

Falls Church Spring Track and Field Team Information 2021-2022

Please both athlete and parent read this entire document and fill out the web form at the bottom that you have read this information.

Make sure you have registered for sports at this link. Even if you have done paper copies you must register at this site.

Sports registration site:

[Fallschurch-ar.rschoolday.com](https://fallschurch-ar.rschoolday.com)

Student Physical form can be handed into the athletic office or at the first practice and need to be completed before you practice. Physical form can be found at:
<https://fallschurchsports.org/main/filesLinks/>

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Practice

Practice begins Monday Nov 8th (Mon-Friday at 3:30pm-5:30PM) All students-athletes are expected to check in at the ticket booth **by 3:30pm** prepared for practice. Follow the check-in procedures with your phone, have a 32 oz water bottle, and all equipment. All student-athletes must check-out with coaches before leaving for the day. End times for practices will vary by event group.

Practice days:

Check the team news and updated calendar in the files section of the team website at:

<https://fallschurchsports.org/main/teamfiles/id/2565/seasonId/4667328>

Additional days for Regional Qualifiers: (Top 3 finishers in each event at Districts qualify)

Additional days for State Qualifiers: Top 3 region finishers in each event.

Equipment Needed

You must purchase a school track and field uniform (cost approx \$35) to be worn at all competitions. The uniform can be used in cross country, indoor and outdoor track. Order link will be provided on the website in April. A LOANER uniform will be given until the uniform arrives 3-5 weeks into the season.

A mask, good running shoes, racing spikes, socks, shorts, t-shirts, black warm-up pants, 32 oz water bottle with name on it, cold weather gear-long sleeves, wind/rain resistant jacket, gloves, winter hat, and tights. A running watch is helpful.
Dress for the weather!

Here are the names and addresses of two excellent, local running stores to help with shoes/spikes: Road Runner Sports, 1120 W Broad St, Falls Church, VA 22046, Potomac River Running Store, 111 Maple Ave W, Vienna, VA 22180

Eligibility

To be eligible to participate in Indoor Track and Field: You must adhere to the Individual Eligibility Rules found on the Athletic Department website.

- Must be cleared on the eligibility list to participate. All paperwork must be submitted to the activities office
- You must turn in all required paperwork including this form. (**Student Athlete Info google Form**) The **Student Athlete Info Form** is filled out electronically through the computer. If an athlete does not have access to the internet please see Coach with correct student emails, parent emails, and parent phone numbers.
- You must be academically eligible according to VHSL rules (pass 5 classes in the semester prior and pass 5 classes during the first semester of this year.

Team Rules

A violation or repeated violation of the rules below will result in dismissal from the Indoor Track & Field Teams.

Attendance

- Attendance by 3:30PM. Do Not be Late!
- It is **your** responsibility to check out with a coach when you leave.
- If you are absent from school, you may not come to practice. (Let your event coach know via email asap)
- If you know you must miss a practice, you must clear it with the head coach in advance. **Please CC your parents on the absence email so they know you are missing practice.**
- Accumulated Unexcused absences will result in non-participation at meets or dismissal from the team.
- Excused absences must be given to the coach prior to a missed practice (Examples of excused absences: school events, absence from school.) Emails regarding missing practice or coming late should be emailed to the head coach.
- Please schedule all appointments outside practice hours, if you must schedule an appointment during a practice please provide coaches with advanced notice.

Other Rules

- Follow all return to play COVID Guidelines.
- Lying, cheating, stealing, and skipping practice is inexcusable. This will result in dismissal from the team.
- Cutting run courses or misbehavior while running off of school grounds may result in the team not being allowed to run off of campus. Running off of campus is a privilege.
- Distance runners must follow all safety protocols when running off campus such as running on sidewalks, using crosswalks, stopping at light signals, looking both ways, wearing bright colors, running with a partner, staying on route, no headphones, and other verbal commands the coach gives.
- All athletes are expected to show respect to their coaches, captains, and teammates at all times. **THEY MUST ALSO SHOW RESPECT FOR ALL TRACK EQUIPMENT:** mats, poles, shots, discs, starting blocks, hurdles, rakes, etc. by taking proper care in their handling of the equipment, and by putting it away at the end of practice.
- Athletes are expected to come prepared each day with all required clothing and equipment. You must be prepared to run outdoors in the cold and/or wet weather.
- **Your education is paramount.** If you're struggling in school please talk with the head coach. Generally speaking homework, papers, projects, etc. are not considered excused absences but please communicate so we can work a plan out so you can be successful in track and school.

- We will be riding the bus to meets. A mask is required. From time to time a student will request to drive to a meet. If this happens they must fill out a driver form and notify the coach beforehand. If they are driving another athlete both have to have forms filled out. Forms are located in the athletic office. All Athletes are expected to attend all meets if entered in an event. This year there are event registration limits so stay tuned to each week's meet entries.
- Athletes must conduct themselves respectfully at meets.
- Athletes are to take care of themselves both mentally and physically. That means they are to eat well balanced meals, **HYDRATE**, get plenty of rest and not jeopardize their ability to perform on the team. Athletes are expected to present themselves in a manner that represents the team and the school in a positive way.
- **All injuries must be reported to a Coach and to the Athletic Trainer immediately.**

Making the team

- Show-up at tryouts, work hard, and be respectful.
- As long as you follow the team rules, regularly attend, find an event that you can complete in a reasonable standard, and the track team is not limited due to transportation/too many athletes or other outside influences then you will make the team.

Lettering Requirements

In order to earn your Varsity Letter on the Indoor Track & Field Teams, you must:

- **Qualifying and participating in our district championship qualifies you.**
- **Scoring points in a varsity race.**
- Adhere to the FCHS participation and eligibility requirements.
- Compete in all weekly Track meets unless injured or excused by a Coach. If you miss a meet after saying that you would be there to participate, **you will put yourself in jeopardy to be able to compete at any other meets..**
- Athletes who **VOLUNTEER!** Volunteering to run unpopular events shows character and willingness to improve! Athletes who volunteer to help the team show commitment to the program.
- Attend practice every day unless sick, injured or otherwise excused by a coach or trainer. If sent home **early** from school just let the head coach know via email.
- Follow all track team rules.
- Show team spirit, dedication, and commitment to making themselves and the team a success both at practice and at meets.
- Participate in all **team and athletic department fundraisers.**

Team captains

- Team captains will be chosen with all coaches input and athlete input after a few weeks of practicing.
- Captains should show leadership, be punctual, follow all rules, show inclusivity, and generally be outstanding role models for the other athletes.

Coaching philosophy

- Success on our team is not defined by wins, loses, medals, records, etc.
- Success is defined by the character of the athlete we help to mold.
- If you work hard, be a good teammate, show respect to each other, show sportsmanship, and compassion we will be successful!
- We hope to also learn from our athletes. So communicate, ask questions, lead, and learn to be a better athlete.
- If we work together we will have a successful season.

Communication!!!

- The Official communication between student-athletes/parents and coaches is email. All coaches' emails are listed above. I will obtain all emails entered in the Track Info Form at the link at the top.

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Contract/Contact Info

By signing this contract, the student-athlete and parent or guardian affirms they have read and understand all of the rules, regulations, and expectations listed in the Falls Church Indoor Track team rules. Further, it is agreed that all athletes must abide by these rules.

Our signatures below indicate that we have read and agree to comply with the contents of the FCHS Indoor Track Team conduct, philosophy, and eligibility expectations herein. We agree that the athlete will attend all practices and meets in which his or her Falls Church High School athletic team participates.

PRINTED NAME OF STUDENT/ATHLETE: _____ **use link** _____

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT/ATHLETE: _____ **use link** _____

Student Contact Information:

*Please type in the following web address and fill out Student Athlete Info Form completely!

PRINTED NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **use link** _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ **use link** _____

Parent Contact Information:

DATE: _____ **use link** _____

Please both athlete and parent read this entire document and fill out this track web form that you have read and agree to this information.

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