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Southern Association Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships to Take Place in Baton Rouge

BATON ROUGE – Fans will have the opportunity to preview the future of USA Track and Field, as some of the best young athletes from throughout Louisiana and Mississippi will compete in the 2011 Southern Association Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships to be held June 25-26 at LSU's Bernie Moore Track Stadium.

The event will feature competitors ages 5 to 18, separated into the seven age groups of Tiny Tots, Sub-Bantam, Bantam, Midget, Youth, Intermediate and Young divisions. Medals will be awarded to the top three individuals and teams in each event at each division.

The top five individuals and relay teams at every age division will also advance to the USATF Region 6 Championships to be held July 7-10 in Birmingham, Ala., with the opportunity to qualify for the National Championships in Wichita, Kan.

Events on Saturday will begin at 8:30 a.m. and on Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Tickets are only \$7 per day for admission, with children under the age of 6 being charged \$2 a day. There are also

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multi-day ticket packages costing \$5 for kids under 6, and \$10 for all others. All USATF members will be admitted for free.

USA Track & Field (USATF) is the National Governing Body for track and field, long-distance running and race walking in the United States. USATF is a volunteer-driven, not-for-profit organization with a staff of professional program administrators at the National Office in Indianapolis. The USATF Southern Association sanctions USATF meets, championship events and programs in the states of Louisiana and Mississippi and is comprised of 52 member clubs.

Formed in 1994, Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation is a not-for-profit organization that seeks to create a positive economic impact in the local community by assisting in securing and staging statewide, regional, national and international sporting competitions and special events in the Greater Baton Rouge area.

For more information on the Southern Association Junior Olympic Track and Field Championships, or to see a schedule of the events, please visit the USATF Southern website at <https://usatfsouthern.org>.

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