

Mudsock Track & Field Spring 2026

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Meijer is pleased to support Mudsock Youth Athletics in its mission of bringing sports to local kids. As a family company, Meijer aims to enrich the lives of families in its community. By sponsoring youth sports programs like Mudsock, Meijer gets to support local kids as they learn valuable life skills, build friendships, get active and, most importantly, have fun!

Mudsock Track & Field is excited to offer Kindergarten through 12th graders an opportunity to participate in Track & Field. Our focus will be on fitness, fun and training to participate in meets. Our program is a great introduction to Track & Field or an opportunity to expand and extend the Track & Field season offered by local schools. Our athletes range from first-time track athletes to nationally ranked track athletes. We encourage Mudsock Track & Field Athletes to participate in their school track program (if offered by their school) during the season. All athletes will participate in the Indiana Youth Track Association (IYTA) events. This is included in your program fee.

Registration Fees

Open Spring registration will be held during the month of January 2026. Registration will be accepted online at www.myathletics.com. Spring fees (early bird pricing) will be as follows:

- \$100 for grades 1st and 2nd (8U): 8U athletes will only participate in the Fire intraclub meet and the first two IYTA meets.
- \$145 for grades 3rd-6th (age 9+): Athletes participating in the whole season with Fire.
- \$110 for grades 7th-12th (age 12+): Athletes participating in the school track season first and then half-season with Fire.

Updated uniforms were distributed in 2025. For athletes that require an updated uniform, orders will be taken at the start of the season. Uniforms will NOT be included in the registration fees above.

There will be a multi-player discount available for families registering three or more children in Track & Field. Early bird pricing will be available during the month of January. Beginning February 1st, registration fees will increase, and waitlists may begin being formed at any time.

^{*}Please note, the registration fee includes the \$30 IYTA fee.

Fire Elite

The Fire Elite is an invitation only extension of our Fire program for high-achieving athletes. Athletes who show exceptional effort and performance will be invited to join. Fire Elite athletes will receive personalized training and practice an additional night each week. The league will send invitations through Sports Connect (myathletics.com) to those athletes who meet the standard for Fire Elite. Parents will need to accept their invitation and pay the Fire Elite program fee to be placed on the team.

FAQs

When Does the Season Take Place?

The track season takes place from April through early July with Regional and National qualifiers able to compete through July. Practices will be held on Monday and Thursdays from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., and Saturday mornings 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Track meets will include Mudsock Track & Field sponsored meets, Indiana Youth Track Association (IYTA) meets (generally 4 meets which take place at the end of May and throughout the month of June) and the USA Track & Field State Meet held in Mid-June, with the opportunity to advance to the Regional meet (early July) and Nationals (late July). The full meet schedule will be available on the league website prior to the season.

Where Do Practices Take Place?

Practices will take place at Riverside Junior High School – 10910 Eller Rd. Fishers, IN 46038. Please check https://trackxc.myathletics.com/ for updates during the season.

How Do I Purchase a Uniform?

Newly updated uniforms were distributed during 2025. For those athletes that outgrew their uniform or haven't purchased a uniform, orders will be taken at the start of the season. More info to come.

*Any promotions for running shoes, spikes and gear will be communicated as the season approaches.

Do I Need to Purchase a New Uniform if I Ran Cross Country?

If you ran Cross Country in 2025, you will be able to re-use your uniform this season. If your athlete has outgrown their uniform, orders will be taken at the start of the season.

What Are the Events?

Events (Availability of events varies by age group)
Sprints (100m, 200m)
Hurdles (80m, 100m, 110m, 200m, 400m)
Middle Distance (400m, 800m)
Distance (1500m, 3000m)
Throws (discus, shot put, javelin)
Jumps (high, long, triple)

*Please note: Events in bold currently do not have coaches. If you are willing and able to volunteer your time as a coach in one of these events, please contact the Track & Field board at fishersfire@gmail.com.

If coaches cannot be found, these events may not be offered this season.

What are the USATF Age Groups?

These are the age groups the athletes will be placed in for competition.

Age is determined by the child's age as of December 31, 2026.

8 yr old & under (2018+)

9 & 10 yr old (2016/2017)

11 & 12 yr old (2014/2015)

13 & 14 yr old (2012/2013)

15 & 16 yr old (2010/2011)

17 & 18 yr old (2008/2009)

What are the Additional Membership Requirements and Costs?

IYTA Membership (covered under your registration fee)

All Mudsock Track & Field athletes automatically receive membership in the Indiana Youth Track Association (IYTA) including entry into IYTA sponsored meets. (All IYTA meets are local: Indianapolis Metro Area). We will participate in 4 IYTA events during the year, which make up most of the track meets. Athletes will be responsible for all costs of travel to all meets and for all fees to enter non-Mudsock Track & Field/IYTA sponsored meets.

USATF Membership (cost \$30)

While not mandatory, Mudsock Track & Field recommends all athletes register for a USATF membership by visiting <u>USATF.org</u> and using the FIRE code 16-0177 to link with our team. Membership lasts one year and must be renewed. You can upload the athlete's birth certificate directly to their account and MUST DO SO for proof of age to compete at the USATF State, Regional & National meet. USATF membership will allow athletes to participate in the post-season USATF tournament.

Athletic.net

Families are encouraged to create a **FREE** account for their athlete at <u>Athletic.net</u> so that they can keep track of their athletes' records throughout their Track & Field and/or Cross-Country career.

Parent/Guardian Volunteering

Volunteers are necessary for Mudsock Track & Field to flow. When you sign up to volunteer, Mudsock Youth Athletics will email you a link to a background check to complete. Parents and/or guardians interested in assistant coaching can contact fishersfire@gmail.com. We will provide all the information, coach training and workouts needed to assist the Head Coaches. We are interested in individuals who want to help our community of athletes find their natural talent and competitive spirit and then put it into action on the track!

Refunds

January 1 – February 15 – Refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted. February 16 – March 15 – 50% refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted. March 16 – March 31 – 25% refund after \$50 non-refundable is subtracted. After March 31 – No refund.

Participants who sustain an injury prior to the start of the season will only be granted a refund with supporting documentation from a physician. If documentation from a physician is not provided, no refund will be given. Any injury that occurs during the season does not qualify for a refund of any amount.

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Website: More Information is available at https://trackxc.myathletics.com/

Facebook: Visit www.facebook.com/MudsockFire.

Questions: Further inquiries can be made by email to fishersfire@gmail.com.