

# PARTICIPANT MANUAL

HOST: JACKSONVILLE STATE

DATE: MAY 11-13, 2017





## Letter of Welcome

We are pleased to host the 2017 Ohio Valley Conference Track and Field Championship. We are thrilled to partner with the City of Oxford to host this year's Championship at Choccolocco Park.

Student-athletes face many challenges in balancing their commitment to athletics, academics, and student life. We are proud of our athletes, as I know you are of those you are supporting today. Our athletes add value to the higher education experience at Jacksonville State University by demonstrating excellence in athletics and academics.

We are very excited to host this year's championship at the new state-of-the-art Track & Field facility at Choccolocco Park. The park officially opened in October of 2016, and has more than 300 acres in the one-of-a-kind sports complex. It includes baseball, softball, track & field and soccer amenities, along with educational, walking & biking trails, all-encompassing playgrounds, water & natural resources for the residents of northeast Alabama.

The track & field facility features an eight-lane rubberized track built to NCAA regulations, and includes locker rooms, grandstands, restrooms, a storage facility and a sports medicine training room, and also serves as home to the Gamecock Track & Field program.

Thank you for joining us and supporting your OVC team and we are expecting an exciting week of athletic competition. We appreciate the Ohio Valley Conference staff and our own Jacksonville State University staff who make this event possible.

Good luck to each team!

Greg Seitz  
Director of Athletics  
Jacksonville State University



## Welcome To Oxford

Administrators, Coaches, Players and Fans of the Ohio Valley Conference:

As Director of Oxford Parks and Recreation Department, It is my privilege and pleasure to welcome you to the City of Oxford and Choccolocco Park. We are excited to host the 2017 OVC Tournaments this week in both Track & Field and Softball. Two weeks later, we will host the Conference Baseball Tournament, showing that the City of Oxford and the Ohio Valley Conference have established a remarkable and mutually beneficial relationship.

In Choccolocco Park, we believe we have a sports facility unlike any other in the Southeast. In addition to our premier track and field venue, we boast signature softball and baseball fields, a championship four-field baseball, five-field softball, and four-field soccer complexes, and other outdoor recreational and team sports venues for residents and visitors. We hope our convenient location, near I-20, and nearby amenities, will help make your stay enjoyable and memorable.

We trust you will find our area--the new and scenic Choccolocco Park, restaurants, hotels, and shopping--to your satisfaction. Beyond that, we hope you get to meet and interact with Oxford people, who are our greatest resource. Southern hospitality and pride in our community are hallmarks of our folks, and provide proof that we are honored you came, and want you to come back again soon.

We wish you a pleasant stay, a successful championship experience, and safe travels once you leave us. If you observe anything you think we can do better, please let us know. We truly are glad you are here.

Don Hudson  
Director,  
Oxford Parks and Recreation Department



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## Section 1: Sponsoring Institutions

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Ohio Valley Conference institutions that sponsor the sport of outdoor track & field include:

**Austin Peay State University**  
**Belmont University**  
**Eastern Illinois University**  
**Eastern Kentucky University**  
**Jacksonville State University**  
**Morehead State University**

**Murray State University**  
**Southeast Missouri State University**  
**Southern Illinois University Edwardsville**  
**Tennessee State University**  
**Tennessee Technological University**  
**University of Tennessee at Martin**

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## Section 2: Important Dates

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### 2017

**May 11-13**

Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
Oxford Alabama  
Host: Jacksonville State University

**May 25-27**

NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championship  
Preliminary Rounds  
West: Austin, TX  
East: Lexington, KY

**June 7-10**

NCAA Outdoor Track and Field Championship  
Final Round  
Eugene, OR

### 2018

**May 10-12**

Ohio Valley Conference Championship  
Host: Eastern Kentucky University

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## Section 4: Schedule of Events\*

### \*All Times Central

**Practice:** The track is scheduled to be open for participant warm-up/practice from 2-7PM PM Wed., May 10 and 8-11 AM on Thurs., May 11. *This time window is subject change and coaches will be notified of changes prior to the championship.* **\*\*NOTE\*\* Track participants may NOT use any spike height larger than 1/4" in pyramid at Choccolocco Park. Please make necessary adjustments as needed.**

### Wednesday, May 10

**6:30 PM – Pre-Championship Meeting** (Hilton Garden Hotel in Oxford, Ala., Meeting Rm. A)

### Thursday, May 11

**11:00 AM – 12:30 PM** Implement Inspection (Multi-Events and M & W Hammer)

<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Decathlon 100 Meter Dash</b>
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Heptathlon 100 Meter Hurdles</b>
<b>1:40 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Decathlon Long Jump</b> (30 minutes after completion of 100 Meter)
<b>2:10 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Heptathlon High Jump</b> (30 minutes after completion of 100 Hurdles)
<b>3:00 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Decathlon Shot Put</b> (30 minutes after completion on Long Jump)
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Women's Hammer Throw (Prelims / Finals)</b>
<b>4:00 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Decathlon High Jump</b> (30 minutes after completion of Shot Put)
<b>4:00 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Heptathlon Shot Put</b> (30 minutes after completion of High Jump)
<b>5:15 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Heptathlon 200 Meter Dash</b> (30 minutes after completion of Shot Put)
<b>5:25 PM</b> (approx.)	<b>Decathlon 400 Meter Dash</b> (30 minutes after completion of High Jump)
<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Men's Hammer Throw (Prelims / Finals)</b>
<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Women's 10,000 Meter Run Final</b>
<b>8:15 PM</b>	<b>Men's 10,000 Meter Run Final</b>

### Friday, May 12

**8:00 AM – 10:30 AM** All Implement Inspection (Multi-Events, M & W Discus, M & W Javelin, M & W Shot)

<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Decathlon 110 Hurdles</b>
<b>9:15 AM</b>	<b>Heptathlon Long Jump</b>
<b>9:45 AM</b> (approx.)	<b>Decathlon Discus</b> (30 minutes after completion of 110 Hurdles)
<b>10:45 AM</b> (approx.)	<b>Heptathlon Javelin</b> (30 minutes after completion of Long Jump)
<b>11:00 AM</b> (approx.)	<b>Decathlon Pole Vault</b> (30 minutes after completion of Discus)



**12:15 PM** (approx.)

**1:30 PM** (approx.)

**2:45 PM** (approx.)

**Heptathlon 800 Meter Run** (30 minutes after completion of Javelin)

**Decathlon Javelin** (30 minutes after completion of the pole vault)

**Decathlon 1500 Meter Run** (30 minutes after completion of Pole Vault)

### Field Events

**1:00 PM**

**Men's Long Jump (Prelims / Finals)**

**1:00 PM**

**Women's High Jump (Finals)**

**3:00 PM**

**Women's Pole Vault (Finals)**

**3:00 PM**

**Men's Discus (Prelims / Finals)**

**4:00 PM**

**Men's High Jump (Finals)**

**4:00 PM**

**Women's Long Jump (Prelims / Finals)**

**5:00 PM**

**Women's Discus (Prelims / Finals)**

**5:30 PM**

**Men's Pole Vault (Finals)**

### Track Events

**3:00 PM**

**Women's 100 Meter Hurdle (Prelims)**

**3:20 PM**

**Men's 110 Meter Hurdle (Prelims)**

**3:40 PM**

**Women's 400 Meter Dash (Prelims)**

**4:00 PM**

**Men's 400 Meter Dash (Prelims)**

**4:20 PM**

**Women's 100 Meter Dash (Prelims)**

**4:35 PM**

**Men's 100 Meter Dash (Prelims)**

**4:50 PM**

**Women's 800 Meter Run (Prelims)**

**5:10 PM**

**Men's 800 Meter Run (Prelims)**

**5:30 PM**

**Women's 400 Meter Hurdle (Prelims)**

**5:50 PM**

**Men's 400 Meter Hurdle (Prelims)**

**6:10 PM**

**Women's 200 Meter Dash (Prelims)**

**6:30 PM**

**Men's 200 Meter Dash (Prelims)**

**6:50 PM**

**Women's 3000 Meter Steeplechase**

**7:10 PM**

**Men's 3000 Meter Steeplechase**

### Saturday, May 13

#### Field Events

**11:00 AM**

**Women's Triple Jump (Prelims / Finals)**

**11:00 PM**

**Men's Shot Put (Prelims / Finals)**

**11:00 AM**

**Women's Javelin (Prelims / Finals)**

<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Men's Triple Jump</b>	<b>(Prelims / Finals)</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Women's Shot Put</b>	<b>(Prelims / Finals)</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Men's Javelin</b>	<b>(Prelims / Finals)</b>

**Track Events**

**All Events Are Finals**

<b>12:50 AM</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony / National Anthem</b>
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Women's 4 x 100 Meter Relay</b>
<b>1:10 PM</b>	<b>Men's 4 x 100 Meter Relay</b>
<b>1:20 PM</b>	<b>Women's 1500 Meter Run</b>
<b>1:40 PM</b>	<b>Men's 1500 Meter Run</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Women's 100 Meter Hurdles</b>
<b>2:15 PM</b>	<b>Men's 110 Meter Hurdles</b>
<b>2:25 PM</b>	<b>Women's 400 Meter Dash</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Men's 400 Meter Dash</b>
<b>2:40 PM</b>	<b>Women's 100 Meter Dash</b>
<b>2:45 PM</b>	<b>Men's 100 Meter Dash</b>
<b>2:55 PM</b>	<b>Women's 800 Meter Run</b>
<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Men's 800 Meter Run</b>
<b>3:10 PM</b>	<b>Women's 400 Meter Hurdles</b>
<b>3:20 PM</b>	<b>Men's 400 Meter Hurdles</b>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Women's 200 Meter Dash</b>
<b>3:35 PM</b>	<b>Men's 200 Meter Dash</b>
<b>3:45 PM</b>	<b>Women's 5000 Meter Run</b>
<b>4:10 PM</b>	<b>Men's 5000 Meter Run</b>
<b>4:35 PM</b>	<b>Women's 4 x 400 Meter Relay</b>
<b>4:45 PM</b>	<b>Men's 4 x 400 Meter Relay</b>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Senior Athlete Recognition</b>
<b>5:25 PM</b>	<b>Awards Ceremony / Closing</b>

## Section 5: Awards

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**Team Trophies.** The men's and women's champions of the Outdoor Track & Field Championship shall receive a team trophy. The championship team also shall receive commemorative t-shirts. Each member of the championship team will receive an individual championship medallion.

**Event Champion Medallions.** The top three (3) male and female finishers in each event shall receive medallions. First place finishers will be recognized as First Team All-Conference performers and all second place finishers will be recognized as Second Team All-Conference performers.

**Medal Ceremonies.** At the conclusion of each event, volunteers will be on hand to lead medal-winners to the podium. Medal ceremonies will take place approximately 15 minutes after the conclusion of each event.

**Freshman of the Year.** A coach's vote shall determine the male and female Freshman of the Year.

**Athlete of the Year.** A coach's vote shall determine the male and female track and field specific Athlete of the Year.

**Athlete of the Championship.** A coach's vote at the conclusion of the championship shall determine the male and female Athlete of the Championship.

**Coach of the Year.** A coach's vote at the conclusion of the championship shall determine the men's and women's Coach of the Year.

**Championship Awards Ceremony.** A championship awards ceremony will take place approximately 10 minutes following the conclusion of the final race. Team and individual awards will be distributed at that time. The ceremony is scheduled for 5:25 PM on Saturday.

## Section 6: Championship Administration

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**Administration.** Administration of the event is the responsibility of the Commissioner or designee of the Ohio Valley Conference and she shall delegate duties and responsibilities to conference office staff members, as necessary, to assure the efficient administration and promotion of the meet.

**The Games Committee.** The OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship Committee will consist of USA Track & Field Certified officials. The primary function of the Games Committee is to give specialized assistance and guidance when questions and problems arise during the conduct of the meet where authority for resolution of such problems is not covered by this guideline, the NCAA Track Rules, or the regulations of the Conference.

**Coaches will receive a list of event officials at the pre-championship meeting on Wednesday, May 10.**

## Section 7: Championship Format

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**Rules.** NCAA Track and Field Rules shall govern all competition.

**Championship Determination.** The Conference champion will be determined by the results of the Conference meet.

**Event Schedule.** Events will start on Thursday, May 11 with the multi events starting at 11:00 a.m.,. See **Section 4:** Schedule of Events for full competition schedule.

**Parking.** Team busses and vans will pass the track and field venue and turn left at the round-a-bout and park to the right of the track in a designated area next to team camps and the warm-up area. All spectators will park in the same lot, only further down behind team busses and vans. Championship officials and workers will turn before the round-a-bout and park in the small lot just south of the track.

**Scoring.** The OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship Meet will implement the following scoring system:

If six (6) or more institutions field a team for the championship (per gender), all events for that gender shall be scored to eight (8) places utilizing the following scoring: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1.

If five (5) or fewer institutions field a team for the championship (per gender), all events for that gender shall be scored to six (6) places utilizing the following scoring: 10-8-6-4-2-1. (*amended 2/8/2012*)

### **Events**

High Jump

Long Jump

Javelin

Triple Jump

4 x 400-M Relay

110-M Hurdles (M)

5,000-M Run

400-M Dash

100-M Dash

10,000-M Run

4x100-M Relay

Decathlon (M)

Discus

Shot Put

Hammer Throw

Pole Vault

3,000-M Steeplechase

100-M Hurdles (W)

200-M Dash

800-M Run

1,500-M Run

400-M Hurdles

Heptathlon (W)

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## Section 8: Championship Site

**Championship Site:** The 2017 OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship will take place at Choccolocco Park in Oxford, Ala. Jacksonville State will serve as the championship host.

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## Section 9: Credentials

**All-Access Credentials.** Three (3) All-Access credentials will be provided for each institution's coaching staff. Administrators (Athletic Director, Senior Woman Administrator, etc.) and their guests also will be provided with All-Access credentials upon request.

Pass Codes: To help identify proper personnel, credentials will be assorted by color code.  
School personnel: **GREEN** / Championship Officials: **WHITE** / OVC Staff: **YELLOW** / Media: **BLUE**

**Participant Credentials.** Thirty-two (32) Participant credentials will be provided for each institution's student-athletes, managers, trainers, etc.

**Team Entrance.** All teams participating in the 2017 OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship will enter on the side gate next to designated team parking areas.

**Team Seating and Coaches' Area.** Team designated areas will be made available at the Pre-Championship Meeting.

**Hospitality Area.** A hospitality area will be available at the north end of the track across from the Media area.

**Media Credentials.** All working media will be provided with an appropriate credential with access to media areas including the hospitality room.

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## Section 10: Facility Amenities

**Restrooms.** Restrooms are available on-site at the Choccolocco Park Track and Field complex.

**Concessions.** Concessions and food vendors will be located inside the spectator viewing areas.

**Stadium Lights.** Lights are available and will be used at the judgment of the Games Committee.

**Laundry.** Laundry facilities are not available.

**\*\*NOTE\*\* Track participants may NOT use any spike height larger than 1/4" in pyramid at Choccolocco Park. Please make necessary adjustments as needed.**

## Section 11: Entry Procedures

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**Entry Deadline.** The entry deadline is **Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> by 4:00 p.m. CT.**

**Final Declarations.** Flights and heating shall be done by the fully automatic timing crew hired to run the track and field meet. The final entries shall include all athletes in all events for both days of competition. No additions can be made after the Tuesday deadline. Each institution may declare no more than four (4) athletes in individual events, or no more than one (1) relay team. (Note: declarations of the relay team can include up to eight (8) potential athletes until the relay card is turned in). Any athlete who is declared or qualifies for an event must compete or he/she will be disqualified from subsequent events in the meet.

**Seed Marks.** Coaches shall list their athlete's best performance from this outdoor season as it appears on the TFRRS performance lists for the purpose of seeding. Any seed marks NOT listed on the TFRRS performance list will not be considered without verification. (*amended 2/8/2012*)

**Heat Sheets.** Heat sheet will be distributed at the coaches' meeting.

## Section 12: Heat, Flights, Qualifying Procedures and Stagers

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**Track Events.** Electronic timing and photos shall be official. Official pictures under protest will be viewed only by the referee. The jury and the coach involved in the protest may view the pictures with the referee's consent. Eight (8) athletes will qualify for finals in all events with preliminaries. The number of finalists shall be determined by the number of lanes available within a minimum of five. Some races will be run in two heats against time, slowest heat first (balanced or slow-fast).

**Non-Scoring Competitors.** Competitors from non-sponsored sports will not be allowed to compete in the OVC indoor and outdoor track and field championships (*adopted 3/4/05 per the OVC Directors of Athletics 8/4/04*).

**Procedures.** NCAA outdoor track and field heating, flighting and qualifying procedures shall be followed for all events, with the following conference addendums (*amended 2/2014*):

**100-Meter Dash and 100/110-Meter High Hurdles:**

- a. Preferred lane assignments for competition rounds after the first round shall be: 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8.

**200-M and 400-M Dash:**

- a. Lanes shall be assigned in the following order: 4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8.

**800-M:**

- a. Preferred lanes (4, 5, 3, 6, 2, 7, 1, 8) shall be used for the final.

**Relays (4x100m, 4x400m):**

- a. If the number of teams declared for either relay is greater than the number of lanes available on the track, the final will be run in two sections with no fewer than two (2) teams in the slow section.
- b. If the number of teams declared for either relay is equal to or less than the number of lanes available on the track, the final will be run in one section.

**Mile (indoor) and 1500 meters (outdoor)**

- a. The mile and 1500 meters shall be run as finals only. If 15 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as a single race final. If more than 15 competitors report, then 12 competitors shall run in the fast section and the remainder of the entries (up to 15) shall run in the slow section. If more than 27 competitors report, then 12 shall run in the fast section, 12 shall run in the next fastest section, and the remainder shall run in 3rd section. Heats will be run slow section to fast section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check-in.

15 or fewer	1 heat
16-27	2 heats 12 in fast section, up to 15 in slow section
28+	3 heats 12, 12, and up to 15 in 3rd section

**3000 meters (indoor), 5000 meters (indoor) and 3000 steeplechase (outdoor)**

- a. The 3000 meters and 5000 meters (indoor) and 3000 steeplechase shall be run as finals only. If 18 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as a single race final. If more than 18 competitors report, then 14 competitors shall run in the fast section and the remainder of the entries shall run in the slow section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check-in.

18 or fewer	1 heat
19+	2 heats 14 in fast section and all others in 2nd section

**5000 meters (outdoor)**

- a. The 5000 meters shall be run as finals only. If 30 or fewer competitors report, the event shall be run as a single race final. If more than 30 competitors report, then 18 shall run in the fast section and the remaining competitors will run in the slow section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary after competitors check-in.

30 or fewer	1 heat
31+	2 heats 18 in fast section, and all others in 2nd section

**10000 meters (outdoor)**

- a. The 10000 meters shall be run in one heat as finals only.

**Pole Vault and High Jump:**

- a. The Games Committee shall determine the starting heights/minimum heights utilizing the current national TFRRS lists and present for review to the head coaches at the pre-championship meeting Thursday evening.

**\*\*NOTE\*\* Track participants may NOT use any spike height larger than 1/4" in pyramid at Choccolocco Park. Please make necessary adjustments as needed.**

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**Section 13: Hospitality**

**Administration.** Each school's administrators will be given an all-access pass for the championship. A hospitality tent will be provided to OVC coaches, staff, volunteers, and OVC Administration. (Information on tent location will be in coach's packet)

**Media.** Members of the Media will receive a media credential for the championship. A media area will be available at the far end of the track.

**Hospitality Room.** The hospitality room will open 30 minutes prior to the first event each day and will close at the end of each day. Light snacks and refreshments will be available all day. CREDENTIALS ARE REQUIRED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE HOSPITALITY AREA.

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**Section 14: Inclement Weather Policy**

Published start times on days one and two of the championship shall be followed unless delayed by weather (no event shall start earlier than published due to weather concerns). Day two start times may also be revised in the instance where weather has postponed events from the previous day and those events must now be accommodated by the day two schedule. In the instance where day one events must be run on day two, the following guidelines should be adhered to:

- a. The integrity of the order of events shall be maintained, with an allowance for some flexibility based upon the host institution's facilities.
- b. Any track events not completed on day one will be run as heats against time. Should an event from day one be postponed after it has already begun, the heats will be reseeded for the following day.
- c. The 10,000 meter run will be scheduled in the early morning on day two.

Additionally, no event shall begin after 10:30 p.m. local time on day one of the Outdoor Track and Field Championship.



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## Section 15: Lodging

**Team Lodging.** The host institution has recommended housing for the championship at selected properties throughout the area. The visiting teams are NOT required to stay at those properties. Each team is responsible for making its own reservations, and is also responsible for all hotel costs.

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## Section 16: Medical/Athletic Training Room Information

**Medical/ Athletic Training Room.** Athletic Training area with tables will be located in front of the track field house. All modalities will be located in the First Aid Room inside the track field house. EMS will be on-site.

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## Section 17: Official Travel Party/Squad Limitation

**Travel Party List.** All participating institutions must complete and submit the official travel party list (Appendix Section E) to the Conference office no later than **Monday, May 8, 2017 at 12:00 noon CT**. This list should include all eligible student-athletes, coaches, managers, athletic trainers and support staff.

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## Section 18: Participant Gift

**Participant Gift.** Each participating student-athlete in an Ohio Valley Conference championship shall receive a commemorative memento from the conference office.

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## Section 19: Protests

**Protests.** There shall be a protest table with an official present at all times. Protest forms will be made available for this purpose. All protests will be made and handled in accordance with the NCAA Track and Field Rules, which spell out this procedure. A fee of \$25 collectable at the time the protest is filed shall be assessed for all protests, with the fee refunded if the appeal is successful. (*Revised 7/4/05*)

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## Section 20: Responsibilities of Participating Teams

**Pretournament Meeting.** There will be a mandatory pre-championship meeting of participating coaches, available officials and OVC staff. This meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:30 p.m., at Hilton Garden Hotel in Oxford, Ala.

**Uniform.** Each institution's athletes will wear only the university's official equipment (warm-ups and competition equipment) as covered in the OVC Rules. Extra equipment, hats, etc., will be allowed only if reasonable and causing no objections from other competing student-athletes and their coaches.

**\*\*NOTE\*\* Track participants may NOT use any spike height larger than 1/4" in pyramid at Choccolocco Park. Please make necessary adjustments as needed.**

**Contestant Numbers.** Jacksonville State will provide contestant numbers.

**Post Championship Survey.** Championship participants (coaches, student-athletes, and administrators) are encouraged to complete the online OVC Post Championship Evaluation following the event. Instructions will be emailed to coaches the week of the championship.

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## Section 21: Sports Information Procedures

**Results.** Results will be emailed to each school's SID at the conclusion of each day. Printouts will be available in the Hospitality Area following various events, and live results will be available throughout the meet.

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## Section 22: Sportsmanship

The Ohio Valley Conference requires officials to enforce all rules regarding unsportsmanlike conduct by coaches and student-athletes. There will be no tolerance of negative statements or actions between opposing teams, including verbal abuse, physical abuse, taunting or baiting. If such comments or behavior is observed, a penalty will be immediately assessed. If any coach protests an unsportsmanlike penalty, he/she will be ejected from the contest. We have been instructed not to issue warnings during the competition. It is strongly suggested that you remind your participants of this policy.

It is expected that institutional administrators create an environment of hospitality for visiting teams. Ohio Valley Conference administrators must develop the attitude that the treatment of a visiting team and its fans will be in a fair and equitable manner.

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## Section 23: Ticket Policies

**Ticket Prices.** Single-day tickets are \$3.00. A weekend pass is \$5.00.

**Team Credentials.** Credentials will be provided to teams at the coaches' meeting.

**Spectator Areas.** Covered grandstands are available for spectators.

## **Section 24: Transportation and Parking Procedures**

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**Team Parking.** Busses and vans will be parked in the large lot next to the track and field complex.

**Spectator Parking.** Spectator parking will also be available next to the complex. Fans should enter Choccolocco Park and continue past the baseball and softball stadiums and turn left into the track and field venue.

## **Section 25: Video**

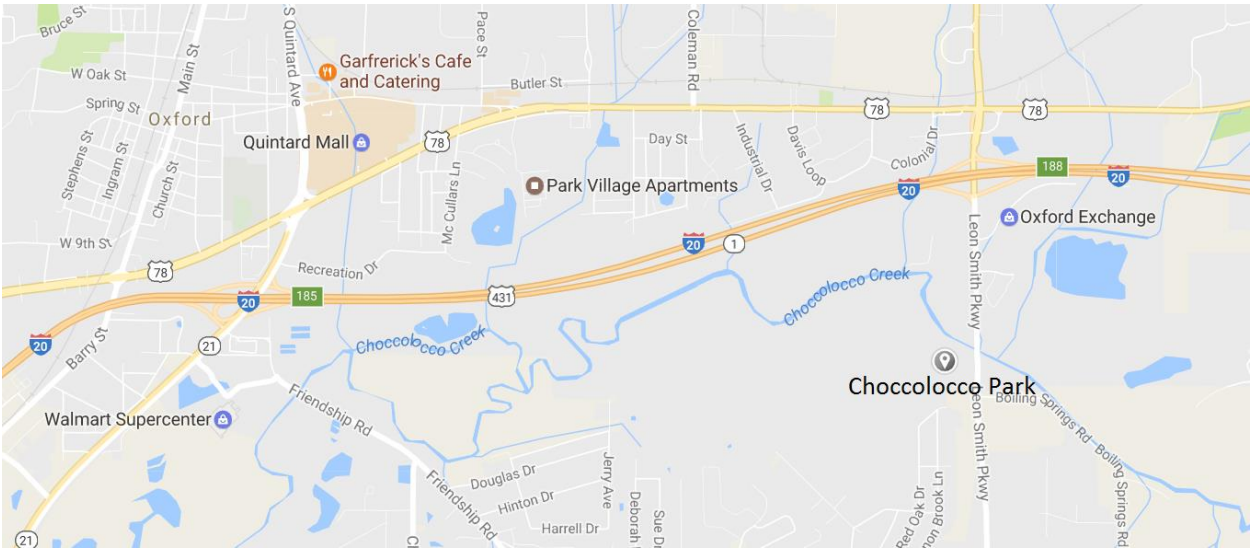
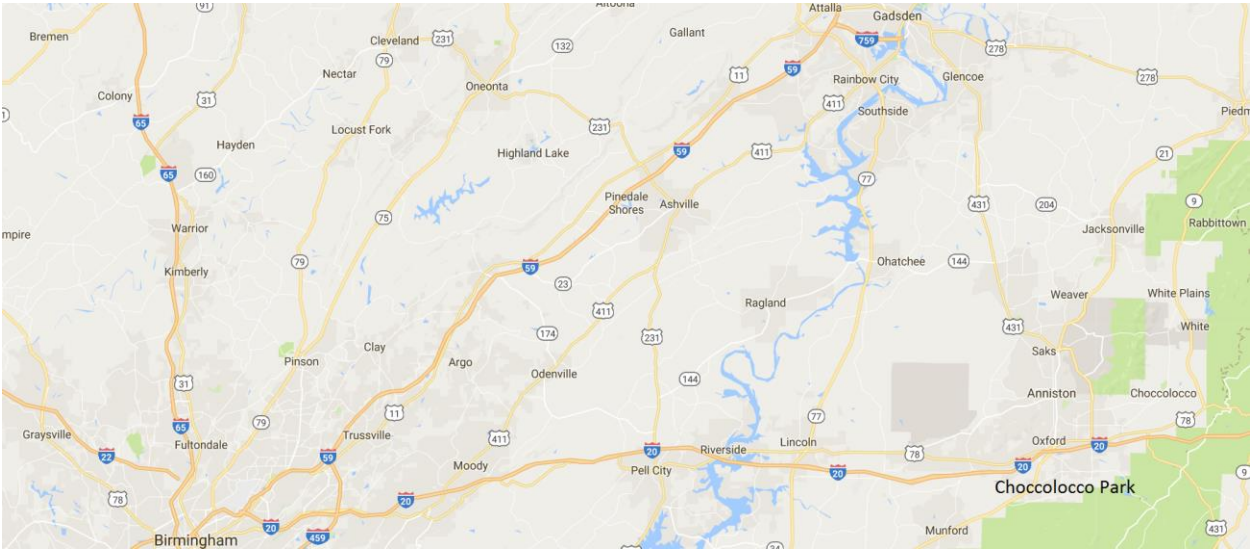
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**Web Content.** The 2017 OVC Outdoor Track and Field Championship will be live streamed via the OVC Digital Network. ([www.ovcdigitalnetwork.com](http://www.ovcdigitalnetwork.com))

**Additional Coverage.** Additional meet coverage will be available on the OVC Digital Network ([www.ovcdigitalnetwork.com](http://www.ovcdigitalnetwork.com)). This may include player/coach interviews and awards presentations.

The Conference office will not be responsible for providing copies of any digital footage of the championship events during or after they have concluded.

**Section A: Venue Location**



**From I-20 East/West:**

Follow I-20 E/W to Leon Smith Pkwy. Take exit 188.  
Turn right/left onto Leon Smith Pkwy  
Follow for 0.7 miles. Choccolocco Park will be on your right.

**From AL-21 South/North**

A) If coming from Jacksonville:  
Head South on AL-21  
Merge onto I-20 E via ramp to Atlanta  
Take exit 188  
Follow for 0.7 miles. Choccolocco Park will be on your right.

**From US-78 East/West**

Follow US-78 E/W to Leon Smith Pkwy  
Use left/right turning lanes to turn onto Leon Smith Pkwy S  
Follow for 0.7 miles. Choccolocco Park will be on your right.

**From 431 North**

Head south on US-431  
Continue onto Eastern Bypass/Henry Rd  
Continue onto Leon Smith Pkwy  
Choccolocco Park will be on your right.

**Section C: Venue Map**



## Section D: Restaurant Information

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### **Crecker Barrel**

220 Leon Smith Pkwy, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-6700

### **Golden Corral**

Oxford Exchange, 201 Oxford Exchange Blvd,  
Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 241-9282

### **Mellow Mushroom**

33 Industrial Dr, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-1444

### **Dominos**

1720 Hamric Dr E Ste 1, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-9696

### **Panda Express**

20 Commons Way, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-9033

### **O'Charley's**

4 Recreation Dr, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-8305

### **Red Lobster**

515 S Quintard Ave, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-2013

### **Longhorn Steakhouse**

301 Oxford Exchange Blvd, Oxford, AL 36203  
Located in: Oxford Exchange  
(256) 832-0066

### **Logan's Roadhouse**

40 Ali Way, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-3116

### **Olive Garden**

401 Oxford Exchange Blvd, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-4911

### **Applebee's**

612 Hamric Dr E, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-2434

### **Strut's Wing**

**88 Ali Way, Oxford, AL 36203**  
(256) 835-8102

### **Jefferson's**

230 Spring Branch Rd, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-5858

### **Quiznos**

1783 Hamric Dr E, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-4114

### **Firehouse Subs**

552 Oxford Exchange Blvd, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-2615

### **SUBWAY**

204 Grace, Ste C, Texaco, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-5383

### **Panera Bread**

21 Commons Way, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 835-6725

### **Macalister's Deli**

815 Hamric Dr E, Oxford, AL 36203  
Located in: Quintard Mall  
(256) 831-0079

### **Chick-fil-a**

700 Quintard Dr Ste Fc8, Oxford, AL 36203  
Located in: Quintard Mall  
(256) 835-1887

### **Zaxby's Chicken**

91 Colonial Dr, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 832-4771

### **Bojangles'**

31 Holmes Drive, Oxford, AL 36203  
(256) 831-9883





## **OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY LIST (WOMEN)**

Using this form, please list the members of your official travel party (coaches, players, trainers and/or managers), and return to Jonathan Owens, OVC Office, prior to the start of the championship. Each participating team may be provided passes limited to each member of the official travel party (Section 2.6, OVC Hosting Guidelines). These passes are not transferable.

Student-Athlete Eligibility Reminder: All student-athletes listed below must be certified eligible to represent your institution in intercollegiate competition per applicable NCAA, OVC, and institutional rules. OVC institutions are obligated to withhold ineligible student-athletes from competition including this OVC championship. Participation by an ineligible student-athlete in competition may subject the student-athlete and/or his or her institution to applicable NCAA and/or OVC penalties (e.g., loss of future eligibility; monetary fines; contest forfeiture.) Only student-athletes eligible to participate in an OVC conference championship event may receive an OVC conference championship award.

**NOTE: TEAM CHAMPION** – Only members of the official travel party listed below will be announced and presented with an individual championship award (35 provided) during the awards ceremony.

Student-Athletes (30):


Support Staff (managers/student trainers):

Assistant Coaches:


Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Head Coaches' Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Affirmation of Eligibility:** By signing below, I acknowledge the above student-athletes' eligibility for participation in this OVC championship have been certified per applicable NCAA, OVC, and institutional rules.

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(Name & Signature) Faculty Athletics Representative or Senior Compliance Officer (Date)  
**Please return to Jonathan Owens, OVC Office, by 12:00pm CT, Monday, May 8, 2017 (jowens@ovc.org)**

**OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE  
Outdoor TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP  
PROTEST FORM**

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Heat\_\_\_\_\_ Flight\_\_\_\_\_

Event\_\_\_\_\_ Time of Protest\_\_\_\_\_

Student-Athlete\_\_\_\_\_

Number\_\_\_\_\_ Institution\_\_\_\_\_

Describe circumstances fully:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Coach's Signature

Referee's Decision:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Referee's Signature

# OVC Outdoor Track & Field CHAMPION MERCHANDISE ORDER FORM

Institution:		Email:	
Contact:		Address:	
Phone:		City:	State:

	Black Short Sleeve					Black Long Sleeve					TOTAL # OF SHIRTS
	S	M	L	XL	XXL	S	M	L	XL	XXL	
	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$13	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$17	
OF SHIRTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL COST	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

SHIPPING (only if NOT picking up at event site)

\$10.00

FINAL COST TOTAL

\$10.00



Enter a "X" in one of the boxes below

- Check Enclosed  
Check Payable to "Ohio Valley Conference"
- Pay at Event (Check or Credit Card)  
Accepted Cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, & Diner Club International

