

**The 24th Annual Sports Festival of Southern California and
The 34th Chinese-American Games – Track and Field Meet
Rules and Procedures (DRAFT – may be revised)**

I. **Purposes & Goals:** To encourage sports participation, to promote friendship, and to enhance unity and harmony among over-seas Chinese.

II. **Executive Organizer:**
Chinese-American Athletic Association, USA

Advisory Organizers:
Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in L.A.
Cultural Center, Taipei Economic & Cultural Office in L.A. (El Monte)

Supporting Organizers:
Southern California Council of Chinese Schools (SCCCS)
Joint Chinese University Alumni Association of Southern California

III. **Age Groups by Gender:**

1. 7 & Under: Born 2007 or after
2. 8-9: Born 2005-2006
3. 10-12: Born 2002-2004
4. 13-15: Born 1999 - 2001
5. 16-18: Born 1996 - 1998
6. 19-29: Born 1985 - 1995
7. 30-39: Born 1975 - 1984
8. 40-49: Born 1965 - 1974
9. 50-59: Born 1955 - 1964
10. 60-69: Born 1945 - 1954
11. 70 & Over: Born 1944 or before

IV. **Field Events:** High Jump, Running Broad Jump, Standing Broad Jump, Shot Put (8 & 12 lbs), & Soft-Ball-Throw for Distance (*Triple Jump & 1,500M are DISCONTINUED.*)

Track Events: 50M, 100M, 200M, 400M, 800M ; 4x100M Relay & 4x400M Relay; 200M Family Relay; Group Relay - 400M (*girls 8-9 & 10-12 with 8 runners for 50M each*) & 800M (*all boys' age groups & girls 13-15 & 16-18 with 8 runners per team for 100M each*)

V. **Awards:** Grand Championship Trophies (1st to 3rd Place Chinese School Boys & Girls) & Individual Medals (gold, silver & bronze for 1st to 3rd place)

VI. **Grand Championship Point System:**

1. Each Chinese school's 18 & under participant placed 1st to 3rd in track & field events or family relays will earn points for his/her school team. Accumulated total points determine Grand Championship placement.
2. One, two & three points will be awarded respectively to first, second & third place winners/teams in individual events & family relays. Points awarded will be doubled for 400M, 1,600M & group relays.
3. With a two- & multiple-way ties, the total number of first place winners/teams of the involved school teams settles the final placement.
4. Further ties will be settled according to the number 2nd, & if necessary, 3rd place winners/teams of the

involved school teams.

5. Schools with multiple placements in 400M, 1,600M & group relays, only the highest ranked team by age group will be awarded points for the grand championship count. Other placed teams will be awarded medals without earning any points.

VII. Due Date of Entries (April 8, 2014) & Cash Incentive for On-time Completion & Submission of Entry Forms: Cash incentive will be offered to any schools or teams completing & submitting entry forms with entry fees on or before Tuesday, April 8, 2014. It is \$100 for the first 20 individual event participants (unduplicated count of non-group relay & non-tug-of-war entries). Each additional participant will generate a \$5 cash incentive for up to 50 participants. Extra cash incentive will be awarded to three schools with the highest numbers of participants beyond 50. The number of participants will be verified according to the properly completed & submitted entry forms and the number of participants included in the opening ceremony march, whichever is lower.

VIII. Entry Form Submission:

Group entries from schools:

1. Mail printed original entry form(s) to:

CAAA

450 Cloverleaf Dr., Baldwin Park, CA 91706

Contact: Maggie (626) 336-2111 / Fax: (626) 336-2126

Followed by:

2. E-Mail completed electronic form(s) to CAAA Registrar:

Mr. Shan-Chi Sun (e-mail address: caaasports@hotmail.com)

All schools' full cooperation is earnestly requested to submit electronic entry forms by downloading & completing CAAA's entry form posted at www.caaausa.com. Completed entry forms must include the **SCCCS code**. Please contact Mr. Shan Chi Sun for technical assistance. **SCCCS code** can be located at www.scccs.net.

IX. Notes on Completing Entries:

1. Use separate entry forms for boys & girls & start with the youngest & end with the highest age group in ascending order.
2. **7 & Under is restricted to enter in 3 events: 50M, standing broad jump & soft-ball-throw for distance.**
3. Entries must be accompanied by entry fees: \$10.00 for the first individual event & \$5.00 for each additional event; \$15.00 for each family, 400M & 1,600M relay team; \$25.00 for each group relay team & \$35.00 for each tug-of-war team.
4. Participation in group relay is restricted to Chinese schools & other organized groups. Age divisions by gender include 9 & Under, 10-12, 13-15 & 16-18. Each team consists of **8 runners** & 2 subs. The distance is **800M** for all boy's and girl's 13-15 & 16-18 divisions. Girl's 8-9 & 10-12 divisions run a distance of **400M**.
5. **Group Relay Age Divisions Defined:**
 - 8-9: Born **2005-2006**
 - 10-12: Born **2002-2004**
 - 13-15: Born **1999-2001**
 - 16-18: Born **1996-1998**
6. Family relay includes 5 groups: husband & wife (H&W), father & son (F&S), father & daughter (F&D), mother & son (M&S), & mother & daughter (M&D). Age of son/daughter determines the age group. The wife/son/daughter shall be the first runner. The age group of H&W team is determined by the younger spouse's age.

X. Meet Dates: **April 26, 2014 (Saturday)**

XI. Meet Site: Mt. San Antonio College Track & Field Stadium, Walnut, CA

- XII. Meet Restrictions:** Participants are limited to a maximum of 3 individual & 2 relay events. Group relay is limited to 18 & under students. All events are by age & gender, with the 19-29 division as the central base, younger & older participants are allowed to converge toward the central base & compete in age groups other than their own. **No on-site entry will be accepted for any event.**
- XIII. Number Tag:** Participants must wear the Organizer provided number tag during the Meet – in back of the jersey for all events.
- XIV. Schedule:** Daily schedule is specified in the Meet brochure. On-site adjustments to the printed schedule will be reported by the official announcer. Participants shall be defaulted for the event if failing to respond at the third roll call.
- XV.** Roll call for all events will be announced approximately 20 minutes before participants are ushered to the event site by clerks of course.
- XVI.** Draws in random for preliminary rounds are done by the Organizer.
- XVII.** All participants should keep clear of the track & field at the completion of each event; non-competitors (including team staff, coach & parents) are NOT allowed on the field or track area.
- XVIII.** No pacer is allowed in any running events regardless of the distance involved.
- XIX. False Start:** An individual participant, and the team in case of a relay event, shall be forfeited with a second false start.
- XX. Conflicts in Schedule:** Track events take precedence over field events in case of schedule conflicts – clerk of course must be informed by the participants about the conflict for proper communication to involved event official(s).
- XXI.** Medals will be presented at the conclusion of each track & field event. Event winners will be announced & ushered to the award stand for the presentation. Winners receiving award are required to wear proper sporting apparels.
- XXII.** **Standing broad jump & 50M run are not allowed** for participants 10 or over.
- XXIII.** In case of inclement weather/rain, any postponement will be determined by the Executive Organizer. Events will proceed as scheduled before any official postponement is made & announced.
- XXIV.** Amendments to the rules & procedures will be made & announced as necessary.