

AATC Youth Program Budget FAQ

Starting with the 2015 indoor track season, the AATC Youth Division will be making adjustments to the fee structure. Below are a list of common questions and answers to why the change and what it means for the team moving forward.

Why are we changing the fee structure?

Our current budget structure is not sustainable. As the team continues to grow in size our overall budget continues to grow. The AATC board of directors commissioned a subcommittee to look at the long-term financial viability of the youth division so that our expenses do not continue to rise at a pace that we cannot sustain.

How much will it cost me?

Indoor/Outdoor Travel Team	\$275
Indoor/Outdoor Home Team (those that do not travel)	\$150
Cross Country	\$50

What all is covered in the fee?

The indoor/outdoor fee covers both seasons, indoor track rental fees, meet entry fees, and the newly added coaching fee.

Currently, indoor families pay \$5/practice to use the indoor track. If paid all at once the cost was \$100. If paid as you go it added up to as much as \$300. Under the new system those costs are now paid up front and rolled into one set amount.

Additionally, entry fees were unstructured and varied by meet. Some meets required parents to pay the full entry fee while others were shared costs with the team. Under the new system all team meets are covered 100% by the team.

What isn't covered in the fee?

USATF membership fee (Needed if you run in any USATF meets)	\$20/year
AAU membership fee (Needed if you run in any AAU meets)	\$14/year
AATC membership fee (Required to practice with team)	\$20/year
Uniform (Travel Team)	
• Backpack (Optional)	\$30
• Warm Up	\$70
• Race uniform	\$75

What's the coaching fee?

We ask a lot of our coaches throughout the year and they provide high quality training. This fee allows us to pay them for their time. It also allows for the coaching capacity to grow as our team grows in size.

What is a home team member?

These members pay a reduced rate, but will only practice once per week and normally do not compete in team meets. It's an introductory level for those interested in learning the basics, staying in shape, and having fun.

Is there a reduced rate for multiple family members?

Yes. It is \$25 less for each additional sibling.

Are there still team fundraisers?

Yes. There will be required team fundraisers. You can pay a \$100 opt out fee if you choose not to participate in the event.

Are there scholarships or hardship price reductions?

Yes. Speak to Coach Ron for details.

Is there anything else that the new fee structure does?

It allows us to limit the number of teams and runners on the indoor track. In years past we have had a dangerous number of athletes on the track at one time.

It allows us to more efficiently manage our finances. No longer will we need to keep track of cash flow each night at practice for indoor fees, or meet entry fees.

We will set up sub-contracts with the other teams planning to share the track with us. This limits our liability, limits the number of teams on the track, and helps us better manage collection of those fees.