

**2012 Greater Boston Track Club Invitational
Sunday, January 22, 2012**

**Hosted by the Greater Boston Track Club
Harvard University Gordon Indoor Track**

Important Information:

Location: Harvard University, Gordon Indoor Track, 79 North Harvard Street, Allston, MA, located directly behind Harvard Stadium. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO ACCESS TO THE GORDON INDOOR TRACK FACILITY OTHER THAN ON THE DAY OF THE MEET. ALSO NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO ACCESS TO OTHER HARVARD FACILITIES AT ANY TIME. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

Entry: <http://www.directathletics.com> **Online entry.**
Entry Fees: <http://www.gbtc.org> **Online (paypal) payment.**
Team Fees: If not paying online, please notify us **in advance** via email: gbtc_invite at yahoogroups dot com
Checks: Teams make checks payable to: Greater Boston Track Club.

Note: **NO POST ENTRIES!** We are accepting online entries and online payment. Entry Fees are ENTRY fees (as opposed to participation fees) and are non-refundable. We will **not** refund entry fees in the case of inclement weather, meet cancellation, scratches or non-appearance by the athlete.

Entry and Payment Deadline:

On-Time Entry: Received by **MONDAY, January 16, 11:59 p.m.**
On-Time Entry Fee: **\$15. per athlete (entering up to 2 individual events maximum)**
\$25. per athlete (entering 3 or more individual events)
TEAMS (of 15+ athletes): **\$225 per team, with men and women separate.**

LATE Entry: RECEIVED by Wednesday, January 18, 11:59 p.m.
Late Entry Fee: \$40. per athlete
Late TEAMS: Team entry fee is \$300 per team, with men and women separate.

Relay teams are free with a MINIMUM of TWO members of the relay entered in open events. Teams comprised of less than two open event relay members must be entered using a single team entry of \$25. All relay members must represent the same team and be listed on one roster in Direct Athletics.

Seeding: Please note there will be trials and finals for straightaway (only) events. The Games Committee, whose decisions are final, will seed all invitational sections. **Athletes who wish to be considered for invitational sections MUST submit by email verifiable performances from the current indoor season, including place and date of performance.** Entries received on time may be available on the GBTC website Friday, January 20, 2012. LATE ENTRIES, IF ACCEPTED, RECEIVE NO PREFERENCE FOR SEEDING.

*****INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTS AND HURDLE HEIGHTS WILL BE USED*****

NO SCHOLASTIC THROWING IMPLEMENTS (a scholastic high hurdle may be added).

A minimum mark in field events must be attained; the first fair mark will be measured, THEN only minimum "legal" measurements thereafter.

In the unseeded 200 and 400 races, only the first heat will be allowed blocks.

Eligibility: Absolute minimum age for competition is 14 years old. **Athletes should have a valid USATF card (one that expires December 31, 2012).** Currently eligible collegiate and high school athletes may compete without USATF cards. Any event money or prizes available will be awarded only to current USATF members eligible to receive prizes. For information about obtaining a USATF card, see the website found at <http://www.usatfne.org>.

Athletes

Information: Numbers will be available only after payment is made at the athletes' entrance area. Bib numbers will be the athlete's facility pass. **NO ATHLETE WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A BIB NUMBER. Team/Club packets must be paid for in full to receive bib numbers.** All bib numbers must be worn on the front.

CHECK IN: The meet may run behind or ahead, considering the order of events. Athletes must be aware of the events being contested and check in appropriately for their event. Track event check-ins will be announced, but it is the responsibility of the athlete to check in at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled event. **THOSE WHO FAIL TO CHECK IN PROPERLY WILL BE SCRATCHED FROM THAT EVENT WITHOUT REFUND.**

General

Admission: \$5. All spectators including athlete parents must use the upstairs entrance to the facility. **Only athletes and certified coaches are allowed on the infield at any time.**

Parking: Harvard University will **CHARGE** for parking in the Athletic Lot (\$10/vehicle) and the Harvard Business School parking lot (\$5/vehicle) located on the other side of North Harvard Street from the Soldiers Field Athletic Complex. We apologize for this inconvenience. We encourage public transportation and carpooling.

Results: Every effort will be made to post results during the meet. Automatic timing will be used. Complete meet results will be posted online to www.gbtc.org.

Medical: A trainer will be available to attend to injuries only (no taping).

Lockers/Showers: There are **NO** lockers or showers available.

Refreshments: A general concession stand serving food and beverages should be available.

Meet Director: David Callum, Phone: 617-501-1312
Email: gbtc_invite **at** yahoogroups **dot** com

Games Committee: Steve Vaitones, Christine Kloiber, David Callum, Sara O'Brien

Drug Information: Athletes in USATF sanctioned meets may be subject to drug testing according to USATF rules and IAAF rule 144. Questions about controlled substances, call the US Olympic Committee Hotline at 1-800-233-0393.

USATF-NE: This meet is sanctioned by USATF and part of the USATF-NE Indoor Series.

Cancellation Policy: We reserve the right to cancel the race due to inclement weather or unsafe road conditions. We will make every attempt to hold the race, but decisions made by Harvard University, and the cities of Boston and Cambridge will factor in the final decision about whether it is safe to hold the meet. The entry fee is non-refundable. Look for meet day updates on <http://www.gbtc.org>

GBTC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The club provides a competitive team-oriented environment to those who compete at the national, regional and local levels.

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