

Southeastern US Masters Track & Field, Inc.
Media Guidelines for Photographers/photojournalists

REGISTRATION:

Media registration is complementary for Southeastern US Masters Track and Field Events, and allows entrance to track and field event venues. However, members of the media must sign a waiver of liability and show proof of professional liability insurance in order to be registered and receive credentials.

Registered media are required to wear event credentials at all times. Credentials can be picked up at the field house on the east end of the track. Contact is Eric Gilchrist.

Advertising banners, the soliciting or accepting of orders for any product or service, anywhere in the competition complex is prohibited.

Distribution of promotional material in the event area is limited to business cards ONLY, and then ONLY when requested by an individual.

EQUIPMENT DO'S AND DON'TS:

Use of tripods in the competition areas is prohibited; use of monopods is acceptable. The use of flash or strobe (built-in, or off camera) is strictly prohibited in the competition areas.

Southeastern US Masters Track & Field, Inc. is NOT responsible for any loss or damage to ALL camera equipment at any time. Members of the media are expected to retain personal control of their equipment at all times. Officers, members of the Board of Directors and Officials employed by Southeastern US Masters Track & Field, Inc., will not be responsible for holding, storing or "watching" any equipment at any time.

GUIDELINES FOR FILMING/PHOTOGRAPHING IN THE COMPETITION AREA:

Press credentials must be visible at all time and shown to any official who requests to see them.

As a member of the media, you are expected to be respectful and comport yourself accordingly and abide by all instructions given by any officer, member of the board of directors, or event official at any time.

Running

Running events, held in lanes, members of the media are required to stay off of the track, either inside the oval, or when cleared by an official, the straight portions of the track outside the curves of turns 1 and 4, or 15 meters beyond the finish line.

Running events, held outside of lanes, members of the media may be either inside the oval, or, when cleared by an official, in the outer 3 lanes providing they do not interfere with either athletes or officials.

Field Events

Horizontal jumps (long jump and triple jump): during warm-up periods, media personnel may move, at the discretion of the event head within the competition area provided they stay clear of the runways and landing pits and do not interfere with the athletes or officials at any time. During competition, media personnel must remain outside of the flagged competition area at all times, or in areas approved by the event head.

Vertical jumps (high jump and pole vault): during warm-up periods, media personnel may move, at the discretion of the event head within the competition area provided they stay clear of the runways and landing pits and do not interfere with the athletes or officials at any time. During competition, media personnel must remain outside of the flagged competition area at all times, or in areas approved by the event head.

All Throwing Events: All Media personnel **MUST AT ALL TIMES** immediately obey any instructions given by an official, remain clear of the throwing circles, cages and runways, and remain outside of all flagged sectors. During warm-up and competition, media personnel are advised to **ALWAYS FACE** the throwing cage, circle or runway when in the areas adjacent to the throwing sectors. In the event of an errant throw, move perpendicular to the line of flight of thrown implements. The use of "live-view" on cameras is highly recommended to increase situational awareness of flying hazards.

NOTE: Personal or commercial images and/or videos shot during the course of competition are NOT OFFICIAL IMAGES OR VIDEO, and as such may not be offered or used to either support or disprove any violation or foul, or utilized in any appeals process.

Southeastern US Masters Track & Field, Inc. does not provide free advertising space on our website, <http://southeasternmasters.org>. A generic link to external websites featuring photographs may be listed on the photographs page. However, should members of the media wish to sponsor the Southeastern Masters Meet, listing in the Sponsors page and a titled link will be placed in the Photographs page.