

## 2017 USATF Junior Olympics Monthly Summary for The Month of February

Lawrence Sports Corporation (LSC) continues to respond to club teams, parents of unattached athletes and potential Junior Olympic (JO) vendors. Club team and parents' questions range from hotel rooms, meet schedule, to starting heights or qualifying marks for the field events. The JO meet schedule has been set, but the National Youth Committee is responsible for posting this schedule on the USA Track & Field (USATF) event page. Since these meet schedule inquiries stem from teams and parents wanting to make travel arrangements, The LSC has been sharing the meet schedule on a request by request basis. The qualifying marks for the multi events and starting heights for pole vault and high jump have not been released.

Vendor agreements have been entered into with First to The Finish, a track & field specialty retailer, and Kangaroo Photography. Kangaroo Photography will send a team of photographers in and shoot the athletes while they compete and during the awards presentations. These images will be available for purchase on-site.

Met with potential in-kind sponsors to request support in the form of bottle water, ice and meals for athletes and track officials. Gatorade has agreed to provide product for the athletes.

Exploring the feasibility of offering a JO souvenir program. This program would list the names of all entries by event, current JO performance records, schedule of events and venue information.

Meeting with area Destination Management and Entertainment Organizations to discuss possible partnerships to provide opportunities for JO attendees while they are not competing.

LSC has entered into an agreement with local business, Griffith Payments/Harbortouch, in order to offer online sale of JO tickets prior to and during the Junior Olympics. Griffith Payments will provide their expertise leading up to and during the JO as well as equipment and credit card processing capabilities. Lawrence will be the first JO host city to offer the convenience of online ticket sales.

The LSC will host the final JO site visit on April 24. USATF National Office will send a 5-member team, while the USATF National Youth Committee will also send a 5-member team. The site team will review the LSC's operation plan for the 2017 JO. The main areas of focus will be security, medical and whether our operational plan for the movement of athletes from the warm-up area to check-in and ultimately to the starting line is efficient.

Collaborated with Kansas Athletics Facilities and USATF to finalize the policies at Rock Chalk Park (RCP) during the Junior Olympics. They are:

### 2017 USATF Junior Olympics Prohibited Items

For the protection of our fans, the following items are not permitted in Rock Chalk Park and cannot be stored by Kansas Athletics personnel:

- Alcohol
- Amplified sound
- Animals (except ADA defined service animals)
- Artificial noisemaking devices (air horns, bells, bullhorns, thunder-sticks, whistles, etc.)
- Bikes
- Drones or any other wirelessly controlled device
- E-cigarettes
- Firearms, weapons, ammunition, knives, handcuffs, chains, and explosives
- Fireworks
- Glass containers

- Grills or portable cooking units
- Gum (on the track or infield)
- Hate material
- Helium balloons
- Hover boards
- Illegal drugs
- Laser lights or pointers
- Matches, lighters, or other igniters
- Metal containers
- Skateboards & skates/blades
- Sticks, poles
- Tobacco products

**Bag/Purse Policy** – No restrictions, however all bags will be searched.

**Cooler Policy** – Only personal sized coolers are permitted within Rock Chalk Park. No coolers larger than 50 quarts will be allowed into the stadium.

**Lawn Chair Policy** – Lawn chairs are permitted inside Rock Chalk Park as long as they are kept inside the team tent areas. No lawn chairs are permitted on the concourse level.

**Stroller Policy** – Lightweight “fold out” or umbrella strollers are allowed at Rock Chalk Park. Full size, jogging, or double strollers are not permitted in Rock Chalk Park. Strollers are subject to search.

**Tent Policy** – 10’ x 10’ pop up tents are allowed inside the gates of Rock Chalk Park, but are prohibited from any of the track bleachers or surrounding areas. Tents must be inside the designated team tent locations.

**Umbrella Policy** – Umbrellas are only permitted to be opened at the top of bleachers so they do not interfere with other spectators. Facility staff has the right to ask patrons to move or close umbrella if it is disrupting others.

Prohibited items cannot be accepted or stored at Rock Chalk Park and are the sole responsibility of the ticketholder. Anyone possessing prohibited items will be asked to dispose of them in a waste receptacle or return the item to their point of origin.

Patrons are subject to visual inspection of person, parcels, bags, and clothing capable of concealing prohibited items. Patrons may refuse inspections but management reserves the right to refuse entry.

These policies will be placed on signage outside of each entrance at (RCP) and at Packet Pick-Up located at Sports Pavilion Lawrence. These policies will also be placed on the JO website.

Respectfully submitted by

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