



The CHARLIE PRITT MS CLASSIC

Central Preston Middle School looks forward to hosting the 6th Annual Charlie Pritt Classic at the Dr. Trenton Track & Field Facility (Preston HS - Kingwood, WV). The event will take place on Thursday, April 25th, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. This year's addition will feature middle school athletes. We will accept the first sixteen teams that enter the meet. This will include the six middle school from Preston County and ten additional schools.

Charlie Pritt was an integral part of the running sports in Preston County. Over the years, he served as a middle school coach, high school assistant, and the overall #1 parent-volunteer. Charlie's biggest impact may have been the thousands of pictures he took of athletes from all over the Mountain State. Charlie passed away much too soon while shoveling snow back in 2016. We are hosting this meet in his honor.

FACILITY: The Dr. John W. Trenton Track & Field Complex received a new polyurethane surface in the fall of 2021. The track is gray in color with lime green and white lanes (eight) with all-weather high jump, dual long jump runways, and pole vault runways. The track is very fast!!! All of our equipment is AAE brand (90 degree hurdles, PV and HJ mats, etc.). The oversized discus and shot rings are concrete. Thanks to the recent contributions of the Trenton Benevolent Trust, bleacher seating has been expanded to 800+ permanent seats for spectators. Handicapped seating areas have been added and can be accessed by a paved walkway. Teams are asked to set up tents "cross country style" on the exterior of the track.

MEET ENTRIES: Please send us your entries via www.athletic.net. The entry deadline is not until 11 a.m. the day of the meet, so there should be a very limited need to scratch or replace on site. We will also post performance lists, then heat sheets and live results on NCWVTF.COM. Coaches are reminded that all seed times must come from actual performances during the 2024 season and must be verifiable. This is critical in a "straight finals" meet. If there are limited scratches or replacements to be made we will accept them up until the coaches' meeting at 4:00 p.m.

NUMBER OF ENTRIES: Unlimited Individual Entries!!! Charlie didn't believe in leaving anyone out; however, we would ask that you limit your relays to one per school. Only three individuals per team will score.

FIELD EVENTS: We will start field events at 4:30 p.m. The field event rotation will be as follows: First Rotation: Girls shot put and high jump, Boys discus and long jump. Second Rotation: Girls discus and long jump, boys high jump and shot put. **PLEASE NOTE:** Due to unlimited entries, we will only allow three throws per athlete in the throwing events (no finals). In addition, we will only allow three jumps in the long jump (no finals).

Unfortunately, due to recent wind damage, we will not be able to host Pole Vault this season. By rule, if the referee judges a field event venue unacceptable for competition, points will be divided

among the visiting teams UNLESS THERE IS A PRIOR MUTUAL AGREEMENT not to contest it. We consider your attendance in the face of knowing the pole vault will not be contested to be a prior mutual agreement.

RUNNING EVENTS: We will start the 3200 meter run at 4:30 p.m. We will not start the remainder of the running events until 5:00 p.m. We will follow the format listed below. Basically, it follows the order of a two-session middle school meet without the trials. Below is the order of events: 3200, 400, 20-30 minute break, 4 x 800 relay, 100 Hurdles, 100, 4 x 200, 1600, 200 Hurdles, 4 x 100, 800 (FEATURE EVENT), 200, Shuttles, 4 x 400 relay

ENTRY FEE: The entry fee is \$50 per team (boys or girls) or \$75 per school (both boys and girls). Checks are to be made out to Central Preston Middle School.

ADMISSION: The cost of admission is \$5.00 for adults and school-aged children. Only WVSSAC passes may be utilized and those individuals must sign in and may be asked for identification.

AWARDS: No medals, trophies, or ribbons at the Classic!!! Do you really need another bookmark or dust collector? Charlie hated the wasted expense on awards, but he really liked t-shirts. As a result, event winners in each event will get an official "Champion at the Charlie" t-shirt. Winners in the 800 (Charlie's favorite race, will receive special awards).

CONCESSIONS: Hot and cold concessions will be available by the Friends of Wildcats. Kona Ice will also be on site. Meet apparel will also be for sale by Casey Earl's LLC.

TIMING / SCORING: We will be utilizing Finish Lynx for timing and athletic.net for scoring the meet. The meet referee / starter, announcer, finish lynx operator, hy-tek operator, and clerks will be WVSSAC certified officials. A results board will be available on the exterior of the track near the bull pen.

FACILITY RULES: Please remind your athletes not to jump the fence that surrounds the track or sit on the wall at the entrance of the facility. Doing so will result in a disqualification. In addition, tape is not to be used to mark relays or field events. Tennis balls will be provided for markings in relay races. The maximum spike length is $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Only those athletes checking in for an event are permitted in the bullpen. Hip numbers will be used so please remind athletes to place their number on their right hip.

PARKING: Due to Preston High School dismissing at 3:15 p.m., please do not arrive on campus before that time. Teams that arrive early can wait at neighboring Central Preston Middle School until the high school buses depart. We hope you and your team enjoy participating at the Dr. Trenton Track & Field Facility. The staff and administration at Central Preston Middle School strive to host events that are competitive, exciting, and efficient.

QUESTIONS: Contact Central Preston Middle School Principal, Paul Martin, at (304) 290-3772 or pwmartin@k12.wv.us with any questions.