

Jimmy Carnes Invitational
Alachua County Sports Complex @ Celebration Pointe
4870 Celebration Pointe Avenue
Gainesville, Fl. 32608

January 17th - January 18th, 2026

The Gainesville Sports Commission in cooperation with the Gainesville Striders would like to invite you to attend the Jimmy Carnes Invitational-High School & Youth Section.

~ Register youth athletes at <https://www.athletic.net/>~

Meet: All running events 60m Hurdles & 400m and up will be run as heats against time finals. The fastest seeded heat will run first. The following running events will have preliminary rounds on Saturday, 60m and 200m. The top 8 in the 60m prelims will advance to finals later Saturday. The top 6 in the 200m prelims will advance to the final on Sunday. In the horizontal jumps and the throws, each competitor will get 3 attempts. For seeding purposes, 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 <https://www.athletic.net/>.

Facility: The Alachua County Sports and Events Center @ 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 areas, and a high jump area. **All athletes must wear only ¼" PYRAMID SPIKES on the black surfaces. NO SPIKES ALLOWED ON GREY FLOOR.**

Entries: **All Entries must be done through** <https://www.athletic.net/>. The deadline for all entries will be **11:59pm on Tuesday 1/13/26. Entries will be \$40/Athlete. NO LATE REGISTRATION ALLOWED.** Entry fees will be paid online at the time of registration. Any entry payment not accounted for by the deadline will not be seeded into the meet. Please make sure that your entries are accurate for gender, event, marks, and payment. **Entry corrections (gender corrections only) will be \$25/athlete and can only be made until 6:00pm on 1/14/26. All gender corrections need to be sent to** halfmiletiming@yahoo.com. **NO OTHER CHANGES WILL BE MADE.**

Age Groups: 4-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15-16, 17-18. AAU event limits will be enforced.

Awards: Top 3 in each age group will earn medals

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 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.

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

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. 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

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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.

We look forward to having you back at the Jimmy Carnes Invitational!

The following is an order of events. Time schedule will be completed after entries are complete.

Saturday: 1/17/26

8:00am	Shot Put 7-18	Girls, Boys to follow
8:00am	60m Hurdles 11-18	Girls/Boys Final
9:00am	60m Dash 4-18	Girls/Boys Prelim
	Pole Vault 13-18	Boys, Girls to follow
	Triple Jump 13-18	Girls/Boys Final
	200m Dash 4-18	Girls/Boys Prelim
	3000M Run 11-18	Girls/Boys Final
	60m Dash 4-18	Girls/Boys Final

Sunday: 1/18/26

8:00am	High Jump 11-18	Girls, Boys to follow
8:00am	Long Jump 4-18	Girls/Boys Final
8:00am	Mile Run 9-18	Girls/Boys Final
	400m Dash 7-18	Girls/Boys Final
	800m Run 7-18	Girls/Boys Final
	200m Dash 4-18	Girls/Boys Final
	4 x 400M Relay 8-18	Girls/Boys Final