

2024 TKA Knights Track and Field Information

“Make Every Second Count”

REGISTRATION: 11/29/23 – 12/11/23 – THIS IS A HARD DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION AND UNIFORM ORDERING. Registration is required.

High School: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/405575>

Middle School: <https://go.teamsnap.com/forms/405577>

Uniform Store: <https://the-kings-academy.square.site/shop/track-field/7>

Athletes are responsible for ordering their uniform. New Track athletes will need to order a singlet, shorts, hoodie and warm up pants. Returning athletes may order replacement items as needed. Uniform orders are non-refundable.

PRACTICES: All practices are Mandatory

- When: 5:00 – 6:30 PM Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays
- Where: Kell High School Track
4770 Lee Waters Rd, Marietta, GA
- Start: Monday, January 22

SPORTS PHYSICALS & FORMS

Students are **REQUIRED** to have a current physical form on file in the Athletic Department prior to participating in tryouts that indicates that the student is physically approved for participation. If you are unsure whether your physical is current, please contact Roni Redd redd@thekingsacademy.org

Turn in the following to the TKA Athletic Department no later than December 15th.

All forms can be found at thekingsacademy.org/athletics/forms:

Submit Annually

- Pre-Participation Physical Evaluation form (current and signed by a physician; must be GAPPS form, not a camp physical form)
- TKA AES Information Form (AES athletes only)

Submit One Time

- High School Affidavit of Eligibility (New HS athletes 9-12th)
- Middle School Affidavit of Eligibility (New MS athletes 6-8th)
- Birth Certificate (New athletes only)
- Concussion Acknowledgement Form (New athletes only)
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form (New athletes only)
- TKA AES Information Form (New AES athletes only)
- Senior Exit form (AES seniors only)

NEW GAPPS AES APPROVAL PROCESS (For AES (homeschooled) students only)

GAPPS has changed their AES approval process for ALL new and returning AES, requiring each family to complete AES Registration and submit supporting documentation directly to GAPPS. This will be done annually. GAPPS requires that the student is approved before they can participate in tryouts, practices and meets.

1. Begin by going to the GAPPS AES APPLICATION PARENT PORTAL:
<https://aes.gappsports.com/>
2. Download and read through the Parent Handbook and Application Instructions

3. Follow directions on the Application Instructions to create an account, add your students who will be participating in sports with TKA Athletics as a homeschooled student, and upload your documentation. If you have other children who plan to play a sport with us, we recommend that you go ahead and submit paperwork for all of your children at the same time. Make a note of your login id and password since you will need to access this site each year.
4. Email Victoria Matteson to let me know that you have completed the application so that I can monitor the approval process for your student. vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org
5. Download the TKA AES Information form here: <https://www.thekingsacademy.org/athletics/Forms.cfm>. Fill out, scan and email to vmatteson.asst@thekingsacademy.org

GAPPS will charge you a \$50 fee per student each year. If your student's eligibility is denied for any reason, your fee will be refunded by GAPPS and we will refund you for any registration fees that you have paid. As you are aware, we have been charging a \$60 AES fee prior to these new procedures being released. As a result, we will be reducing our AES fee to \$25.

PARTICIPATION FEES

TKA Students: \$425

AES & Crossover Students: \$450

- Uniform & warmup NOT INCLUDED (There is a separate link for anyone needing to purchase a uniform – these are the same uniforms as last year. Orders are non-refundable.)
- Participation fee includes: competing in all meets and practice facilities, professional photos (individual and team), backpack, sports banquet

All registrants may either pay in full via ACH or Credit Card or select the payment plan.

To utilize the Payment Plan option, on the payment screen select “Pay With Card.” Scroll down to turn on “Split payment into installments.” Your credit card will be automatically charged the same day each month until all installments are completed.

COMMUNICATION

- Participation in practices and track meets is MANDATORY.
- Only one track meet can be missed due to a valid excuse. Valid excuses (ie: Injury, sickness, death in the family, etc) for missing practice and meets will be honored.
- Athletes involved in other school activities that will interfere with practices or meets should make coaches aware in advance.
- Issues of concern should be addressed with the Head Coach first before speaking with the Athletic Director
- We will do the majority of communication through TeamSnap
- We will do our best to communicate change of practice plans due to weather by 2 pm for days in question

VARSITY LETTERING REQUIREMENTS

1. Participate in all practices
2. Compete in 4 meets
3. Maintain good character and good academic standing
4. The Head Coach makes the final decision

THIS IS NOT UPWARD

- Everyone makes the team but the athletes with the best measurements and time will be placed first in events.
 - If the meet allows 4, then the best 4 will participate in the event. If only three, then the top three, etc.

- The goal is always to encourage and equip all the athletes to improve and meet the required expectations for the events in which they are striving to compete.
 - Every athlete has equal opportunity to work hard and meet goals that could allow them to pass another athlete by and earn their spot in the top tier.

TRAINING EXPECTATIONS

- EVERY athlete will be required to condition with their team during every practice regardless of their personal events
- Christ-like behavior at all times - language, music, interactions, how we present ourselves and our school every day and at every meet
- Coaches are not at practices to babysit or force any athlete to participate

VOLUNTEERING

- Every Family must volunteer in some capacity or be charged an extra \$150 at the end of the season (See Volunteer Coordinators for opportunities)

MEET SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- 2/24/24
- 3/2/24
- 3/9/24 – Creekview Invitational
- 3/16/24
- 3/23/24
- 3/30/24 – GAPPS Middle School State Championship
- 4/13/24 – McEachern Invitational
- 4/19/24 – 4/20/24 GAPPS Varsity State Championship

COACH & TEAM COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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