



KYA TEAM POLICIES

I. Athletes

A. General Athlete Conduct

1. All athletes will conduct themselves in a respectful manner. Disrespect towards teammates, parents, coaches, chaperones and officials will not be tolerated.
2. Profanity before, during and after meets and practices will not be tolerated.
3. Failure of any athlete to respect the racial, ethnic, cultural and religious diversity of the team will not be tolerated.
4. All major issues concerning the athlete's behavior will be handled by the event specialty coach, competitive team director. Any disciplinary actions will be handled solely competitive team director and communicated to athlete's parents by such.
5. Running event athletes will not cross over throwing sectors, long jump, pole vault, triple jump, high jump runways. Failure to keep the infield clear during our throwing practices will result in dismissal from the team.
6. If you are a thrower you will under no circumstances turn your back to the throwing circle or sector. Failure to do so will result in dismissal from the team.
7. Please respect your practice venue. We are fortunate to be able to utilize quality facilities. We do not own them we are simply guests. Please keep this in mind. All trash should be picked up after practice and you should leave the facility clean and in good order. Failure to do so will result in team dismissal.
8. All facility related equipment that is not marked "KYA" will only be accessed by the head coach or event specialty coaches.

B. Parents

1. Parents please let the coach's coach. Parental encouragement is welcome however practice discipline, event selection, workouts and practice structure are coach's responsibilities. No parent should be on the venue surface during practice unless requested by the competitive team director or event specialty coach.
2. Athletes with medical problems; inhalers or medicine to take; must inform the competitive team director and fill out appropriate medical information form detailing medical problems and or medications.
3. Parents will inform the competitive team director and / or event specialty coach at the track of their departure from the track with any athlete.

4. Any parent that checks another parent's child out of the athletic venue will need to provide written permission to do so from the other child's parents

C. Coaches

1. On out of town meets no coaches (male or female) in athlete's rooms. If coaches need to meet with athletes this should be done in a secure common meeting area.

2. Coaches are responsible for athletes while at the practice and competition venue only.

3. Injuries of athletes should be sent to the team nurse / medical director for evaluation. Under no circumstances are coaches to provide medical treatment or modalities beyond what has been recommended by team medical staff or athletic event medical staff.

4. Questions about rules, athletic infractions, protests and athlete conduct will be dealt with by the Competitive Team Director

E. Relay Selection Guidelines

1. Relay Selection Guidelines will be used to place athletes on 4x100, 4x400 and 4x800 Relays.

2. "Relay runner only" athletes will not be taken to the first meet (Association) – you must also be entered or qualified for an individual event.

3. No member of a relay team is guaranteed a position on any relay team. PERIOD

4. The "order" of your relay will be at the sole discretion of your event specialty coach.

5. The following factors will enter into determining your participation in a relay pool

- Practice attendance
- Performance in your individual event
- Attitude and Flexibility
- Event Load

6. KYA will not submit a relay team entry to nationals (even if qualified) unless this team has met the minimum time standards necessary to be competitive at the National Level. 4x100 / 4x400 – 4x800 teams will need to at minimum run a time equivalent to the 50th percentile time at the previous National Championships). These standards are published on the KYA Competitive Team Website and included in this packet.

7. The final decision on all relays will be the responsibility of the competitive team director based on input from the event specialty coaches. Being on a relay does not guarantee your participation at any meet. KYA will put its best relay on the track with an eye on advancement to the next level of competition.

KYA COMPETITIVE TEAM RULES AND CONDUCT ONLINE AGREEMENT

By clicking on the ***"I acknowledge button"*** during my online registration I (the online registrant and parent) signify that I have read and fully understand the team policies of Knoxville Youth Athletics. I understand there are costs involved in the program participation that includes: enrollment fees, uniforms and meet entry fees. I agree that the event specialty coaches in charge of an athlete's event area will be treated with the utmost respect and their training and competitive advice adhered to. This is to include event selection, workouts, meet preparation and competition. I will allow the coaches to "coach". I understand that athletes and their event specialty coaches should be given the opportunity to work together unencumbered during the designated practice sessions. Parents will remain in the stands at the athletic venue unless asked by an event specialty coach to assist in practice. Insurance regulations forbid you coaching without being registered as a coach with the KYA AAU / USATF. I understand that my fellow teammates should be treated with respect and dignity. I will respect the racial, religious, and ethnic diversity of the team. Intolerance of any form is unacceptable.