

## 2016 NGC/SAGICOR/ NAAA NATIONAL OPEN TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### RULES OF COMPETITION

1. The Championship shall be for all senior athletes and junior athletes who participated at the 2016 Carifta Games.
2. Athletes under the age of 16 years will not be permitted to participate in the Championship except where special permission is granted by the NAAA.
3. Athletes must be registered with the Secretary of the NAAA for the year 2016 to be eligible to participate at the Championship.
4. No athlete will be allowed to participate in an event without his/her 2016 registration numbers properly secured on the front and back of his/her vest, except in the cases of High Jump and Pole Vault where one number may be worn on the front or back of his/her vest only.
5. If an athlete's registration number is lost or misplaced, he/she is not permitted to replace it. The NAAA will provide a replacement at a cost of Twenty TT Dollars (TT\$20.00).
6. Clubs must declare their uniforms no later than the technical meeting. However, clubs are advised to send a sample of their club uniform by email to the Secretariat.
7. All athletes with the exception of those who are sponsored by sporting goods companies e.g. Adidas, Nike, Puma etc., are to be properly attired in their club uniform, failing which they may not be permitted to compete in the event. Athletes who are sponsored by sporting goods companies will be permitted to compete in the uniform of their sponsor.
8. Athletes will not be permitted to participate in any event wearing the national uniform (partially or fully) of Trinidad and Tobago or any other National Federation except when permitted to do so by the NAAA.
9. **ATHLETES MUST REPORT TO THE COMPETITORS' STEWARD AT LEAST FORTY FIVE MINUTES (45MINS) BEFORE THE SCHEDULED TIME OF THE EVENT AND THEREAFTER TO THE CALL ROOM TEN MINUTES (10MINS) BEFORE THE EVENT, FAILING WHICH THE ATHLETE MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT.**
10. Athletes are not allowed on the track or centre field except when required to participate in an event.
11. Any athlete who registers with the Competitors' Steward or who qualifies by reason of qualifying rounds to participate in an event must compete in the event. Failure to do so without the expressed permission of the Competition Director may result in the disqualification of the athlete from further participation in the Championship.
12. The Organizing Committee and the relevant Referee reserve the right to: refuse entry, cancel an event or frame a new event should it become necessary to do so.

13. All electronic devices are prohibited in the Call Room and Competition Area. The Meet Organizers will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of any such items.
14. Protests concerning the result or conduct of an event shall be made within thirty minutes (30mins) of the official announcement of the result of that event. Any protest shall, in first instance, be made orally to the Referee by an athlete, by someone acting on his/her behalf or by a representative of a team. Such person or team must have a bona fide interest in the event(s) in question. To arrive at a fair decision, the Referee should consider any available evidence which he thinks necessary. The Referee may decide on the protest or may refer the matter to the jury. If the Referee makes a decision there shall be a right to appeal to the jury. Where the Referee is not accessible or available, the protest should be made to him/her through the Technical Information Centre. A protest fee of one hundred dollars (TT\$100) must accompany every protest. The protest fee is non-refundable except if the protest is upheld (**see IAAF Rule 146**)
15. Subsequent to the declaration of final entries at the Technical Meeting, clubs will be allowed to scratch ten percent of athletes declared, without penalty, during the competition. If more than ten percent of athletes are scratched from the competition, the said club will be required to pay one hundred dollars (TT\$100) per athlete in excess of the ten percent. For example, if a club declares 100 athletes at the technical meeting, they will be allowed to scratch 10 athletes during the competition without penalty. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the club not being allowed to participate in future NAAA Events in 2016.