

**DISTANCE ATHLETES: IF RESOURCES PERMIT,
PLEASE INVEST IN A RUNNING WATCH**



YOUTH ATHLETIC MINISTRY

Track & Field Program

Registration Dates:

Jan 1, 2025 - April 30, 2025

Jan 1, 2025 – June 1, 2025 **(High School Athletes Only)**

Location:

Temple Crest Park 8116 N. 37th St, Tampa, FL 33604

(13 Jan – 4 Jul 2025) -- **(Select Days)**

King High School 6815 N. 56th St, Tampa, FL 33610

(3 Mar – 28 Jul 2025) -- **Track (Mon & Wed/All Test Cycles)**

Coach Regina (Peoples) McBride-Smith (813-244-2865)

Coach Neil Rivers (813-787-6514)

Contact Information:

Registration Fee:

\$300

Ages:

Ages 7 – 18 (Must Turn 7 In The Calendar Year 2025)

AAU and USA TRACK & FIELD

Greetings Trailblazers Parents, Friends, & Athletes,

January 1, 2025

The Trailblazers Youth Athletic Ministry, Inc. coaching staff would like to extend a hearty welcome to each of you. As we approach the start of our 2024 Track and Field Season, we want to pass along some information that will assist you with the registration process and the start of our season.

The **2025** season will be our **27th** endeavor since starting the program in 1998. We concluded last season with 10 athletes qualifying for the AAU National Junior Olympics. Since this program's inception, we have witnessed over 39 athletes who have competed at the collegiate level. Our coaching staff is first-rate, and eager to work and train your child for the forthcoming season. Our program has evolved over the years through education, training, and experience. The staff has spent a lot of time evaluating the 2024 season and building a training framework which will allow us to take our athletes to the next level and meet our team objectives.

Our plan for the 2025 season is to run in several track meets throughout the State of Florida. We compete on both the USATF and AAU circuit, with all athletes having a chance to compete and qualify for the USATF or AAU National Junior Olympics. The 2025 USATF National Junior Olympics TBA. The 2025 AAU National Junior Olympics TBA. Any athlete that qualifies at the District and Regional Championships (USATF and AAU), or the AAU Club National meet (AAU Only) will be eligible to compete at the National Junior Olympic Games.

Preseason Conditioning Begins:

December 28th and each Saturday afterwards until the 1st week in January 11, 2025

Time: 9 am. - 10:30 am.

Address: Temple Crest Park 8116 N 37th Street, Tampa, FL 33604

Official Practices Begin:

January 13, 2025 Monday - Thursday & Saturday

Time: 5:30 pm. - 7:00 pm.

Address: at Temple Crest Park 8116 N 37th Street, Tampa, FL 33604

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King High School

March 3, 2025 through June 28, 2025 Monday & Wednesday

Time is 5:30 pm. - 7:00 pm

Address: 6815 N 56th St, Tampa, FL 33610

Our track phase will also include Monday through Thursday practices with an additional weekend run for our distance athletes on non-competitive Saturday's. Distance Athletes and Throwers will have some variation with practice sites to accommodate their specialty and longer runs. In addition, if your resources permit, we are asking all Distance Athletes to invest in a Running Watch. Our training is more science based and managing tempo on our longer runs is very important to the athlete's aerobic development and helps with reducing injuries. We are also asking parents to please invest in a comfortable running shoe for your athlete. Shoes worn during practice should be designed for middle distance running. In addition, please dress appropriately for the weather conditions. We anticipate cooler temperatures for the first few weeks of the conditioning cycle. Last, please make sure that you provide water for your athlete during practice. Hydration is critical to safety and performance. The coaching staff will factor in water and rest breaks through the course of practice. Proper hydration starts at home, not at practice! We are absolutely delighted in your interest and look forward to working with you and your child. We have a very dedicated staff that is committed to coaching, mentoring, and building character through athletics. This program is a Christian based Ministry. We place a very strong emphasis on God, family, respect, character, and integrity. In closing, we would like to thank you for considering the Trailblazers Youth Athletic Ministry, Inc. for this Track and Field season. We look forward to seeing you in February!

Respectfully,

Trailblazers Youth Athletic Ministry Inc. Coaching Staff

REGISTRATION

Please review the fee information that is provided for the 2025 Track and Field season.

Registration Fee: There are several changes to the registration fee that will go into effect for the 2025 Track and Field season. The total fee per athlete for the season is \$300.00. This fee will cover the USATF and AAU membership and insurance, and the regular season schedule. There will be an additional cost of \$60.00 for our standard uniform. We have also removed the District, Regional and AAU Club National Meet from our core schedule. These meets, to include, the USATF and AAU National Junior Olympic Track Meets are special meets not covered by the \$300.00 registration fee. These meets are still available for participation, but the athletes or family will incur the cost. Our coaches will be available to assist with the registration if such services are needed. These meets will continue to show on our schedule as “Optional Meets”. We apologize for any inconvenience, but these changes were necessary to make our program more cost effective.

Registration Fee Schedule: \$50.00 (Due by the 3rd day of practice). There are no exceptions to this fee. No athlete will be allowed to practice without paying this registration fee. This fee is non-refundable and covers the athlete’s insurance.

Payment Options: You may take the option of paying in full or installments:

1. In-Full: \$300.00 due by Mar 17, 2025
2. In-Half: \$150.00 due by Jan 13, 2025 / \$150.00 due by Mar 17, 2025

*****Either option allows you the flexibility to pay early if desired*****

*****If the balance is not paid by March 17, 2025, your child will not be registered for any meets*****

Total per athlete for the season is \$300.00. This amount does not include the uniform, entry or transportation to any District, Regional, or National level meets. All fees must be paid in full to participate in any National Qualifier. There will be no discount for races that are missed. The only exception will be for High School athletes who will join our program after their HS Track and Field season. **The fee for High School athletes will be \$225.00 which must be paid in full by June 1, 2025. Without exception, all parents, athletes, and coaches must submit their signed Waiver and Code of Conduct Forms to the staff on your first day of practice. These forms can be found on our website.**

With the exception of High School athletes, we will not accept any new members after **April 30, 2025**. We will offer registration through our website (tyamonline.com) or in person. If you desire to pay in person, registration applications and fees will only be accepted on **Wednesday’s**. Coach Regina Peoples Smith will be the single point of contact for all registration applications and payments in person.

**Please pay with money orders or cashier checks ONLY made payable to:
Trailblazers Youth Athletic Ministry, Inc.**

NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CASH WILL BE ACCEPTED

YOUTH'S PERSONAL INFORMATION: (Please Print)

Last Name:_____ First Name:_____ MI:_____ Grade:_____

Address:_____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip Code _____

Birthdate:___/___/___ School (If Applicable):_____ Home #:_____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION: (Please Print)

Father:_____ Employer:_____ Occupation:_____

Home #:_____ Cell #:_____ Work #:_____

Mother:_____ Employer:_____ Occupation:_____

Home #:_____ Cell #:_____ Work #:_____

Additional individual(s) authorized to pick up minor (If Applicable):_____

EMERGENCY CONTACTS: (Please Print)

Name:_____ Home #:_____ Cell #:_____

Name:_____ Home #:_____ Cell #:_____

MEDICAL INFORMATION:

Does the above mentioned child have medical insurance? YES _____ NO _____

If "yes" please provide the name of the insurance company _____

Are there any medical conditions that should be mentioned to the staff of the "*Trailblazers Youth Athletic Ministry, Inc*"? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, please provide a detailed explanation: _____

Physician: _____ Address: _____ Phone #: _____

WAIVER: In signing this release, I/WE understand the intent thereof, and I/WE hereby agree and absolve and hold harmless the *“Trailblazers Youth Athletic Ministry, Inc”*, cooperating organizations, cooperating sponsors, and any other parties connected with this organization in any way, singularly or collectively, from and against any blame and liability for injury, misadventure, harm, loss, inconvenience, or damage hereby suffered as a result of participating in the practices, meets or travel in or out of the city of Tampa and Hillsborough County, Florida. I/WE also hereby consent to and permit emergency treatment in the event of injury or illness. I also give full permission for use of my child’s name and photograph with this program.

Signature of Entrant: _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (If entrant is under 18 years of age): _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

**HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETES
ARE NOT AUTHORIZED TO
TRAIN OR PARTICIPATE WITH
THEIR YOUTH PROGRAMS
UNTIL AFTER THE OFFICIAL
HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND
FIELD SEASON ENDS**