



2026 Jimmy Carnes Invitational (Traditional College and New D1 Sections) **1/15/26-1/16/26**

Due to the popularity of this event, we are expanding to a two-day meet with our traditional section to be run on Thursday 1/15/26 ([Register Here](#)) and the newly formed D1 only section on Friday 1/16/26 ([Register Here](#)). The traditional section will be all colleges that are not Florida D1 or select out of state D1 schools, Unattached runners, and all open/Masters athletes. The D1 section will be D1 schools from Florida and select D1 schools from out of state as well as select professional athletes upon request. Please make sure to sign up for the correct sections.

Meet: All running events except the 60m and 60m Hurdles will be run as heats against time finals. The fastest seeded heat will run first. The 60m and 60m Hurdles (**Masters Hurdles will be Thursday only and a final only during the 60 hurdles final round**) will have a preliminary round and the top 8 will advance to finals. In the horizontal jumps and the throws, 3 attempts and then the top 9 competitors will get an additional 3 attempts. For seeding purposes, TFRRS marks from 2021-2026 will be considered. Placement in Heats/Flights will be at the discretion of the meet management staff. If you have any additional seeding questions, please email Scott Peters (halfmiletiming@yahoo.com) a minimum of 24 hours prior to the entries closing on DirectAthletics.com.

Facility: The Alachua County Sports Complex @ Celebration Pointe. The Jimmy Carnes Track is a 200m banked, 6 lane track with 8 lanes of Mondo on the sprints runway. It also has 2 raised horizontal jump runways, 1 raised pole vault runway, 1 throws cage with landing area, 1 throws circle with landing area, and a high jump area on the sprint lanes. **All athletes must wear only ¼" PYRAMID SPIKES on the surfaces. NO SPIKES ALLOWED ON GREY FLOOR.**

Entries: All Entries must be done through DirectAthletics.com. The deadline for entries will be **11:59pm on Monday 1/12/26**

- **Team Entry: Payment of \$1100 per gender will be due on DirectAthletics.** Men's and women's teams are considered separate entries. Payments will be accepted until the entry deadline.
- **Individual Entry:** Individual entry will be \$65. **Individual entries will not be able to represent a team.** Professional Athletes can submit their country affiliation. Any entry payment not accounted for by the deadline will not be allowed or seeded into the meet.

Packet Pickup: Packets can be picked up at the WEST entrance to the complex. They will include your athlete numbers, pins, coach's passes, medical staff passes, last minute meet updates.

- **Wednesday 1/14/26** from 3:00pm – 7:00pm for both sections.
- **Thursday 1/15/26** from 7:30am to 2:00pm for Traditional section and **Friday 1/16/26** from 7:30am to 2:00pm for the D1 section.

Trainer/Medical: The facility will have a certified trainer, ice, and first aid on site. Teams will need to provide their own athletic tape and supplies for competition. If school trainers would like to coordinate with us, please have them contact me at halfmiletiming@yahoo.com.

Implement Inspection: Inspection will take place in the throws area beginning when the doors open until the beginning of each competition. To have the implement available for competition it must have cleared inspection prior to the competition. Once they have been inspected they may be impounded until released for warmup and competition. Implements can be picked up after the conclusion of competition.

Minimum Heights: Women PV: 2.50m, Men PV: 3.05m, Women HJ: 1.37m, Men HJ: 1.53m. Once entries are complete we will determine starting heights and progressions.

Spectators: Single Day tickets will be \$15 each. Children five and under are free with their parents. All tickets will be through Sport Wrench. [Click Here to purchase tickets](#). No paper tickets will be issued. No Cash. All spectators



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must enter from the Main (west) lobby. No outside food/drink may enter the spectator areas. Celebration Pointe may impose additional parking fees not related to the event center.

Athlete venue Entry: Athletes must enter through the West Lobby. Athletes may carry in a water bottle and small snacks in their bag to stay hydrated. Water coolers will be provided throughout the venue for refills. Athletes will not be able to enter the venue without their athlete credential (bib number) or a paid ticket.

Seating: For 2026 spectator only seating will be on West bleachers in the sections nearest the finish line. Team camps will be in the Spring Room. No team bags allowed on bleachers. **SPIKES ARE ONLY ALLOWED ON THE MONDO SURFACES. NO SPIKES ON THE GREY SURFACE.** When inside the building, please keep team camps away from the West Stand finish line area designated spectators only.

Warm-Up: New for 2026 is the addition of our outside warmup area next to Bass Pro Shops. We have 4 lanes of 200m sprint area. All warmup should be completed on this area as well as on the roads or beyond Bass Pro Shops, do not warmup through the Celebration Pointe complex. The lanes inside of the clerking area will be reserved for those athletes immediately on deck for final shake outs only. Hurdles will be provided outside as well. Shirts are required on Celebration Pointe property.

Directions / Parking: Spectator and Team parking is in the blue garage across from the center. We are located off the I-75 exit at Archer Road. Please exit towards the west and turn right on SW 45th Street. This road will become Bass Pro Blvd. at the light on the corner of the Center. Continue north until you clear the Center on your left. Then turn left and proceed to the parking garage ahead on your left.

Buses: Buses will follow the above directions, but prior to the parking garage, they will turn left on SW 49th Terrace and drop off in front of the Center. Once they have dropped off athletes they will continue straight and park in the surface lot just south of the Orange parking garage at SW 31st Lane.

Celebration Pointe: Please enjoy the proximity of the Celebration Pointe shops and restaurants. No team camps, warmups, etc. are allowed across the street into the celebration pointe complex.

Team Meals: Teams are welcome to coordinate team meals through our concessions and hospitality group. Any outside food would now need to be consumed at the Outdoor Practice area for all events. Administration is no longer allowing outside food into the venue.

Hotels: [Click here to see a list of hotels](#)

Please reach out to our team members if you have any questions.

Scott Peters: Facility and Timing: halfmiletiming@yahoo.com

Joleen Cacciatore: Executive Director of the Gainesville Sports Commission:
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Thursday 1/15/26 (Non-D1 College, Open, Masters)

Venue will open at 7:30am

Field Events:

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| 9:00am | High Jump Women Finals
Weight Throw Men Finals
Pole Vault Men Finals |
| 11:00am | Weight Throw Women Finals
Long Jump Women Finals
Long Jump Men Finals |
| 1:00pm | Pole Vault Women Finals
Shot Put Men Finals |
| 2:00pm | Triple Jump Women Finals
Triple Jump Men Finals |
| 3:00pm | High Jump Men Finals
Shot Put Women Finals |

Running Events:

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| 10:00am | 1000m Run Women Finals
1000m Run Men Finals
300m Run Women Finals
300m Run Men Finals
Mile Run Women Finals
Mile Run Men Finals |
| 11:30am | 60m Hurdles Men Prelims
60m Hurdles Women Prelims
60m Dash Women Prelims
60m Dash Men Prelims
400m Dash Women Finals
400m Dash Men Finals
60m Hurdles Women Finals
60m Hurdles Men Finals
60m Dash Women Finals
60m Dash Men Finals
800m Run Women Finals
800m Run Men Finals
200m Dash Women Finals
200m Dash Men Finals
3000m Run Women Finals
3000m Run Men Finals
4x400m Relay Women Finals
4x400m Relay Men Finals |





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