



# DALLAS ELITE TRACK CLUB (DETC)

***This packets signature page must be signed and returned with the membership application.***

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## **PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE**

The purpose of DETC is to serve the children of our community by providing an opportunity for youth to participate in a program of the highest standards that promotes healthy competition, positive attitudes in athletics and everyday life and academic success

The objective of DETC is to augment the physical and mental development of children through learning and running track. It is the intention of DETC to give all eligible individuals the opportunity to participate in the American tradition of youth sports that encompasses instilling the sense of teamwork, the excitement of victory and the character-building exercise of facing defeat with dignity.

We will seek to reinforce the ideas of honesty, loyalty, courage, respect, and good sportsmanship in each player. We will strive to teach the concept of team involvement, discipline in work ethic, and the realization of achievement that will nurture children socially.

In addition, we will provide an opportunity for youth to learn the fundamentals of track and field. The children will be challenged both physically and mentally in a safe and controlled environment. The track meets, although competitively structured, will not put more emphasis on winning than on sportsmanship and developing positive community values.

## Youth Classifications in USA Track and Field

This represents how your child will be classified in running events. If your child is under the age of eight years old, at most events the staff will attempt to put the kids together in the same age range, i.e. 5-year olds together, 6-year olds together etc. In some cases, this might not happen. The coaches will make every effort to help facilitate this, however; In some cases, we may be unable to do so. It is about fun and sportsmanship.

Youth competitions take place in six (6) 2-year [age divisions](#), from 8 & under through 17-18.

### Youth Age Divisions

Youth competitions typically take place in two-year age divisions. These age divisions provide young athletes the opportunity to compete with other athletes of similar ability. The age divisions for **competition year 2018** are as follows:

#### Year of Birth

8 & Under    2010-2013\*

9 - 10        2008-2009

11 - 12       2007-2006

13 - 14       2005-2004

15 - 16       2003-2002

17 - 18       2001-2000

\* Per USATF Rule 300.1 (c) "Athletes must be at least seven (7) years of age on December 31 of the current year to compete at the Youth Athletics or Junior Olympic National Championships."

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Any person, family, association, or organization having an interest in the objectives of the Club shall be eligible to apply for membership.

Any applicant shall become a member upon completion of application for membership on forms provided and upon payment of membership dues.

The membership of the Club shall consist of Regular Members and Athlete Members. The term of membership shall be for a period of one year.

To be eligible for membership, Athlete Membership fee of \$275.00 (non-refundable) must be paid in full. Dallas Elite reserves the right to increase the membership fee should the fee be paid after the stated deadline. (Please refer to deadlines as communicated on the website). This fee does not include entry into any track events that DETC participates in. Those fees will be paid by parent at event in which athlete participates. Each member:

- Shall be registered to compete representing the Club;
- Must have paid in full all registration fees and completed all required forms
- Regular Members shall be a parent or legal guardian of an Athlete Member.
- All coaches and adults who volunteer with the Club and interact with the athletes on a regular basis must be registered with USA Track and Field and designated as a Coach/Volunteer "in good standing".

### **Uniform Orders**

Uniforms will be ordered directly from manufacturer on Dallas Elite's website at: [www.dallaselitetrack.com](http://www.dallaselitetrack.com) Uniform payments will be made directly to the manufacturer. Dallas Elite has no control over the orders, and no uniforms will be distributed without advanced payment to the manufacturer. Any refunds or uniform issues should be addressed directly with the manufacturer. Please note, the manufacturer is not an agent of, nor representative of Dallas Elite in any way. Any purchase of the uniform through Dallas Elite's website is strictly for parent convenience.

### **Temporary Uniform Colors (at parent's expense)**

We would ask that during the waiting period and arrival of your child's team uniform that you have your child dress in colors consistent with the team uniforms which are Grey & Orange and Royal Blue & Orange. Practice T-shirts will be issued to new members once fees are paid. Please have your child wear the above color bottoms to correspond with T-shirts.

### **Dallas Elite Property**

Dallas Elite Property is deemed to be all intellectual property, and any other tangible or intangible information, patents, trademarks, copyrights, processes, inventions, discoveries, improvements and the like generated during the membership term (i.e. the Dallas Elite logo). The member agrees to disclose to Dallas Elite any property developed by the member and to assign DETC any right, title, or interests DETC may have in the property.

**WE DO NOT ISSUE REFUNDS FOR ANY ITEMS BOUGHT TO WEAR UNTIL UNIFORMS COME IN.**

## **PARENTING & COACHING**

Both parenting and coaching are very difficult responsibilities but very rewarding. By establishing an understanding between coaches and parents, both can accept the actions of the other and provide a more positive experience for everyone.

Parents have the right to know, and understand, the expectations placed on them and their children. Coaches have the right to know that if parents have a concern. All concerns must be discussed with the coach(es) at the appropriate time and place designated by the coach(es).

## **PRACTICES**

Practices are of the utmost importance and set the tone for the athletes. During practice, we will push your child very hard. We may appear to ask them to work harder, run faster and encourage them in a pushy way. This is a part of building the body to listen to the mind. For example, when running a marathon, somewhere along the 26-mile journey the body says that is exhausted and cannot go on, but the mind tells the body it can keep going. This is how athletes can finish the race. Practice is what builds the kids body to perform well during the track meets. We teach kids that what they do on Sunday, Tuesday & Thursday sets the tone for performing well on Saturday during the meet. Keeping the body well-conditioned and avoiding injury during practice is the key to success. Please do all you can to get your athlete to practice daily. Hard work & dedication produce positive results.

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**Communication parents should expect from their child's coach:**

- 1) Coach's philosophy.
- 2) Expectations the coach has for your child as well as other athletes on the team.
- 3) Locations and times of practices and events.
- 4) Team requirements, i.e., fees, special equipment needed, team rules
- 5) Procedures that will be followed if your child becomes injured during practice or a meet.

**Communication coaches expect from parents:**

- 1) Concerns regarding their son or daughter expressed directly to the coach at the appropriate time and place.
- 2) Specific concerns regarding the coach's philosophy and/or expectations.
- 3) Notification of any schedule conflicts well in advance.

As your child becomes involved in track, they will experience some of the most rewarding moments of their lives. It's important to understand that there may be times when things do not go the way you or your child wishes. These are the times discussion with the coach is encouraged.

**If a parent has a concern to discuss with the coach, the following procedure should be followed:**

- 1) Call the head coach to set up an appointment.
- 2) If the head coach cannot be reached, call the administrative assistant ask her to set up a meeting with the coach for you.
- 3) Think about what you expect to accomplish in the meeting.
- 4) Stick to discussing the facts, as you understand them.
- 5) Do not confront the coach before, during or after a practice or contest. These can be emotional times for both the parent and coach. Meetings of this nature do not promote resolution of the situation, but often escalate it.

**What should a parent do if the meeting with the coach didn't provide a satisfactory resolution?**

- 1) Call the VP of Operations to set up a meeting with the VP of Athletics, and coaches.
- 2) At this meeting, an appropriate next step can be determined, if necessary.

**Travel Fees and Refunds:**

If you plan to travel with DETC, Travel fees are paid in advance and the fees will be utilized to pay deposits and for your reserved seat during your trip. Remember we are getting a discounted rate due to the group size or our affiliation. When the reservation is being placed for you, it prevents us from reserving that spot for someone else. Therefore, once the deposits are paid no refund is available. (Travel fees)



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If you must cancel, and the deposit has not been paid, you should request a refund within 30 days. Within 30 Day of written notification of cancellation due to the following reasons: illness, accident which would prevent you or your child from traveling, death of a family member, jury duty, weather conditions which cause delay/ cancellation of travel or fire or flood a refund will be issued on the 31<sup>st</sup> day after written notification. If you miss your planned departure for any covered reason at the last minute you agree to notify the organization in writing and a refund will be issued within 90 days. We reserve the right to request documentation to support the purpose of a refund.

Refunds issued for departure from the organization for issues or concerns not related to team involvement. Not limited to family disputes, conflict with job related changes, child's lack of motivation to participate. Dallas Elite reserves the right to make the final decision on if a refund is warranted. Any negative information posted on social media, emails, written or verbally stated in the presence of members of the organization or via posters, signs or any other related media outlets will be deemed as you agree to forfeiture of any funds paid to Dallas Elite Track Club or subsidiaries.

By signing this document, you agree to adhere to all the terms and conditions withstanding in this document. You further agree to represent the Dallas Elite organization in a respectable and positive manner. You will refrain from displaying any actions that could be deemed as a lack of sportsmanship. We are an organization that prides ourselves as good stewards and promote a family environment and positive outcomes in all that we do.

Academic + Athletics + Attitude = Achievements A (4)

We hope the information contained in this handout helps make that experience more enjoyable for everyone involved.

I \_\_\_\_\_ have received the Dallas Elite New Member Packet. I have read it in its entirety and have a clear understanding of the expectations of the organization and its policies and its team procedures.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Print \_\_\_\_\_

Athletes Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

# DALLAS ELITE TRACK CLUB 2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\_\_\_\_\_ hereby applies for membership to

*Name of Athlete*

**Dallas Elite Track Club.**

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, if accepted, hereby agrees to abide by the

*Name of Athlete*

**Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations of Dallas Elite Track Club.**

**Enclosed you will find:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_ Membership Fee

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Emergency Information Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Copy of Birth Certificate of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_ Completed Parent/Guardian Participation Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Liability Waiver

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give \_\_\_\_\_

*Name of Parent/Guardian*

*Name of Athlete*

permission to participate in all Dallas Elite Track Club Activities during the year 2018, and I have read and understand all of the Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations. I accept full responsibility for ensuring that said athlete abides by the Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations, and I understand the consequences that shall be implemented if I don't ensure that said athlete abides by the Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Athlete*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# **RULES, REGULATIONS & BYLAWS**

The purpose of Dallas Elite Track Club is to provide positive and structured guidance in the development of Track & Field skills in Youth ages 5 – 18. The following are the Rules, Regulations and Bylaws by which Dallas Elite Track Club operates:

1. No one will be granted Membership until the Membership Fee and all the application papers have been completed, submitted and processed.

## **DALLAS ELITE TRACK CLUB MEMBERSHIP FEES**

**275.00 per Athlete**

**Uniform Fee 60.00 (top and bottom only)\*\***

*\*\*NOTE: The Membership Fee includes the AAU membership fee only. It does not include the entrance fee to any track meet, uniforms or practice apparel. Uniform fees are paid directly to the manufacturer. Costs are nonnegotiable. Additionally, DETC reserves the right to increase the membership dues subject to missed deadlines.*

The Membership Fee shall be paid by Cashier's Check or Money Order. **NO CASH OR PERSONAL CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** The application packet includes, but is not limited to, the Membership Application, Emergency Information Form, Liability Waiver, Copy of Birth Certificate, Media Release Form, Rules, Regulations & Bylaws Form and Uniform Information Form.

2. **NO ATHLETE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PRACTICE OR PARTICIPATE IN A TRACK MEET UNTIL EMERGENCY INFORMATION AND LIABILITY FORMS ARE RECEIVED AND VERIFIED AND UNTIL ALL MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE PAID IN FULL.** Any false information provided in any of the application papers may result in a forfeiture of Membership without reimbursement of any Membership Fees.
3. Anyone granted Membership to the Dallas Elite Track Club is expected to participate in team fundraisers. Anyone who chooses not to participate in a team fundraiser shall not benefit from any of the money thereby raised.
4. Sportsmanship and respect towards officials, teammates, coaches, and volunteers of the Dallas Elite Track Club, as well as those of competing track clubs is to be displayed always, whether during practice, or in competition.
5. Attendance and Promptness to all practices, competition meets, and Dallas Elite Track Club activities is necessary for our organization to run smoothly. Consistent absences and tardiness, without prior consent, will be considered a violation of team rules and may result in suspension from participation in any practice and/or competition meet, and may be punishable with extra running, drills and exercises. Subsequent violations may result in the loss of Membership without reimbursement of the Membership Fee.

6. Any Rule, Regulation, or Bylaw that is added, subtracted, or changed shall be communicated to all members of the Dallas Elite Track Club, at which time; the Members shall be responsible for adherence to those modifications.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

I, the undersigned, authorize the members of the Dallas Elite Track Club to contact directly the persons named on this form, and do authorize the named physicians to render such treatment as may be considered necessary in an emergency, for the health of my child.

If physicians, other persons named on this form, or parents/guardians cannot be contacted, the members of the Dallas Elite Track Club are authorized to take whatever action is considered necessary, in their judgment, for the health and safety of my child.

I will not hold the members of the Dallas Elite Track club financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation of my child. I, the undersigned, authorize the members of the Dallas Elite Track Club to contact directly the persons named on this form, and do authorize the named physicians to render such treatment as may be considered necessary in an emergency, for the health of my child.

I will not hold the members of the Dallas Elite Track Club financially responsible for the emergency care and/or transportation of my child.

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<i>Member/Athlete Name (Last, First, M.I.)</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Date of Birth</i>
_____	_____	_____
<i>Home Address (Street Name, City, State, Zip Code)</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	
_____	_____	_____
<i>Father's Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	
_____	_____	_____
<i>Mother's Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	
_____	_____	_____
<i>Legal Guardian Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>	

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM

List two neighbors or nearby relatives who will assure temporary care of your child if we are unable to reach you.

_____	_____
<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>
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<i>Name</i>	<i>Phone Number</i>

**Health Information:** List any health condition(s) that the Dallas Elite Track Club should be aware of and Health Insurance information.

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_____	_____	_____
<i>Name of Insurance Company</i>	<i>Name of HMO/PPO (Plan)</i>	<i>Policy #</i>
_____	_____	
<i>Name Of Physician</i>	<i>Physician's Phone Number</i>	

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*List Hospital(s) In Plan*

# LIABILITY WAIVER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby agree to allow \_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Athlete*

to participate in Track & Field as a member of Dallas Elite Track Club for the 2018 season. I agree not to hold any volunteer or member of the Dallas Elite Track Club liable if I, or, the above mentioned Athlete is injured while participating in any Dallas Elite Track Club activity.

I understand that it is my responsibility as a Parent/Guardian to get a Physical for the above said Athlete before he/she participates in any physical activity, as recommended by the Dallas Elite Track Club. I understand that if I choose not to get a physical for the above said Participant, I will be fully responsible for any medical conditions that may arise.

By my signature, and of my free will, I do hereby agree to indemnify any volunteer or member of the Dallas Elite Track Club from any and all claims or demands, costs or expenses arising out of any injuries or damage sustained by me or any party I am responsible to or for, including the above mentioned Athlete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Parent/Guardian (Print)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent/Guardian*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

# **MEDIA RELEASE FORM**

**I hereby grant Dallas Elite Track Club the absolute right to use any and all audio, photos, and video footage of me and my child for the use of all Dallas Elite Track Club correspondence, including, but not limited to our website ([www.dallaselitetrack.com](http://www.dallaselitetrack.com)), submission to Television Stations, Newspapers, Newsletters, Podcasts, or any Promotional Material distributed by the Dallas Elite Track Club in 2018 and thereafter.**

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*Name of Athlete*

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*Name of Parent Guardian*

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*Signature of Parent Guardian*