

How Do I Sign-Up?



"Making Dreams Come True with Teamwork"

#building a national championship team together

Candidates and interested athletes/parents who are interested in participating on this year's National Championship team should inquire and sign-up early. There is a real possibility this year that many of our gender/age group categories will already by full by the time the National Pizza Party roles around. The Nationals Pizza Party and meeting is Sunday October 19 at 4-7pm range (tba). In times past, athletes or parents could easily wait until that meeting or even 10-12 after. However, this year we have 80% plus returnees, so our squad will be solidified early.

So how do I express my interest or sign my child up for the team. If you want to reserve a spot (not a guarantee, because applications must be approved), you must log unto our website at www.kcxcelite.com and under the National Cross County sign-up tab register your child athlete expressing your interest in the program. This will also register your child for the team so that they can participate in the additional preparatory meets down south, and 2 additional practice per month with other future team members until practice and other events/meeting become semimandatory after November 8. Please keep in mind that this is not a guarantee by us or a final commitment on your part. There are still (3) steps, plus other contingencies that must be fulfilled.

After filling out the application and submitting it upon receipt on our end we will send you a confirmation text or email. Keep in mind that there is a \$ 75.00* registration fee, which goes toward the AAU card, the entry fees down south, and uniform lease. The total registration fee is \$ 195.00*, however if you sign up early and pay the \$ 75.00 to both prepare and be eligible for higher level of travel scholarship funds then at the Pizza Party you will only owe \$ 120.00. The next step is to get in contact with coach Ryan about interest in 2 events down south for preparation and practices. Then please plan on attending the mandatory National Pizza Party and meeting on Oct 19. In addition, your athletes will have to participate in AAU district National qualifying meet in Bakersfield on Sunday, November 2. Those who a signed up for the team and paid will be registered for this meet by our team mom – no to do anything else on your end. I mention this because we had a few parents trying to register their child athlete's last season. We take care of it for you.

Finally, according to the scholarship level you qualify for, there will be plane ticket deposits required at various levels. You will receive an official document declaring this amount to you (this is only required if we are purchasing the plane ticket(s) for you to go as a group with most of the team. Plane ticket deposits range from \$150.00-350.00* dollars per person. We will be trying to fly straight into Knoxville this year, so the tickets could be a little more expensive because it's not a major Hub. Plane tickets (full price) will probably be between 475.00-525.00 each. Please keep in mind that some of this money can be earned in the form of a reimbursement check distributed the night after the National Championship event. Deposits into your fundraising account can be accomplished through personal fundraising, group fundraising (mainly on Sunday early evenings), car wash and qualifier participations dollars for service. Some deposits are fixed amounts such as participation service. Other deposits will fluctuate according to level or both attendance and success of the kids on that fundraising day. If deposits are turned in from personal sales (i.e. car wash tickets, raffle tickets or business or personal sponsorships) your child or family will receive 75 %. The rest of the funds will be used for common costs, and the deposited in the scholarship fund. So, if ABC company give Joe Johnson \$ 1000, the athlete or family account would receive \$ 750.00)* Please be notified that there is a \$ 3000 limit per family, and each athlete and family member in attendance will be charged a \$80.00 incidental fee to cover various common costs to the team for the national championship event.

To keep it simple, how do I sign up?:

- 1) Fill out application on the website at <u>www.kcxcelite.com</u>2) Pay the \$ 75.00 deposit
- 3) Attend the Nationals Pizza Party and required plane ticket deposit by November 3. (We will be purchasing plane tickets by November 7)
 - 4) Participating in the National Qualifier on November 2

(*) Important NOTE: Please keep in mind that all fees and payments are donations. In the event of sudden arbitrary change of mind of making a commitment either yourself or child athletes decides to withdraw – DEPOSITS WHICH ARE DONATIONS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE