

2018 UPPER EAST TN AREA 3 SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK & FIELD COMPETITION
APRIL 26, 2018 – APRIL 27, 2018
ETSU MSHA ATHLETICS CENTER
ATHLETE ARRIVAL: 8:15 – 9:15 AM

Initial Offloading Procedure

All buses must **first** drive to parking lot #22, which is located off Jack Vest Drive and behind Bojangles'. A Parking Services staff person in a golf cart with a yellow light on top as well as volunteers in orange vests will be at lot #22 to assist you. Once you arrive at the lot, the Parking Services staff member will direct you on when and where you will need to drop off. Parking Services staff and volunteers will be located at all staging and drop-off locations to assist and direct traffic. These individuals will radio and/or use cell phone communication with the others stationed at the different drop-off points.

Vans & small buses

Only after being directed by Parking Services staff, buses will leave lot #22 and turn left onto Go Bucs Trail. Continue into the roundabout on Jack Vest Drive and exit toward W. State of Franklin Road. Turn right (traveling East) onto W. State of Franklin Road. Enter the first right turn lane you come to. Turn right on John Robert Bell Drive (between the parking garage and mini-dome). This will lead you to the roundabout for drop-off.

***** IMPORTANT:** There is only enough space for 2 – 3 small buses/vans in the turning lane. If the right turning lane is full, please do **NOT** line up on W. State of Franklin Road as this may put you and your occupants in danger. Also, there is only enough space for 2 – 3 buses in the actual roundabout so please wait to enter the roundabout if full.

Once you have turned onto John Robert Bell Drive, you will circle left in the roundabout. A Parking Services staff member and volunteers will be there to direct drivers to a stopping point for offloading the athletes. 2 – 3 buses should be able to offload at one time while **NOT** blocking the entrance to the parking garage. Volunteers will be available to assist with any athletes & supplies.

After offloading athletes, leave the roundabout by turning right onto W. State of Franklin Road. Proceed to the next stop light. Turn right onto Gilbreath Drive. At the 4-way stop, (intersection of Gilbreath Drive and W. Walnut Street) continue straight to the next 4-way stop. (intersection of Gilbreath Drive and Stout Drive) Continue straight to the next 4-way stop. Turn right onto J.L. Seehorn, Jr. Road. Travel approximately one mile to reach S. Greenwood Drive. Turn Right onto S. Greenwood Drive. Take the next right onto Go Bucs Trail. Please park in parking lot #22 on the left behind Bojangles'.

Large Buses

Only after being directed by Parking Services staff, large buses will leave lot #22 and turn right onto Go Bucs Trail. Turn left onto S. Greenwood Drive. Turn left onto J. L. Seehorn, Jr. Road. Turn left onto John Robert Bell Drive. Proceed to the end of John Robert Bell Drive to drop-off athletes at ETSU MSHA Athletic Center.

NOTE: please be cautious as there may be other buses leaving as you arrive. Please allow time and space for the bus to turn before proceeding.

After offloading athletes, leave the drop off location by turning left onto David Collins Way. Turn left onto Jack Vest Drive and continue on to J. L. Seehorn, Jr. Road. Turn right onto J. L. Seehorn, Jr. Road. Turn right onto S. Greenwood Drive. Turn right onto Go Bucs Trail. Turn left into lot #22.

Entering MSHA Athletics Center

After offloading the buses, volunteers will direct **all** athletes to enter through the blue double doors located on the lower side of the MSHA Athletics Center. The long hall within the building contains two paths leading to the arena floor. Signs and volunteers will help to direct athletes. **Note:** Athletes will NOT pass through J. Madison Brooks Gymnasium as this is a reserved space.

Upon entering the arena, schools may begin lining up for the Parade of Athletes. The start line will begin in front of the merchandise station and those participating in the parade will line up behind the other schools/agencies in line. Please do not line up in front of other schools/agencies.

Exiting MSHA Athletics Center

In order to help alleviate congestion, please contact your bus driver **prior** to leaving in order to allow buses time to return to lot #22 and to allow time for the athletes to walk to the appropriate loading location.

When leaving MHS A Athletics Center, please use the same door that was used to enter. Please be cautious to make certain that other athletes are not running in an event as you are crossing the track.

Loading Procedure (after track & field)

Vans & small buses

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Once you have turned onto John Robert Bell Drive, you will circle left in the roundabout. A Public Safety Officer and volunteers will be there to direct drivers to a stopping point for picking up the athletes. 2 – 3 buses should be able to pick up at one time while **NOT** blocking the entrance to the parking garage. Volunteers will be available to assist with any athletes & supplies.

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Only after being directed by Parking Services staff, large buses will leave lot #22 and turn right onto Go Bucs Trail. Turn left onto S. Greenwood Drive. Turn left onto J. L. Seehorn, Jr. Road. Turn left onto John Robert Bell Drive. Proceed to the end of John Robert Bell Drive to pick up athletes at the ETSU MHS A Athletic Center.

Changes in 2018

As you know, we have moved track and field from a one day event to two days to accommodate our growing athlete base. As such, there are changes to the schedule for each day. There have been a few changes to the map as well. We have an additional five minutes incorporated in the schedule again this year immediately after Opening Ceremonies in order to allow all athletes, parents, teachers, and volunteers to disperse to his or her designated area or 1st event.

Additionally, we have placed a reminder on your map that there are additional restrooms located on the 2nd and 3rd floor of the ETSU MSHA Athletic Center. The restrooms on the 2nd floor are accessible via the stairs just on the outside of the building, and the restrooms on the 3rd floor are accessible via the stairs in the stands.

Please be sure to either bring your schedules and maps with you to the competition or pick these up at the Coaches/Registration table that will be set up.

Staging will also be available to the male and female race events again this year. This will assist our event stagers in locating athletes ready for the next race. This will be a place for athletes to go before the race starts and will be grouped with other athletes that he/she will be racing with. If you have athletes participating in the dash races, please use this staging area during these events which will be labeled with the race number.

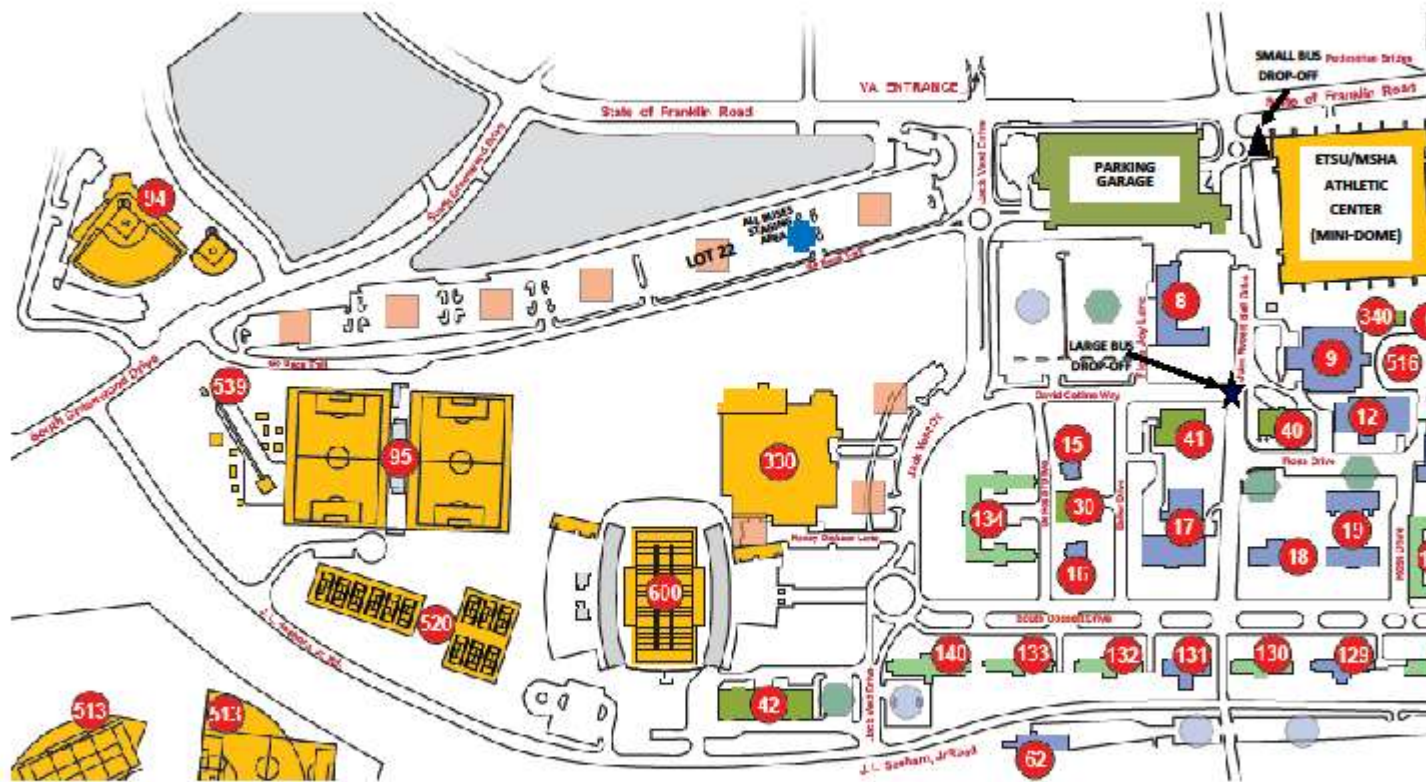
Also as a reminder, the location of the assisted walk race events will still take place on the opposite side of the arena along the northwest edge of the track. (Near the adult agency area & loading gate) This location is reflected on the map. Please be mindful – as always – of the athletes competing in this event during the red flag timeframe should you need to cross the track.

Our male races, 200m and 400m race area will be operating using the electronic scoring system this year so you may notice several of our volunteers with tablets at the race and awards area.

The Parent's & Family table this year is located near the softball throw and stage. All parents and family are encouraged to stop by to learn more about Special Olympics, SO TN, and Upper East Area 3.

The Sensory room will be available again this year on Thursday and Friday. There are tables and chairs in there should you need them.

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- All Buses Staging Area
- ▲ Small Bus Drop-Off
- ★ Large Bus Drop-Off