

# 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Foothills Invitational

## **DATE**

Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

## **COURSE LOCATION**

Choccolocco Park, 954 Leon Smith Pkwy, Oxford, AL 36203

## **SCHEDULE**

Course preview: Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 2-5:30 PM

Men's scratches/declarations: 4:30-5:20 PM

Men's 5k: Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 PM

Women's scratches/declarations: 5:30-6:05 PM

Women's 5k: Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:15 PM

Live results will be available online during each race.

## **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Talladega National Forest, Choccolocco Park is a fast, flat course on grass. The course width measures 10m throughout and has minimal turns providing a great experience for competitors. Cut through trails allow coaches and fans to access most parts of the course. Parking is plentiful and convenient. The course is less than a mile from several restaurants and hotels. Choccolocco Park has hosted several AHSAA and NCAA events in the past including cross country, track & field, soccer, baseball, and softball.

Choccolocco Park leads the industry with its 300+ acre, one-of-a-kind state of the art sports complex in Oxford, AL. With cutting edge baseball, softball, track and field, cross country, and soccer amenities, along with educational, walking, and biking trails, all-encompassing playgrounds, water, and natural resources, and much more, we invite you to come and enjoy it yourself!

## **ENTRIES**

Team entries will go through [Direct Athletics](#). Unlimited entries per division (men and women). Entries are due by 5 PM (CST) on Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Unattached athletes will need to contact the race director for permission. Entry fee is \$250 per team (\$500 for both men and women). Unattached individuals or teams with less than five participants will pay \$50 per entry. Entry fee must be paid online before the entry deadline or at packet pickup. If paying by check, make it payable to JSU Track & Field/Cross Country. Mailing address: Jacksonville State University, Track & Field/Cross Country, Pete Mathews Coliseum, 700 Pelham Road North, Jacksonville, AL 36265.

## **SCRATCHES/DECLARATION**

A coaching staff member of each institution will be allowed to complete the clerking process on behalf of their team and/or student-athlete(s). Any scratches must be reported during the schedule SCRATCHES/DECLARATION timeframe. If the registered roster is good, simply declare the entire team as participating. Nothing else needed. Clerking will take place at the meet management tent near the entrance of ATHLETE VILLAGE. Signs will be out identifying the area.

## **AWARDS**

Top 20 finishing individuals will be awarded shirt. Once results are final, top finishing individuals or a coaching staff member can pick up shirts at the clerking tent. There will not be a formal awards ceremony.

## **FACILITIES**

There are bathrooms located in “ATHLETE VILLAGE” and at the starting line. The park has other bathrooms located throughout. There will not be access to a shower facility.

## **PARKING**

Parking is plentiful and convenient at Choccolocco Park. However, personnel will be present to help direct traffic. Teams will be able to drop off in the designated “TEAM DROP” area labeled on the map. After unloading, team vans/buses will be instructed to park in the designated TEAM PARKING area. Pickup after the meet will take place at the TEAM DROP location. Signage will be in place marking parking designations.

## **ATHLETIC TRAINING**

Athletic training personnel will be available at 3 PM. They will be located near the finish line area. In the event the visiting team does not travel with a member of their athletic training staff, athletic training services will be provided with prior notification (preferably 2 days in advance) and the visiting team has appropriate supplies. Ice will be available after the meet.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY**

A certified and licensed athletic trainer will monitor the weather and make the decision to suspend activity in the event of imminent weather. If it is recommended that activity should be suspended the athletic trainer will notify the race director and officials. Teams will be asked to seek shelter by returning to their respective travel bus/van and fans will need to return to their vehicles. Activity shall not resume until given the ALL CLEAR by the athletic trainer. Teams will be given a minimum of 30 minutes to warm up before activity is resumed.

## **TIMING INFORMATION**

Xpress Timing will handle timing/results (<https://xpresstiming.com/>). Splits and live scoring will be available at 1k, 2k, 3k, and finish.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Meet Director: Jeremy Provence, (479) 462-6603, [jprovence@jsu.edu](mailto:jprovence@jsu.edu)

Athletic Training: Tina Provence, [cprovence@jsu.edu](mailto:cprovence@jsu.edu)

Sports Information: Daniel Porter, (256) 782-5965, [dporter2@jsu.edu](mailto:dporter2@jsu.edu)

Meet Day Operations: Lillian Humphries, (512) 771-2001, [lhumphries@stu.jsu.edu](mailto:lhumphries@stu.jsu.edu)

## **PLACES TO RUN**

Make a weekend out of the trip and check out the following places while in town. Perfect early season team camp weekend getaway!

[Visit Calhoun County](#)

[Chief Ladiga Trail](#)

[Choccolocco Park](#)

[Talladega National Forest](#) (Pinhoti Trailhead/County RD 500)

[Cheaha State Park](#)

[McClellan Multi-Use Trails](#)

[Coldwater Mountain Bike Trails](#)



