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Section 1: Sponsoring Institutions

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

Eastern Illinois University	University of Southern Indiana
Lindenwood University	Tennessee State University
University of Arkansas at Little Rock	Tennessee Technological University
Morehead State University	University of Tennessee at Martin
Southeast Missouri State University	Western Illinois University
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	

Section 2: Important NCAA Dates

2026

February 24-25

Ohio Valley Conference Indoor Track Championship
Norton Healthcare Spors & Learning Center
Louisville, KY

March 13-14

NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championship
Randal Tyson Center
Fayetteville, AR

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**2026 OVC Indoor Championship
February 24-25 (Tuesday/Wednesday)**

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**Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center
Louisville, KY**

Monday, February 23

2:00 – 6:00 PM Practice Facility Open
5:00 PM Coaches Meeting

Tuesday, February 24

(All events) Implement Weigh-in 9:00-10:00AM

Combined Events

9:00 AM Heptathlon 60M/LJ/SP/HJ
9:00 AM- 60 m
9:45 AM- Long Jump
10:45 AM- Shot Put
12:00 PM- High Jump

Field Events

1:00 PM- Long Jump- M
1:00 PM- Weight Throw- M
1:00 PM- High Jump- W
3:30 PM- Weight Throw- W
3:30 PM- Long Jump- W
3:30 PM- Pole Vault M

Running Events

3:00 PM- 60m H Trial- M
3:15 PM- 60m H Trial- W
3:30 PM- 400m Trial- M
3:40 PM- 400m Trial- W
4:00 PM- 60m Trial-M
4:10 PM- 60m Trial-W
4:25 PM- 800m Trial-M
4:35 PM- 800m Trial-W
4:50 PM-200m Trial-M
5:00 PM- 200m Trial-W
5:10 PM- 5000m-M
5:30 PM- 5000m-W
5:55 PM- DMR-M
6:10 PM- DMR-W

Wednesday, February 25

(All events) Implement Weigh-in 9:00-10:00AM

Combined Events

9:00 AM Pentathlon 60H/HJ/SP/LJ/800m
9:00 AM- 60m H
9:50 AM- High Jump
11:30 AM- Shot Put
2:05 PM- 800m

9:10 AM Heptathlon 60H/PV/1000m
9:10 AM- 60H
10:00 AM- Pole Vault
12:20 PM- 1000m

Field Events

11:00 AM- High Jump- M
12:00 PM- Triple Jump- W
12:00 PM- Shot Put- M
2:00 PM- Pole Vault- W
2:00 PM- Triple Jump- M
2:00 PM- Shot Put- W

Running Events

12:30 PM- Mile- M
12:45 PM- Mile- W
1:05 PM- 60m H- M
1:15 PM- 60m H- W
1:30 PM- 400m- M
1:35 PM- 400m- W
1:50 PM- 60m- M
1:55 PM- 60m- W
2:10 PM- 800m- M
2:20 PM- 800m-W
2:30 PM- 200m- M
2:35 PM- 200m- W
2:45 PM- 3000m- M (2 heats)
3:10 PM- 3000m- W (2 heats)
3:40 PM- 4 x 400m Relay- M
3:55 PM- 4 x 400m Relay- W
4:15 PM- Awards Presentation

*****ALL TIMES IN EASTERN**

Section 5: Awards

Team Trophies. The men's and women's champions of the Indoor Track & Field Championship shall receive a team trophy. The championship team shall also 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 All-Conference First Team performers while all second-place finishers will be recognized as All-Conference Second Team performers. Event medallions shall be distributed shortly after the completion of each event.

Freshman of the Year. The highest point getter among freshmen at the championship 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. The highest point getter 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 15 minutes following the conclusion of the final race. Team and individual awards will be distributed at that time.

Section 6: Championship Administration

Administration. Administration of the event is the responsibility of the Commissioner or designee of the Ohio Valley Conference, and he shall delegate duties and responsibilities to Conference Office staff members, as necessary, to ensure the efficient administration and promotion of the meet and shall utilize the following groups and individuals in the capacities indicated:

Meet Management. The primary function of "Meet Management" is to give specialized assistance and guidance to the Meet Director 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 and Field Rules, or the regulations of the Conference.

Josten's. Josten's is the official supplier of OVC championship memorabilia. One of their representatives will be contacting the winning coach post-championship to follow up on any championship rings or memorabilia orders the teams would like to place.

Section 7: Championship Format

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 Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 9:00 am. On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, events will begin at 9:00 am. See Schedule of Events (page 5) for full schedule.

National Anthem. The national anthem will be played both days prior to the first running event.

Scoring. The OVC Indoor 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	Weight Throw
400 Meters	Shot Put
Mile Run	Long Jump
Distance Medley Relay	Triple Jump
5000 Meters	60 Hurdles
200 Meters	60 Meters
800 Meters	3000 meters
Pentathlon- Women	Pole Vault
4x400 Relay	Heptathlon- Men

Section 8: Championship Site

Site. The OVC Indoor Track and Field Championship will be conducted at the Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center 3029 Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY 40212.

Section 9: Credentials

All-Access Credentials. Administrators (Athletic Directors, Senior Women's Administrator, etc.) and their guests will be provided with All-Access credentials upon request.

Coaches Credentials. Credentials will be provided for each institution's coaching staff.

Event Credential. Event staff, officials, and volunteers will be granted a credential upon request.

Media Credentials. All working media will be provided with an appropriate credential with access to media areas.

Section 10: Spikes, Athlete Check-In and Shoe Control

Spikes, Athlete Check-In and Shoe Control.

- **Spikes**
Athletes are required to use only **pyramid spikes** with a maximum length of **¼ inch** unless otherwise explicitly stated. Spikes will be checked at the **clerking area**, located in the northwest corner of the building.
- **Athlete Check-In**
As a reminder, all events will require athletes to check in at the clerking area. After check-in, athletes will be escorted to their event area by officials.
- **Shoe Control (NCAA Rule Part I, 6-5)**

Ensure your athletes compete in approved shoes (see the link below). ***Athletes must know their shoe model name and version. It is the coach's responsibility to ensure athletes are competing in approved shoes.*** We will conduct random shoe control checks post-competition, selecting 5% of participants in each event. This is an official NCAA rule but will also satisfy the requirement to have our meet listed on the WA calendar and for marks to be considered for world rankings.

World Athletics Shoe List: <https://certcheck.worldathletics.org/FullList>

Section 11: Team Seating and Coaches' Boxes

Team Seating.

Seating for student-athletes and coaches shall be on the east side of the track and in the Mezzanine area.

Coaches' Boxes.

The competition area is restricted only to officials and contestants. Coaches must remain in their designated area. Athletes warming up will have access to the warmup area.

Section 12: Entry Procedures

Entry Deadline. The entry deadline is **Saturday, February 21, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. (ET).**

Final Declarations. Final entries and declarations shall include all athletes in all events for all the days of competition. No additions can be made after the Saturday deadline. Flighting and heating shall be done by the CFPI timing crew hired to run the track and field meet. Each institution may declare no more than four (4) individuals in individual events, no more than three (3) individuals in multi-events, or no more than one (1) relay team (**Note: Declarations of the relay team can include up to (8) potential athletes up until the relay card is turned in at check 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. *(amended 2018)*

Seed Marks. Coaches shall list their athlete’s best performance from this indoor 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)*

Section 13: Facility Amenities

Showers. There are no shower accommodations.

Restrooms. Team restrooms are located on the main track floor behind the crash wall.

Concessions. Concessions are located on the same level as the track. Outside food and drink are NOT permitted in the facility. For team meals, please contact Austin Harris, catering manager, at catering@lulsfc.org or 502-727-1086 (See Appendix D for ordering options).

Parking.

Team Vehicles:

- Buses will drop off athletes on the east side of Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center off 30th Street (see Athlete Entrance Map). Look for signage that indicates “Coach and Athlete Entrance”.
- Buses will be directed to **satellite parking**.

Spectators:

- A **\$10 parking fee per vehicle** will be charged for all spectators.
- Spectators will park in Lot A and enter the building from the **south side**.
- GPS Address: 3029 Muhammad Ali Blvd, Louisville, KY 40212

University administrators attending will receive parking passes. Up to two (2) per institution will be given upon request.

Section 14: Heat, Flights and Qualifying Procedures

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 track 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).

Procedures. NCAA indoor track and field heating, flighting, and qualifying procedures shall be followed for all events.

Procedures for the mile (indoor)

The mile and 1500 meters shall be run as finals only. If 15 or fewer competitors report, the events 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 run slow section to fast section. Heats will be adjusted if necessary, after competitors check in.

15 or less → 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

Procedures for the 3000 meters (indoor), 5000 meters (indoor):

The 3000 meters and 5000 meters 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.

Section 15: Medical/Training Room Information

Athletic Training Services. On May 30, 2024, the OVC Council of Athletic Directors voted to support a motion to require institutions to provide athletic training support for their teams participating in the OVC Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

In addition to institutions providing athletic training support for their respective teams, Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center will provide an athletic trainer and EMS.

The Athletic Training tent is located inside the oval. An ice machine and ice bags/ice wraps will be available from the concession stand.

Section 16: Official Travel Party/Squad Limitation

Travel Party List. All participating institutions must complete and submit the official travel party list (Appendix Section B) to the Conference office no later than **Saturday, February 21, 2026, at 4:00 PM ET**. This list should include all eligible student-athletes, coaches, managers, trainers, and support staff.

Squad Limitation. Each institution shall be limited to 27 entrants.

Section 17: Protests

Protests. 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*)

If Applicable, video review will be used during this championship.

Section 18: Responsibilities of Participating Teams

Coaches' Meeting. There will be a mandatory pre-championship meeting of participating coaches, available officials and OVC staff. This meeting will take place on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. ET in the Humana Hub at Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center.

Uniform. Each institution's athletes will wear only the university's official equipment (warm-ups and competition equipment) as covered in the OVC Rules.

Post Championship Survey. Championship participants (coaches, student-athletes, and administrators) are encouraged to complete the online OVC Post Championship Evaluation following the event.

Section 19: Sports Information Procedures

Results. Live results will be available at www.cfpitiming.com and posted on the OVC website.

Section 20: Sportsmanship Statement

Administrator Responsibilities. It is expected that institutional administrators create an environment of sportsmanship during the event. The conference office will deal with any situation that violates the Ohio Valley Conference sportsmanship standards.

Section 21: Ticket Policies

Ticket Prices. Admission will not be charged for this event.

Credentials. Credentials will be provided to the coaches at the coaches' meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026. Please notify Katie Risewick or Amy McGinnis in the OVC office if any additional credentials are needed for Athletic Department or University Administrators attending from your campus.

Section 22: Video

Video Content. This meet is scheduled to be streamed on the ESPN+ network. Contact Bryce Robinson in the conference office for more information.

Section A: Directions

Directions:

Venue Address: 3029 Muhammad Ali Blvd. Louisville, KY 40212

The Norton Healthcare Sports & Learning Center is located just 15 minutes from the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport and easily accessible from I-264, I-64 and downtown Louisville.



Section B: Travel Party Form



**OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP
OFFICIAL TRAVEL PARTY AND ELIGIBILITY LIST**

INSTITUTION:

Each participating team may be provided passes limited to each member of the official travel party. These passes are not transferable.

AWARDS: Only members of the official travel party listed below will be announced and presented with an individual championship award (32 medallions) during the awards ceremony.

IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, PLEASE LIST THE 27 STUDENT-ATHLETES

NAME (First & Last)

1.		15.	
2.		16.	
3.		17.	
4.		18.	
5.		19.	
6.		20.	
7.		21.	
8.		22.	
9.		23.	
10.		24.	
11.		25.	
12.		26.	
13.		27.	
14.			

NAME (First & Last)

AFFILIATION (e.g. Coach, Manager, ATC)

28.		
29.		
30.		
31.		
32.		

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. (Compliance officer or FAR, signature required)

Head Coach's Cell Number:
FAR or Senior Compliance Officer:

Date form was completed:



**OHIO VALLEY CONFERENCE
INDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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

Norton Sports & Learning Center – Student Athlete Catering Menu

Minimum Order

10 Meals – Arena-Level Catering – No Outside Food Allowed

Chipotle-Style Power Bowl Bar

Build-your-own bowls served buffet-style in catering pans.

Includes: Chipotle Chicken, Carne Asada Steak, Cilantro-Lime Rice, Black Beans, Lettuce, Pico de Gallo, Roasted Salsa, Grilled Peppers & Onions, Sour Cream, Guacamole, Shredded Cheese, Fresh Jalapeños.

Add Chips & Queso.

Pricing (10–15 people): Power Bowl Bar: \$245 • Add Chips & Queso: +\$45

McAlister’s-Style Sandwich Packs (Toppings on the Side)

Choose up to 2 sandwich varieties per 10 meals.

Sandwich Options:

- Roasted Turkey & Cheddar
- Smoked Turkey & Bacon
- Ham & Swiss
- Ham & Bacon Club
- Roast Beef & Cheddar
- Garden Veggie Wrap

All toppings and condiments served on the side.

Enhancements:

- Fresh Mixed Fruit Bowl
- Individual Kettle Chips

Pricing (10–15 people): Sandwich Pack + Fruit + Chips: \$245 • Sandwich Pack Only: \$205 • Add Fruit Bowl: +\$45 • Kettle Chips: +\$1.25 each

Loaded Performance Spuds

Large baked potatoes with Chicken or Steak and the same toppings as Power Bowls.

Pricing (10–15 people): \$175

Soup Station

Select 2 soups: Vegetable, Tomato Basil, Broccoli Cheddar, Chicken Noodle.

Pricing (10–15 people): Soup Station: \$125 • Additional Soup: +\$40

Chick-fil-A–Inspired Sandwich & Tenders Packs

Fried Chicken Sandwich + Fries (crispy breast, bun, pickles)

Grilled Chicken Sandwich + Fries (marinated grilled breast, lettuce, tomato)

Chicken Tenders + Fries (golden tenders, sauces)

Pricing (10–15 people): \$225

Chicken Alfredo with Broccoli

Creamy Alfredo with grilled chicken, steamed broccoli, garlic seasoning, and garlic pita bread.

Pricing (10–15 people): \$210

Salads

Fruit & Nut Harvest Salad

Caesar Salad

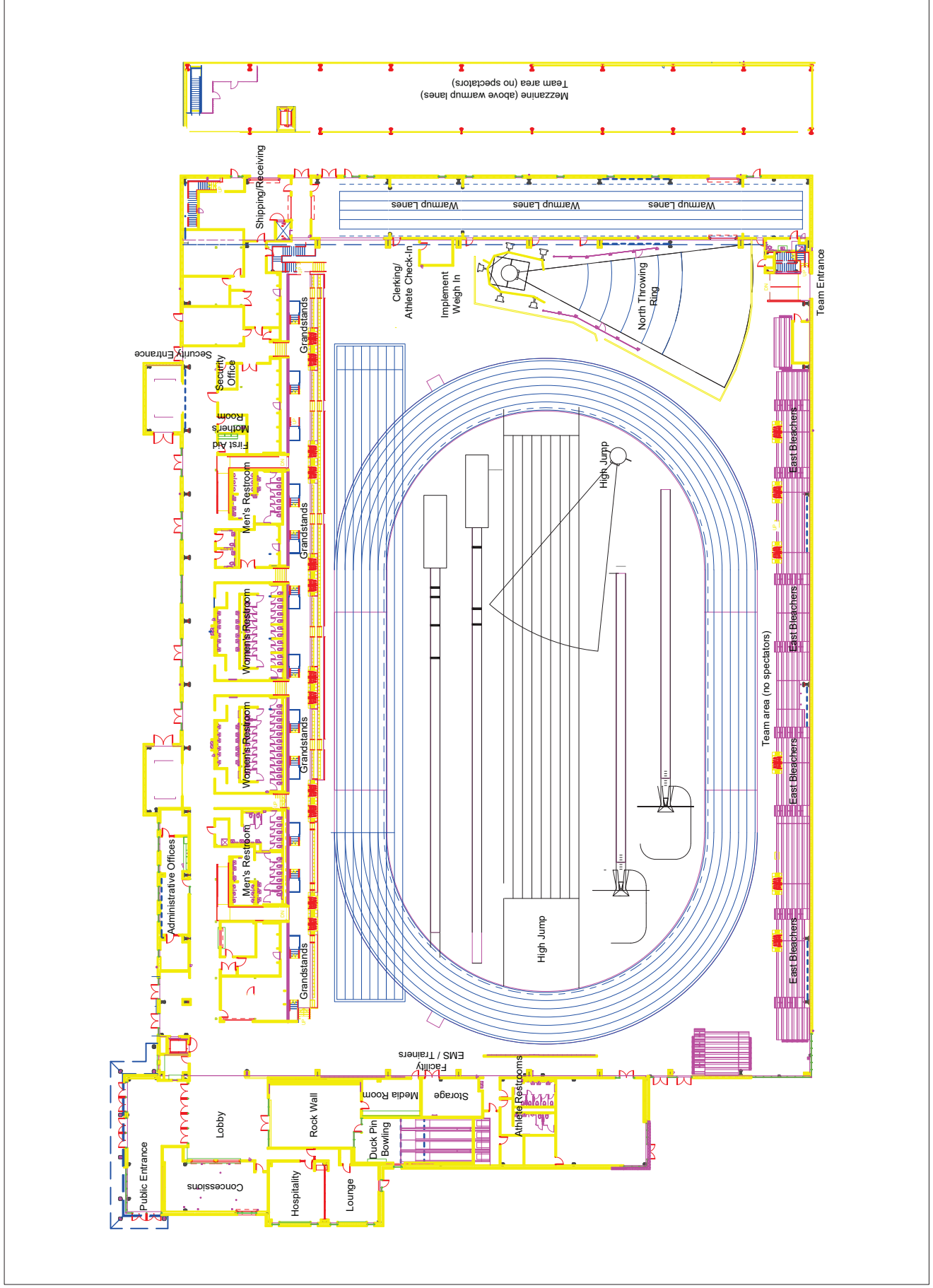
House Salad

Pricing (10–15 people): \$65 per tray • Add Chicken: +\$25

Additional Services

Setup: \$45–\$75 • Chafing Dish Rental: \$20/set • Delivery Included • Bulk or Individual Packaging Available

Norton Healthcare Sports and Learning Center



Section F: Campus Map

