

## 1333 Athletes attending the 2024 USATF Masters Outdoor National Track & Field Championships at American River College, Sacramento, CA

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(Sacramento, CA) — The USATF Masters Outdoor Championships presented by Prevagen will be held July 18 to 21 at American River College, 4700 College Oak Drive, Sacramento CA. 95841. Events begin at 7 a.m. every day; there is no admission for spectators.

Schedule of events: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/mpa4yu8p">https://tinyurl.com/mpa4yu8p</a>

1333 of the world's and country's best athletes come together to showcase Masters athletics with competitors from ages 25 to 100 years old. The meet includes 30 world record holders, 60 American record holders, and nine Olympic athletes. 574 athletes are attending from California, 15 of whom are American age group record holders; 23 athletes are from the Sacramento area. 11 athletes over 90 years of age are competing, including Donald Leis of Pasadena, Edward Baker of Oakland and Gunnar Linde of Venice, CA.

California Olympians Attending: The 1984 Olympic Flag Bearer, Ed Burke, 82, from Ukiah, CA, a three-time Olympian. Burke has the longest spanning Olympic career with participation in 1964, 1968 and the 1984 Olympic Games, where he had his best hammer throw at 42. Thomas Robert Dooley, from San Francisco, is an American race walker who competed in the 1968 Summer Olympics and 1972 Summer Olympics. Willie Banks, grew up in San Diego County and went to Oceanside High School. Banks was a member of the 1984 and 1988 Olympic teams and participated in the 1983 and 1987 IAAF World Championships.

Other Notable California athletes include, the 2023 USATF Masters Athlete of the year Jenny Hitchings, 61 of Sacramento, and USATF and WMA World Female Athlete of the Year Sue McDonald of Santa Barbara, as well as Kathy Bergen, 84, of La Canada, also a World Female Athlete of the Year. World age group record holders including Damien Leake, 71, of Van Nuys, Nolan Shaheed, 75, of Sacramento, and Quenton Torbert, 72, of Redlands, CA will be participating.

**Additional Olympic Athletes** present will be three-time Olympian Michelle Rohl who, at 58, finished third in the 20k race walk in the recent Olympic Trials, and Olympian Garth Robinson, 50, has been breaking records and is set to make waves in the sprints.

Come cheer and enjoy the events which run each day!

Watch Live on USATF.tv DETAILED EVENT INFORMATION: https://tinyurl.com/2w83frua