and final results will be posted at <https://www.wingfootfinish.com>. Wing Foot Finish will also provide a live results link where results will be posted during the competition, as well as a live results App for heat sheets and results to be followed during the competition. This information will be sent via email prior to the start of the competition.

IMPORTANT DATES

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| • Sunday, April 17, 2026 | Online entry page opens for registering |
| • Sunday, April 26, 2026 | ENTRY & PAYMENT DEADLINE at 11:59pm PST |
| • Monday, April 27, 2026 | Accepted Entries Posted |
| • Thursday, April 30, 2026 | Final Meet information and schedule will be posted, heat sheets sent. |
| • Friday, May 1, 2026 | Roy P. Drachman Track Stadium Open Practice, 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Team Packet pick-up at Drachman Stadium, 3:00 PM – 7:00PM |

NOTE: There will **NOT** be a coaches meeting...please make sure that you read the meet information very carefully. Please contact Mackenzie Landa with any questions mland@arizona.edu.

Packet Pick-up

- The packet pickup table will be located outside of the Officials room by the athlete drop-off entrance. (See Map)
- Please email mland@arizona.edu with any questions.

COMPETITION DAY INFORMATION

Track and Warmup Areas

- We will be utilizing wristbands for credentials for entrance for coaches and staff, and athletes will use their bibs. Team areas will be marked off in NW corner of the stadium. Spectators are **NOT** allowed on the track at any time. No active eating or food consumption will be permitted in the meet area or warm-up area.

Athlete & Coaches Entrance

- Coaches and student-athletes will **ONLY** enter Roy P. Drachman Stadium off of 15th St. in between the track complex and the soccer complex.

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Bib Numbers and Clothing

- All athletes are to wear their bib numbers as follows:
 - Running Events – Front
 - Throwing and Horizontal Events – Back
 - High Jump and Pole Vault – Athletes Choice
- It is **VERY** important that competing athletes always have their bibs on, this will serve as their credential. If there are any lost or forgotten bib numbers, please go to the clerk's tent for a replacement.

Hip Numbers

- All sprint or lane races, hip numbers are to be worn on both hips. For all distance races and relays, the runners will wear a hip number on both hips plus one on the upper left chest of the athlete.

Check-In Procedure

Running Events

- The **INITIAL CLERK OF THE COURSE** will be located on the Northeast side of the stadium, inside of the Murphy Soccer Complex (See Map). Athletes **must check in NO LATER THAN 30 minutes prior** to their running event.
- For the **FINAL CLERK**, athletes must report no later than **15 MINUTES** prior to their event to receive hip numbers and to be staged **OR THEY WILL BE SCRATCHED**.
- The **FINAL CLERK** will be located on the North end of the track at the end of the straightway. When athletes are escorted out to the start line...**they will be race ready**. No sweats or warm-ups. **Athletes should be in uniform and spikes and race ready**.
- Athletes must report back to the initial clerk's tent 15 mins prior to the start of their event...At that time they will be **escorted out to the final staging tent** located at the North end of the track. When athletes are escorted to the final staging tent they will be race ready and will not be allowed to have their warmups or bags with them.
 - First Call: 30 minutes before start of event.
 - **Located at the INITIAL CLERK OF THE COURSE**
 - Final Call: 15 minutes before start of event.
 - **Located at the INITIAL CLERK OF THE COURSE**
 - **Athletes will receive their hip numbers at this time.**

Field Events

- Field participants must check-in with the head judge at their event **NO LATER THAN 30 minutes prior** to the start of their event, regardless of flight.
- **Throws and Horizontal Jumps**
 - There will be 15-minute flight specific warm-up for throws and up to 30-minute flight specific warm-ups for horizontal jumps.
- **High Jump and Pole Vault**
 - Athletes must check in 90 minutes prior to start.

Coaches Boxes

- Coaches will **NOT** be allowed on the track and/or infield. Please instruct student-athletes, athletic trainers, managers, etc. to stay outside of the track when not in competition or attending to an injured student-athlete.
- For High Jump and Pole Vault **ONLY**, a coaches' box will be set up on the infield.

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Electronic Devices

- Please be advised: "The use of personal stereo devices (e.g. Video cameras, cell phones, headphones, etc.) are prohibited in the competition areas (designated by the host institution) during the course of the competition. The meet referee will issue a warning to anyone using such a device. A second violation of the rule at the same meet would result in disqualification from that meet." That will include anywhere within the stadium fences, except the training tent, bleachers, warm-up area and spectator.

Field Access

- Coaches will **NOT** be allowed on the track and infield. Except for designated coaches boxes.

Implement Inspection

- Saturday: **9:00am – All Day**
- Implement inspection will be located in the soccer locker room building located in the Northeast corner of the track complex (see map) and must take place during the listed times below. All implements will be impounded at the time of weigh-in. Certified implements will then be transported to the event site. **Only certified implements may be used during official warm-ups and competition.** If your implement is not certified...it cannot be used for warm-ups or competition.

Preferred Lanes

- Oval: 6-7-5-8-4-9-3-2-1
- Straight Away: 5-6-4-7-3-8-2-9-1

Spikes

- Spikes with 1/4" will be REQUIRED for ALL events. The ONLY exception to wear 3/8" will be allowed on High Jump and Javelin.

Warm-up/Cool-Down Area

- **No warm-ups are permitted on the track at any time.** Murphey Soccer Complex will be used for warm-up and cool-down, located on the northeast side of the stadium. Blocks and hurdles will be provided in the warmup area.

Relay Cards

- Relay Cards will need to be included in your packet and will only need to be filled out if you have a change in order. All cards will need to be handed in at the **FINAL CLERKS TENT** no later than 30 MINUTES before the start of the race.

Team Tents/Area

- Teams will be allowed to set up their tents in the northwest corner of the stadium or along the east side of the warm-up track (pop-up tents only near the warm-up track). To order a tent for your team, please contact **Arizona Party Rentals at 520-327 6678. Team tents may also be set up at the VERY TOP of the West side bleachers on a first come first serve basis.**

Media

- Visiting team SID's will be asked to either remain in the team area or utilize space at the top of the main grandstands. Field access will be restricted to photographers only. **All Photographers or other Media Personnel must have a Media Credential. Please reach out to Randi Bohler rbohler@arizona.edu.**

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Medical Staff and Athletic Trainers

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- The University of Arizona athletic trainers will set up in the North end of the track stadium (See Map). Your trainer can set up in your team area. Emergency Medical Services & First Aid technicians will be onsite to provide first aid care if it becomes necessary.
- We would like to welcome you and your athletes to Tucson, Arizona. Our EAP is attached.
- The following Athletic Training Services will be available for this meet and will be in the NE corner of the Drachman Stadium.
 - First aid and taping supplies
 - Hot Packs and Ice Bags
 - Splints/Crutches
 - Water
 - Team Physicians and EMS will be available and on call for the meet.
 - If there is anything you need before or during your stay, please contact us for assistance.

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