

City of Florence Parks and Recreation Division 513 Barnes Street Florence, SC 29501

Thank you for supporting Florence Track Club!

The Florence Track Club is an organization comprised of volunteer coaches, and a diverse group of Florence area children (ages 6-18) that have an interest in track and field and/or cross country running. Coaches donate their time and skillset to see these children succeed in a disciplined approach to their sport. The Florence Track Club was started over 25 years ago, and the athletes participate in USATF sanctioned Junior Olympic Track and Field and Cross Country events. The club is a program of the City of Florence Recreation Department and is sponsored by the Police Athletic League.

In 2017, the Florence Track Club continued to represent the city of Florence well, as our athletes excelled in State, Regional and National competitions. In addition, they have received high praise for their volunteer efforts to support local and area meets, as well as local races in support of other non-profit organizations. Much of this success is attributed to people such as yourself, our local business leaders, who afford these children such opportunities.

Last spring our club continued with a tremendous amount of participation with over 210 children registering for Track and Field. This group produced sixteen (16) first place awards in the State Championships. Seventy-six (76) athletes qualified to compete against the top athletes from Florida and Georgia in the Regional Championships. Nineteen (19) of our athletes, including three (3) regional champions, qualified for the USATF Junior Olympic National Championships in Lawrence, Kansas with three (3) of our athletes earning All American honors.

Our Cross Country program also had impressive numbers with seventy-four (74) registered athletes in the fall of 2018. Twenty-eight (28) athletes participated in the State Championships which produced three (3) individual state champions. Twenty-one (21) of the athletes went on to compete in Regional Championships where we had one region championship (Kaleb Burroughs) and two of our 9-10 girls finished in the top 10. Our club sent four (4) athletes to represent the City of Florence in the USATF Junior Olympic National Championships in Tallahassee, Florida where we had two athletes earn All American honors.

Funding for our organization is obtained through fund raisers and donations. This allows us to continue to give these children opportunities to compete in events by providing equipment, USATF membership, entry fees for meets, travel, food, drinks, and accommodations. Along with our usual events, our club sponsors events that involve children from other parts of the state such as developmental meets.

We plan to continue to build on our past success and hope that you would consider joining in the financial support of this organization for this year. All donations are tax deductible. Our Tax ID is 57-6000232. In addition, any sponsor donating by April 20, 2018, will be recognized on the team shirt for the track and field season. All sponsors who donate a minimum of \$300 will be recognized on the club website (www.florencetrackclub.com). A \$500 sponsorship will give you recognition on the website as well as all sponsored shirts and events in both track and field and cross country. We would be proud to add your name to our list of sponsors!

If you have any questions, you may contact me at 843-430-5551 or email me at uvm30@aol.com. Thanks again and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Sheri Lacy President - Florence Track Club