

2012 FOUNDATION GAMES PARTICIPATION INFORMATION FAQ'S

WHAT ARE THE DATES FOR THE 2012 FOUNDATION GAMES?

The dates are Friday, April 13th and Saturday, April 14th. Friday's Opening Ceremonies begin at 4:45 PM, and Saturday's Opening Ceremonies begin at 7:45 am.

Practices for registered participants will be on Monday, March 26th and Monday, April 9th from 5-7 pm. Please see below for additional information on practices.

WHERE DO THE FOUNDATION GAMES TAKE PLACE?

The Foundation Games are held at Fred Kelly Stadium, located at El Modena High School, 3920 Spring Street, Orange CA 92869

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Any student residing within or attending school within the boundaries of the Orange Unified School District. This includes public, private, parochial and home-school students. All registrations are verified for these criteria.

The age groups for participation are students born in the years 1997-2005. The year of birth corresponds to the Division when registering for events.
(ie—Birth Year 2005=Division 2005)

WHEN DOES REGISTRATION BEGIN?

Intent to Participate Forms will be sent to each school the first week of January and should be completed and returned as soon as possible, **but no later than January 30th**. Registration packets with specific registration instructions will be available for pick up, or delivered to each participating school the week of February 1st.

For home-school participants, or students who wish to participate even though their school does not have a team, please download a Registration Form and Waiver from www.communityfoundationoforange.org. (Please print double sided)

WHEN DOES REGISTRATION END?

Registration ends at 5 pm on March 15th. All Registration Forms, Waivers, Birth Certificates and One Liner Forms must be received at the Foundation offices by 5 pm to be guaranteed entry. In order to ensure that all entries are complete, it is strongly advised to submit registrations as soon as possible, as registrations are verified and processed on a first received basis. *Incomplete or late registrations are not guaranteed entry and will be placed on a waiting list in the order received.*

WHAT IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER?

All participants must complete a Registration Form, a Participation Waiver, and must provide a copy of a certified birth certificate. Copies of birth statements from hospitals will not be accepted.

It is strongly recommended that all parents are advised of the Birth Certificate requirement as soon as possible to avoid any potential registration delays.

WHAT IS THE COST TO PARTICIPATE?

There is no cost for participation in the Foundation Games. Admission to the Stadium for family & friends is also free. Through the generous donations of local businesses, residents and community members, the Community Foundation of Orange has been able to offer this event at no charge for the last six years.

WILL MY CHILD BE ABLE TO PRACTICE HIS OR HER EVENTS PRIOR TO THE GAMES?

Most schools have set aside practice days/times for their student athletes. Please check in your school office for more information. In addition to school practices, the Community Foundation of Orange will host two practice nights at Fred Kelly Stadium before the Games.

Monday, March 26th: Practice for all Divisions, **RUNNING EVENTS ONLY**
5-7 PM

Monday, April 11th: Practice for all Divisions, **FIELD EVENTS ONLY**
5-7 PM **HIGH JUMP, LONG JUMP, SOFTBALL, SHOT PUT**

Only registered athletes with complete registrations may practice. A parent or guardian must check their child in prior to entering the Stadium, and must remain in the Stadium during the entire practice. No child is to be left unattended.

More detailed information on the practice schedules will be posted at www.communityfoundationoforange.org the week prior to the practice.

PRACTICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, PLEASE CHECK WEBSITE OFTEN.

WHAT TIME DOES MY CHILD NEED TO BE AT THE STADIUM ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT?

DIVISIONS 1997, 1998, & 1999 will compete on Friday, April 13th. The first event (1600M Run) begins at 5 PM. Gates will open at 3:30 PM, and coaches/unattached runners may check in then. All 1600M runners should get their Race Bibs from their coach, and report directly to the Clerking Area (red & white tents.) All other athletes should report to their coach no later than ONE HOUR prior to their scheduled event. Please note, the meet often moves much faster than the posted times, so it strongly advised that athletes come at the beginning of the meet to receive their race bibs and instructions from their coaches.

DIVISIONS, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005 will compete on Saturday, April 14th. The first event (800M) begins at 8:00AM. Gates will open at 6:30 AM and coaches/unattached runners may check in beginning at 7 AM. All 800M runners should get their Race Bibs from their coach and report directly to the Clerking Area (red & white tents.) All other athletes should report to their coach no later than ONE HOUR prior to their scheduled event. Please note, the meet often moves much faster than the posted times, so it strongly advised that athletes come at the beginning of the meet to receive their race bibs and instructions from their coaches.

DIVISION 2000 & 2001 ATHLETES may complete their field events on Friday evening from 5-7 PM. DIV 2000 & 2001 athletes should report to the Registration Desk for a temporary competitor number and may then report to clerking (red & white tents.)

DIV 2000 & 2001 athletes competing in other events on Saturday will need to check in with their coaches on Saturday morning to receive their race bibs. Please note that those DIV 2000 & 2001 athletes competing in field events on Friday evening will not have their scores posted until Saturday

when the DIV 2000 & 2001 events close. Anyone qualifying for SCMAF will need to return to the stadium on Saturday afternoon to check the results posted on the fence and then register for SCMAF.

PARENTS PLEASE READ: If your child is competing for a school team, do not check in at the Registration Booth. School participants must check in **with their coaches** to receive their Race Bibs. If your school does not have a coach, or you cannot find your coach, please come to the Information Table located near the Registration Booth.

HOW DO WE FIND OUR COACH ON THE DAY OF THE EVENT?

All coaches are advised to communicate with their team regarding logistics for checking in and receiving race bibs, etc. If you are not able to locate your team/coach, a list of Coach cell phone numbers is available at the Information Table located near the Registration Table.

HOW WILL WE KNOW IF OUR CHILD WON A MEDAL IN HIS/HER EVENT?

The top four finishers in each event will receive a medal. Results from each event will be posted on the fence behind the SCMAF Registration Booth. Results are posted as soon as possible after the close of each division's event.

PLEASE EXPLAIN SCMAF.

SCMAF stands for Orange County Southern Municipal Athletic Federation. SCMAF hosts a county meet, typically on the first Sunday of May. Competitors at the Foundation Games who place 1st-4th in their event are eligible to move on to the SCMAF meet. There are a couple exceptions, however.

In the event of a tie in 1st-3rd places, the 4th place finisher will not advance, as only the top four finishers in any event can move on. In the event of a tie for 4th place, the Meet Directors will be consulted for additional tie-break information.

There is no advancement for the 2000, 2001 or 2002 High Jump, or for the 4 x 100 Relays.

Athletes who are eligible to advance will receive a registration form when they receive their medal. In the event the athlete is not present to receive their medal, they should return to the stadium and check the results for finish times. Please check at the Information booth for unclaimed medals.

The cost to register for SCMAF is \$10. Each athlete may only advance in two events. SCMAF Registration MUST be completed at Fred Kelly Stadium by 5 pm On Saturday, April 14th. No exceptions.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO KNOW?

In accordance with the posted rules at Fred Kelly Stadium, we ask that no outside food or drink be brought into the stadium. We have arranged for several food vendors to be on site, along with a snack bar offering healthy choices. If you wish to picnic with your team, we ask that you go outside the stadium gates to do so. Please, no gum!

We also ask that teams be mindful of reserving seating in the stadium. Due to the large number of participants, we ask that seating be reserved only for coaches and athletes, in order to allow all teams to find seating together. The visitor side area will be open for additional seating. If seating continues to be a problem, a lottery reservation system may be implemented.

If you have any other questions, please check the website first at **www.communityfoundationfororange.org**. You may also call the Foundation office at 714-288-9909.