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USATF Southern Association to host Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships

BATON ROUGE (June 23, 2009) – The Greater King David Track Club will host the USA Track & Field Southern Association Junior Olympic Championships at West Feliciana High School in St. Francisville, June 25 - 28, 2009. The action begins on Thursday at 1:00 pm, Friday at 8:00 am, Saturday at 10:00 am, and Sunday at 8:00 am. Admission to the meet is FREE for all USATF Members, \$2.00 for children 6 and under, and \$5.00 for all others. Competition takes place in five two-year age divisions, with athletes generally falling between the ages of 8 and 18. The top 5 individuals and relay teams in each event of each age division will advance to the USATF Region 6 Championships to be held on July 12-15 2009. The top 3 athletes at the Region 6 Championships will qualify for the National Championships to be held from July 28 to August 2 in Greensboro, NC.

If you would like more information regarding this event, please contact Roderic Newton by phone at 225-278-2389 or by e-mail at newton@dhh.la.gov. For additional information, as well as other resources regarding the USATF Southern Association program, please visit <https://www.usatfsouthern.org/>. The mission of USATF is to provide vision and leadership to the sport of Athletics in the United States, and to promote the pursuit of excellence from youth to masters, from grassroots to the Olympic Games.

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The USATF Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships is the most visible youth athletic development program in the world. Many of today's Olympic stars began their track and field careers competing in the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. For more information about the Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships please visit <http://www.usatf.org/events/2009/USATFJuniorOlympicTFChampionships/>.

Formed in 1994, the 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. It strives to continually develop the sports industry and solicit members from the community to assist in the pursuit of its mission to make Baton Rouge the amateur sports capitol of the South. For more information about the Baton Rouge Area Sports Foundation please visit www.brasf.com.

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