

**2019 Camel City Elite Full Fields Announced**

*Star-Studded Pro Fields and Deepest Camel City College Fields Ever*

**WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.** –January 29, 2019 – JDL Fast Track has finalized all of the pro and college fields for the 2019 Camel City Elite Races. Not only does Camel City Elite feature some of the best professional distance runners in the world, but it will also feature the deepest college fields ever at Camel City Elite, and some top high school athletes as well.

“The 2018 edition qualified eight athletes to the NCAA Division I, II and III championship meets, the most at a single Camel City Elite. We think that this year we have the potential to break our own record for NCAA qualifiers,” said facility director Craig Longhurst. “This is clearly the deepest collegiate field we have assembled. We have the 3rd and 5th place finishers from the men’s NCAA cross country championships, two men who have already broken 4:00 for the mile and a few right on the cusp. On the women’s side, we have a woman who has run 4:34 for the mile, a 3k runner who is chasing the 9:00 barrier and a few women who could break 2:03 indoors.”

“We have also continued our tradition of inviting some of the top high school athletes to compete against the collegians and pros. Tori Starcher from West Virginia is only a junior and ran 4:46 for the indoor mile last year as a sophomore. Athing Mu from West Virginia has been lighting up the indoor circuit already, running 52s for 400m, 1:28 for 600m and 2:44 for 1000m. Let’s see what she can do at 800m!”

Below is a list of each race and each competitor currently slated to compete (*italicized athletes denotes professionals*):

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| **Women’s 3000m – presented by Visit Winston-Salem****Start time = 2:05 pm**Savannah Carnahan – FurmanDominique Clairmonte – NC StateNell Crosby – NC StateSara Freix – Virginia TechLeah Hanle – Mount OliveElly Henes – NC StateEmma Grace Hurley – FurmanMorgan Ilse – North CarolinaLogan Morris - ClemsonHannah Steelman – Wofford*Katrina Coogan – New Balance**Nikki Hiltz – Adidas**Kathryn Lazarchick – RunCCG**Emily Lipari – Adidas**Hannah Segrave – New Balance – Pacer**Sara Sutherland – Saucony***Women’s 800m – presented by BB&T****Start time = 2:45 pm**Martha Bissah – Norfolk StateAbike Egbeniyi – Middle Tennessee StateKristen Metcalfe – Embry-RiddleAthing Mu – HS athlete from Trenton, NJ*Lindsey Butterworth - Unattached**Hanna Green – Nike Oregon Track Club**Georganne Moline – Xendurance – Pacer**Raevyn Rogers – Nike**Ajee’ Wilson – Adidas***Women’s Mile Run – presented by Champion****Start time = 3:05 pm**Sarah Edwards – Virginia TechKim Hallowes - DukeNevada Mareno – NC StateRachel Pocratsky – Virginia TechTori Starcher – HS athlete from Ripley, WV*Grace Barnett – Mammoth Track Club**Abbey Cooper – New Balance**Stephanie Garcia – New Balance**Angel Piccirillo – Juventus Track Club**Emily Richards – Hoka NJNY Track Club – Pacer* | **Men’s 3000m – presented by Salem Sports****Start time = 2:20 pm**Kigen Chemadi – Middle Tennessee StateJacob Choge – Middle Tennessee StateEnock Kipchumba – Eastern KentuckyEdwin KurgatFrank Lara – FurmanZach Long – TennesseePeter Seufer – Virginia TechIan Shanklin– NC StateJames Sugira – Eastern KentuckyAaron Templeton – Furman*Jamaine Coleman – Furman Elite**Kirubel Erassa – American Distance Project**Willy Fink – VT Elite - Pacer**Riley Masters – Nike**Shota Onizuka – Unattached**Patrick Tiernan - Nike***Men’s 800m – presented by Total Sports US****Start time = 2:55 pm**Matthew Harding – Virginia TechBashir Mosavel-Lo – Virginia TechNickson Rotich – Eastern KentuckyMatt Wisner – Duke*Alex Amankwah – Ghana**Curtis Beach – Albuquerque – Pacer**Chris Giesting – Hoka NJNY Track Club**Clayton Murphy – Nike Oregon Project**Drew Piazza – Unattached***Men’s Mile – presented by Mondo****Start time = 3:15 pm**Ryan Adams – FurmanRobert Heppenstall – Wake ForestFestus Lagat – Iowa StateGarrett O’Toole – Arizona StateWilliam Paulson – Arizona StateBenjamin Young – KentuckyDiego Zarate – Virginia Tech*Edward Cheserek – Skechers**Tripp Hurt – Unattached**Craig Nowak – Furman Elite – Pacer**Ryan Sanchez – Puerto Rico**Ryoji Tatezawa – Tokai University**Nick Willis - Adidas* |

Prize money for each of the elite races is $6000 for first place, $4000 for second, $2000 for third, $1000 for fourth and additional money available through 8th place. Additionally, there are $1000 time bonuses and $1000 bonuses if anyone breaks a “flat track world record.”

The Elite Races are the focus of a full weekend of activities that includes a community engagement with the athletes on Thursday at 4 pm at JDL Fast Track, an autograph session Friday at 4:30 at JDL Fast Track, and a Sunday run with the athletes at Salem Lake at 8:30 am at the marina.

The Elite Races will begin at 2 pm on Saturday, February 2. Admission for the event is $10 for adults, $5 for students and kids 12 and under are FREE. JDL Fast Track is located at 2505 Empire Drive, Winston-Salem, NC.

Camel City Elite will be streamed live online at [www.jdlfasttrack.com](http://www.jdlfasttrack.com) as part of the RunnerSpace +Plus subscription package which starts at $12 a month.

**ABOUT JDL FAST TRACK** (www.jdlfasttrack.com)

JDL Fast Track is a privately owned facility that is quickly becoming one of the premier indoor track and field venues in the southeast. Opened in 2012, the facility houses a 200-meter oval track with a Mondotrack FTX surface—the same surface used at the 2012 Olympic Games in London. With a seating capacity of 1,700, ten HD televisions showing real-time field event results, and five high definition projector screens for video playback, JDL Fast Track offers fans a unique track and field experience.

To date, JDL Fast Track has hosted four national championships: 2014 NCAA Division II, 2015 NCAA Division III, 2015 USATF Masters Indoor and 2016 NJCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships. JDL Fast Track is currently slated to host the 2019 USATF Masters Indoor and 2020 NCAA Division III National Championships.