

2026 DIAA Indoor Track State Championships
Ott Center for Track & Field at the University of Pennsylvania
February 21, 2026
Participant Information

Facility:

1. Jane and David Ott Center for Track & Field
 - a. Address: 610 River Fields Drive *NO BUS ACCESS
 - i. See map below for drop-off and pickup locations
 - b. 6 lane 200m fixed bank oval
 - c. 8 lane infield for sprints, hurdles and high jump
 - d. 2 long jump/triple jump runways
 - e. 2 pole vault runways
 - f. Dedicated throwing area for the shot put and weight throw
 - g. Maximum Facility Occupancy is 1500. Spectator seating up to 1,000 but this will be dependent on the number of participants. The DIAA anticipates approximately 550 tickets to go on pre-sale. Additional tickets will be available for purchase as spectators exit the facility.
 - h. The Ott Center will use an electronic starting gun system.
 - i. More details: www.theottcenter.com
 - i. See complete facility map below

2. **Facility Access for Teams (Please read carefully):**
 - a. The Facility will be open for participant warm-ups and spectators 60 minutes prior to the first event.
 - b. Team Entrance – **NEW** - This year the participant entrance will be the double doors closest to the Soccer Field (if coming from South Street/Penn Park, pass the main entrance that was used for 2025, and continue down the walkway until you reach the end of the Ott Center.
 - c. **Teams must complete the DIAA Travel Roster and submit this through the AD Portal, similar to all other team championships, no later than Tuesday, February 17th, 5pm.**
 - d. Complimentary admission will be granted to those listed on the team travel roster **ONLY**. This will include event participants, 1 head coach, 3 assistant coaches, 1 team manager and 1 volunteer (per team), and one Athletic Trainer if needed. The designated volunteer should report into a DIAA Committee Member once inside. Teams will be required to “check-in” as they enter.

3. **Warm-up Area:**
 - a. Last year, there were some issues with athletes warming up on River Fields Dr, right outside the main entrance. This is an unlit active road with Ott center vehicles but is also a main CHOP/Penn Med hospital staff parking route. Therefore, any athletes warming up outside need to head to Penn Park and should not be using the road outside the Ott Center.

4. **Team Camp Area:**
 - a. We have added a lot of shelving this year in the team camp area. Please encourage your teams to utilize these shelves in the hope of keeping the floor space as open as possible.

Meet Registration and other Information:

1. For more detailed meet information please refer to the 2026 DIAA Indoor Track State Championships Manual.
2. See Track Meet Running Instructions below.
3. **SAVE THE DATE:** A participants webinar will be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026 at 6pm. Coaches and Athletic Directors are advised to attend. Meeting invitation will be sent by the DIAA Office.

Tickets:

1. All events in the Ott Center will be ticketed events and will require the purchase of a general admission ticket to control facility capacity.
2. Tickets can be purchased prior to arrival [here](#), through the pennathletics.com ticketing website. The Ticket Link is: <https://pennathletics.eventue.net/events/TRK>
3. First release of limited tickets will be available for sale at 10:00 am, Monday, February 16, 2026. Additional tickets will be released on Wednesday. A release will be sent from the DIAA to announce the timing.

Athletic Training:

1. There will be 2 Athletic trainers on site but we ask that for teams traveling with an AT, that this trainer be available to assist as needed.

Heat Sheets and Live Results:

1. Heat Sheets will be sent out by John Amery to coaches according to the timeline in the DIAA Indoor Track Championships Manual.
2. Once the meet is started, the Ott Center will have heat sheets and live results at this link: www.ottcenter.live

Spikes and Equipment:

1. Spikes:
 - a. **1/4" pyramid spikes only!**
 - b. All spikes in the Ott Center will be checked prior to competition.
2. Equipment: No outside equipment from the teams or officials will be allowed in the facility. This includes but is not limited to the following:
 - a. Starting blocks
 - b. Measuring equipment
 - c. Training equipment
 - d. Flags
 - e. Megaphones
 - f. Cones

Parking & Transportation:

1. **Drop-off/pick up location for team buses:**
 - a. **There is no bus access permitted onto River Fields Drive, via University Avenue, to access the Ott Center.**
 - b. All team buses should drop-off and pick-up athletes and coaches on 33rd Street in front of Weightman Hall (235 S. 33rd Street). From that location, athletes and coaches can walk down South Street along Franklin Field, cross South Street at Convention Avenue,

and continue down South Street to the Hollenback Center stairwell to access the Ott Center.

- c. Team buses can also drop-off and pick-up athletes and coaches via the annual Penn Relays loop at Penn Park. Heading east on Chestnut Street, take a right onto 31st Street, and a left onto Lower Walnut Street by the Penn Park lot. From that location, athletes and coaches can walk through Penn Park and across the Weave Bridge by the outdoor tennis courts to the Hollenback lot to access the Ott Center.
- d. After drop-off buses can make a left onto Lower 30th Street, a left onto Ludlow Street, and a right onto 31st Street to exit onto Market Street.
- e. Buses must vacate 33rd Street and Lower Walnut Street after drop-off. There is no available bus parking along 33rd Street or Lower Walnut Street during the evening.

2. Parking for individual team vehicles and ADA Parking:

- Parking lots 29 (Hollenback) & 33 (River Fields) near the Ott Center are available for non-Penn permit holder parking on a first-come, first-serve basis. If parking space is available, users must pay for a parking pass at the parking kiosk located at the Hollenback building or the main Meiklejohn Stadium entrance. Parking tickets will be issued for those without a valid parking pass.

A limited amount of accessible parking will be available for track and field meets in the Hollenback parking lot and River Fields parking lot for those in need, on a first come first serve basis. A Persons with Disability Parking Placard, via hanging tag or license plate, is required to park in those designated spaces. Patrons must pay for a parking pass at the parking kiosk located at the Hollenback Center or the main Meiklejohn Stadium entrance. Parking tickets will be issued for those without a valid parking pass.

3. **Spectator Parking:** Parking is available at the [Penn Museum Garage](#) at South Street & Convention Avenue (3220 South Street) and Penn Park lot at 31st and Lower Walnut Streets (3100 Lower Walnut Street, Phila., PA 19104).
4. LINK: <https://facilities.upenn.edu/maps?parking=true&search=Penn+Museum>

Additional off-campus parking is available at [Cira South Garage](#) located at 129 S. 30th Street. This garage is accessible from Walnut Street with a walkway to the Ott Center through Penn Park. LINK: <https://facilities.upenn.edu/maps/locations/parking-garage-cira-centre-south>

Public Transportation:

1. SEPTA Regional Rail:

- The Penn Medicine University City Station is the closest SEPTA Regional Rail stop to the Ott Center, located just a short walk away. This station is serviced by the Airport, Wilmington/Newark, and Media/Elwyn lines, providing a direct connection from various areas, including 30th Street Station, Center City, the Philadelphia International Airport, and the suburbs.

2. SEPTA Market-Frankford Line:

- The 30th Street Station is the nearest stop on the Market-Frankford Line (MFL), Philadelphia's primary east-west subway line. From 30th Street Station, it is about a 10-15 minute walk to the Ott Center. The MFL operates frequently and connects riders to

major transit hubs, including the 69th Street Transportation Center and Frankford Transportation Center.

3. SEPTA Trolley Lines:

- Trolley Routes 11, 13, 34, and 36 serve the UPenn area, with the nearest stop being the 33rd Street and Spruce Street stop. From there, it's a brief walk to the Ott Center.

4. Bus Routes:

- Several bus routes serve the University City area, including Routes 21, 42, and 40, which have stops near the Ott Center. These routes connect the UPenn campus to other neighborhoods across Philadelphia, providing convenient access for visitors.

Track Meet Running Instructions

The following should be communicated to all athletes regarding procedures or protocol on and around the track and competition area to help with meet efficiency and to reduce competition delays.

- NFHS rules prohibit the wearing of headphones or ear buds on the track or inside the competition area/oval. This is for safety and so athletes can hear meet or event announcements.

Starting Commands:

- Commands for individual races less than 800 meters and relays including the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 will be “On Your Mark”, “Set”, and then the gun will be fired. **Make sure athletes know this.**
- For races 800 meters and longer including the 4x800, commands at the start will be “On Your Mark” and then the gun will be fired. Competitors will line up 3 meters behind the starting line and then slowly walk up to line at the “On Your Mark” command.

Starting Line Positions:

- At the starting line, hands or feet must be behind the line, not on or touching it. At the “On Your Mark” command, position yourself behind the line. If hands or toes/feet are on the line, the starter will do a recall.

Relay Exchange Zones:

- Second through fourth runners must stand within the exchange zone and receive the baton within the exchange zone.
- After the baton is exchanged, the runner handing off should run straight ahead, not cutting off the track until the way is clear.

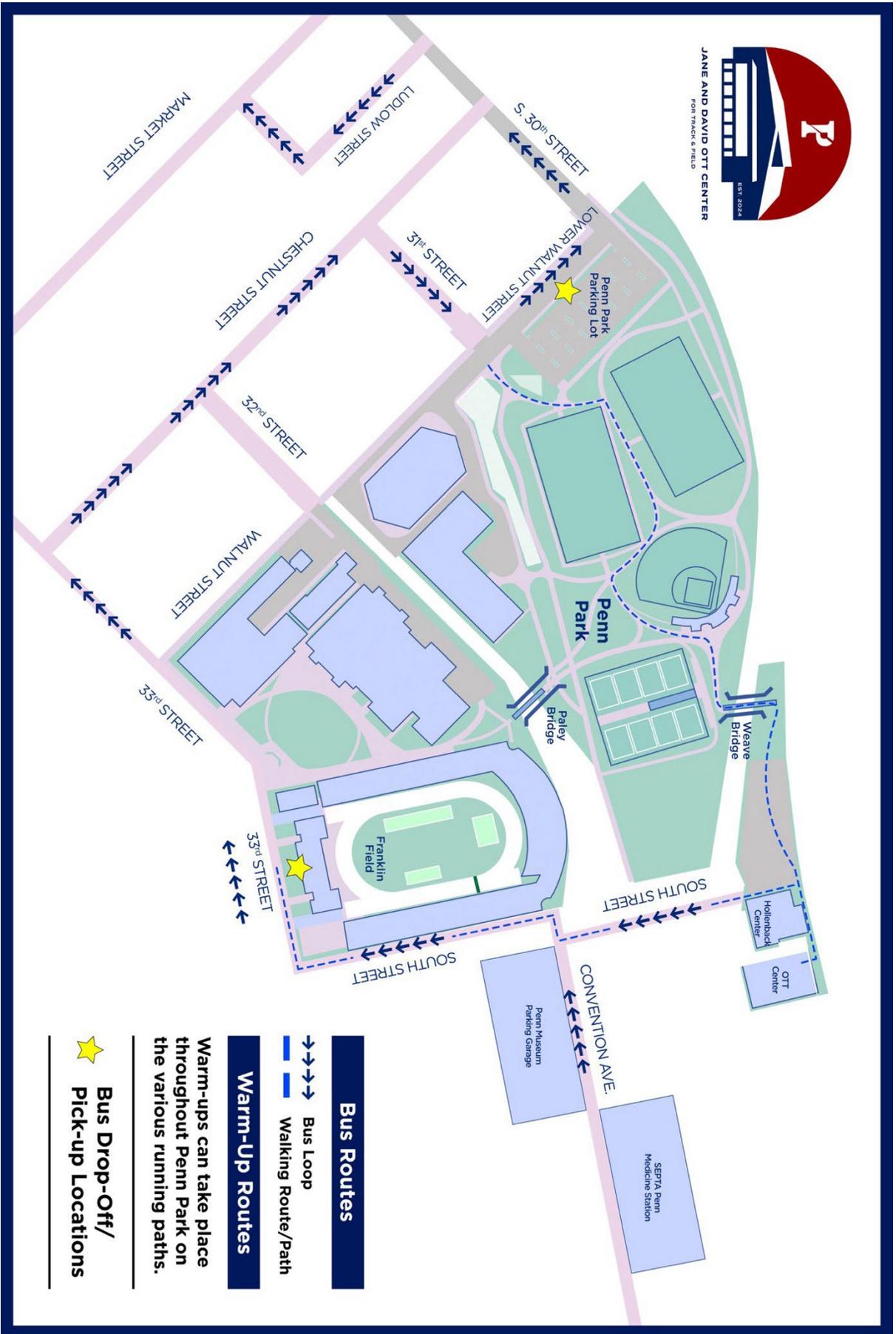
Break Line:

- Where this is used in the 800-meter race and longer or for some relays, cones will be placed across the track at this line. A runner must stay in their lane until past the cones and then they can cut to the rail. If the runner cuts in to the rail before passing the cone, they will be disqualified. *For indoor meets, a break line is used in the 400-meter race, the 4x400 meter race (first runner), and the 4x200 meter race (second runner).*

Finish Line:

- Athletes after finishing should not go back through the finish line. A camera is in use taking pictures. With this, no athlete should ever cross through the start finish area for any reason during competition. After finishing a race, exit the track beyond the finish line.

Maps:



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