

2018 GBTC Invitational
Sunday, January 21, 2018

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.

TWO-STEP PROCESS: (1) Online Entry and (2) Online Payment

Entry: <http://www.directathletics.com> for online entry by the deadline.
Entry Fees: <http://www.gbtc.org> for online (paypal) payment by the deadline.
Team Fees: If not paying online, please notify the meet director **in advance** via email.
Checks: Teams make checks payable to: Greater Boston Track Club.

Note: **NO POST ENTRIES!** We are accepting online entries and online payment by the deadline. 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, duplicate payment, over-payment, meet cancellation, scratches or non-appearance by the athlete.

Entry and Payment Deadline:

On-Time Entry: Entered on DirectAthletics by **TUESDAY, January 16, 11:59 p.m.**
On-Time Entry Fee: **\$20. per EVENT paid online (www.gbtc.org) by the entry deadline**
TEAMS: \$300 maximum per team, with men and women separate.
RELAYS: FREE if at least two members are entered in open events, otherwise \$40.

LATE PROCEDURE: Entry must be emailed directly to the meet director.
LATE Entry: RECEIVED by Thursday, January 18, 11:59 p.m. **NO DAY OF EVENT ENTRY!!!**
Late Entry Fee: \$40. per EVENT when paying after Tuesday January 16th
Late TEAMS: \$500 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 **team account**, and entered by paying a \$40 (**two-person entry fee**). **All relay members must represent the same team and be listed on one TEAM 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 including place and date of performance.** Entries received on time may be available for viewing on the GBTC website on the Friday or Saturday proceeding the meet. LATE ENTRIES, IF ACCEPTED, RECEIVE NO PREFERENCE FOR SEEDING.

*****INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENT WEIGHTS WILL BE USED*****

Some scholastic specific events (including hurdles) will be offered.

If field size requires multiple flights, a minimum mark in the field events may be required; in this case, the first fair mark will be measured, THEN only minimum "legal" measurements thereafter.

Eligibility: Minimum age for competition is 14 years old on day of meet. Athletes should have a valid USATF card (one that expires December 31, 2018). Currently eligible collegiate athletes representing their college may compete without USATF membership. **Any event money or prizes available will be awarded only to 2018 USATF cardholders eligible to receive prizes.** For information about obtaining a USATF membership card, see <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 events near the throwing circle.

ACQUIRING A BIB NUMBER IS NOT EVENT CHECK IN.

Track event check-ins will be announced, but it is the responsibility of the athlete to check in at least 45 minutes prior to the 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 (typically \$10-15/vehicle) and the Harvard Business School parking lot (typically \$5-10/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.

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

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

Refreshments: General concessions **may** be available for beverage and snack purchases.

Meet Director: David Callum, Cell Phone: 617-501-1312
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Games Committee: Mass Track & Field Officials Association

Drug Information: Athletes who participate in this competition may be subject to formal drug testing in accordance with USATF and IAAF rules, in accordance with USOC, USADA, or IAAF procedures. Athletes found, after a disciplinary hearing, to be positive for prohibited substances, as defined by the WADA Code and/or IAAF, or who refuse to be tested, will be disqualified from this event and may lose eligibility for future competitions. Any prize money payable to an athlete who has tested positive shall be withheld until the final disposition of all disciplinary proceedings. BEWARE: Some prescriptions, over the counter medications, and nutritional supplements may contain prohibited substances. Information regarding drugs and drug testing may be obtained by calling the USADA Reference Hotline at 1-800-233-0393, or www.usantidoping.org.

USATF-NE: This meet is sanctioned by USATF.

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 meet, 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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