



Tri-State AC Athletes Capture Regional Titles, Qualify for Nationals

On July 9th & 10th, we competed at the USA Track & Field (USATF) Region 5 Championships at the GaREAT/SPIRE Sports Complex in Geneva, OH. We had a very successful meet, returning with two Regional Champions and three qualifiers to the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in Wichita, KS. Our Regional champions are:

Kaleb Angle (Spring Hill Elementary/Huntington, WV) who captured the Bantam Boys Long Jump with a mark of 11' 9.5" (3.59m), a personal best by 13 inches over his previous best achieved at the USATF WV Association Meet in June. This is Kaleb's first Regional title, and the fourth time he has qualified for a USATF National Championship, having qualified each of the last three years (2008-2010) for the USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Championships. He also placed 6th in the Bantam Boys 800m.

Kayla Criswell (Spring Valley HS/Huntington, WV) took home her first Regional title by winning the Intermediate Girls 3000m. This is her first time qualifying for the National Championships. She also qualified in a second event by finishing as the runner-up in the Intermediate Girls 1500m. Additionally, she also finished eighth in the Intermediate Girls 800m.

Also qualifying for the National Championships was Savannah Rutherford (Ohio State/Huntington, WV) who battled through a serious knee injury to finish as runner-up in the Young Women 1500m. This is her third time qualifying for Nationals.

Also competing was Ethan Hess (Davis Creek Elementary/Barboursville, WV) who placed eighth in the Bantam Boys 1500m and posted a personal best by 5 seconds in the Bantam Boys 800m.

Our next competition will be the Russell E. Blunt East Coast Invitational, one of the oldest and largest youth track & field meets in the nation, July 22nd - 24th at Duke University in Durham, NC