

USATF Club Affiliation and Eligibility Notes for the USATF National Club Track & Field Championships and 35th NJ International Meet

Club Affiliation

All athletes entering the USATF Club National Track & Field Championships as part of a club team must be affiliated with that club as part of their USATF membership profile prior to the close of the online event registration system on Tuesday June 28th at noon EDT. No club affiliation changes will be processed or considered after this deadline.

While unattached athletes will be accepted into the meet (see below), athletes must be bona fide members of a current USATF member club in order to represent a club and score team points. An athlete's current affiliation can be viewed in their [membership profile](#) and as part of the online entry process. Athletes wishing to change club affiliations can make a request through the Membership Chair of their [local USATF Association](#) or the USATF National Office at 317-261-0500 or membership@usاتف.org. Note that any request to change club affiliation must be made directly by the athlete (See Regulation 4 in the [USATF Governance Handbook](#)). Requests from coaches, managers, teammates, or others will not be accepted.

Team Residency Requirements

Pursuant to [USATF Competition Rule 4.2](#), in **Open Cross Country and Track & Field competition**, an athlete who is a non-resident member of an Association is eligible to compete for a team in that Association *only if the athlete*: a) resides in an adjoining Association within the government-defined Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of a city which is primarily in the neighboring Association as approved by the appropriate sport committee or council; or b) has historical membership based upon Association residency (at least 3 continuous USATF membership years) and is eligible to compete for that club.

Unattached Athletes and Incomplete Teams

Individual entries will be accepted. All "Unattached/Non-Scoring" athletes (those athletes not affiliated with a registered USATF member club on their membership profile) may participate but will not be factored into team scores. Unattached athletes are encouraged to join a [local club](#) or [create a new club](#). Contact your [local Association](#) for information on starting your own club.

ELIGIBILITY FOR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. In all USATF Team Championships, whether National, Regional or Association, only teams consisting of duly accredited

representatives of a member club shall be eligible to win such team Championship. In Regional Championships, the team Championship may be contested on the basis of Association teams in addition to scoring by club teams, at the option of the Games Committee.

2. In Open and U20 Long Distance Running, Open and U20 Cross Country and Open Track & Field Club competition, an athlete who is a non-resident member of an Association is eligible to compete for a team in that Association only if the athlete:

(a) Resides in an adjoining Association within the government-defined Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of a city which is primarily in the neighboring Association as approved by the appropriate sport committee or council or;

(b) Has historical membership based upon Association residency (at least three continuous USATF membership years) is eligible to compete for that club.

See Rule 341.8 for Masters LDR and Masters Cross Country.

3. For the Track & Field Club Championship:

(a) A club within an Association which is not located within any MSA is limited to scoring members who reside -- as defined by federal, state, and local tax protocols -- in the Association's territory.

(b) A club within an Association in an MSA which is wholly within the Association's territory is limited to scoring members who reside in the Association's territory.

(c) A club within an Association in an MSA which includes territory in one or more other Associations may draw from anywhere within its Association's territory and anywhere within the single MSA within which it is located; provided all members transfer their membership to the club's Association (see Regulation 4-C for more information on transfers).