



ICON TRACK CLUB NEWSLETTER

“There may be people that have more talent than you, but there is no excuse for anyone to work harder than you do”

-DEREK JETER

PERSISTENCE CAN CHANGE FAILURE INTO EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENT

JANUARY 2016

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year to all of our new and returning Icon track family! Welcome to a new track season. We are looking forward to a productive and successful year. There will be a lot of information given in the newsletter each month along with the monthly calendar. Please take the time to go over both with your child, parent, guardian or caregiver. Most questions can be answered by reading these items. If you still have questions, feel free to speak with any of the coaches or team parents prior to practice or after practice.

Registration

To register you will need the following:

- A copy of child's birth certificate
- Completed team registration packet (see coach for packet)
- \$50 registration fee (check or money order) payable to Icon Track Club
- **ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE PLACED IN AN ENVELOPE WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME & AGE ON THE FRONT OF THE ENVELOPE**

PRACTICE ATTIRE

All athletes are expected to wear 2 t shirts, shorts, sweat pants, sweat jacket, tennis shoes, spikes and a beanie during cold weather. Bring water or sports drinks for hydration and a bag or backpack to keep all of your belongings. Please put your child's name on all of their belongings.

BE ON TIME

It is very important to be on time for practice. We have a limited amount of time at each practice. It is necessary to warm up, stretch and hydrate properly to avoid injury. In order for your child to have the time they need to warm up properly, you need to get them to practice on time. We understand the demands of work, school, family and even traffic. If you have issues getting to practice on time, I suggest getting to know some of the other parents on the team to arrange a car pool or try to make arrangements with family members to coordinate getting your child to practice on time. Be on time to pick your child up from practice. We understand unexpected things come up, but please make every effort to be on time.



PRACTICE SITES

SATURDAYS ONLY

EDWARD VINCENT PARK (FORMERLY CENTINELA PARK) 700 WARREN LN, INGLEWOOD, CA 90302

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

CULVER CITY HIGH SCHOOL
4401 ELENDA STREET
CULVER CITY, CA 90230



Hard Work Yields Results

IF YOU PUT IN THE WORK, YOU WILL SEE THE RESULTS!

Hershey Youth Nationals

Lisle, Illinois June 30th – July 5th



1ST PLACE 9 & 10 YR OLD BOYS

Hershey Youth Nationals in Lisle, Illinois. Our 9-10 year old boys tie for 1st place for overall points.



MIRACLE JOHNSON 1ST PLACE
13-14 GIRLS SHOT PUT 12.91m



DARON ELAM 1ST PLACE
9-10 BOYS LONG JUMP 4.44m



RODRICK PLEASANT
4x400 - 1st place 4:24.27
100 m - 2nd place 12.94
400 m - 3rd place 1:02.19

R. BEMBURY, S. SHIGG
D. ELAM & R. PLEASANT
4x400 relay 4:24.27
1st place



JAYLON WELLS
9-10 BOYS
SHOT PUT 8.33m 4th place
JAVELIN 24.29m 4th place



LAURYN WILLIAMS
4 TIME OLYMPIAN



SETH SHIGG 800m
6th place 2:36.22



RYLIN BEMBURY
9-10 boys
400m 1:07.74 8th place

SHOT PUT GOALS & TIPS



Goal One: Shot Put Grip and Placement

1. Holding the shot put

- The shot is held at the base of the fingers, not the palm.
- The fingers are slightly spread apart with the thumb for support.
- The hand will be bent back in the cocked position when holding the shot. It looks like you are carrying a pizza.

2. Neck placement

- Raise the shot above your head.
- Lower the shot straight down until it is under your jaw.
- Push the shot into your neck.
- Lift your elbow parallel to the floor. Don't squeeze your elbow towards your back.
- Check to see that your thumb is pointing down towards your clavicle.
- The palm should be pointing towards the throwing direction.

Goal Two: Delivery of the Shot Put

1. Delivery of the shot

- Eyes to the ceiling.
- Punch the shot away from the neck.
- Keep the elbow high at all times. Lowering the elbow can cause the shot to be thrown like a baseball and could result in an injury.
- Finish the punch with a flip of the wrist.
- The left side of the body will be stopped and locked to help form the block.
- The left arm will be tucked close to the side of the body.

2. Drills used to teach the delivery

- Wrist Flips - Use this drill for proper release of the shot.

- a) The thrower will stand facing the sector.
- b) The thrower starts with the shot above his head in his throwing hand
- c) The thrower will flip the shot out of his hand

Two Arm Putts - Use this drill for **Goal Three: Power Position**

1. Body position in the power position

- The thrower will stand perpendicular to the throwing direction.
- The feet position will be shoulder width apart or a little wider with left foot slightly behind the right foot (toe heel relationship).
- The right foot will be perpendicular to the throwing direction.
- The thrower needs to be in an athletic position.
- Power Position: The thrower will shift 80% percent of his/her weight onto the right leg.
- The thrower will twist his/her upper body completely opposite the throwing direction.
- This position from up above will look like an X.
- The chest, knee and toe should be in line with each other.
- The thrower places the shot into his/her neck.
- The left arm will be extended and out from the body with a right angle relationship to the right elbow.

2. Throwing from the power position

- Over exaggerate the use of the legs in the throw especially the hips.
- Sequence of the throw will be legs - hips - back - arm.
- Push the weight from right leg to the left leg in an upwards direction.
- When driving up with your legs your right heel (hips) needs to be turned out.
- There will be a stretch reflex reaction between your upper body and lower body.

- The upper body will start coming around.
 - proper release of the shot.
- a) The thrower will stand facing the sector.
 - b) Place the shot in both hands in chest pass position.
 - c) Check that the hands are behind the shot and the thumbs are down.
 - d) Push the shot out with both hands, make sure the elbows stay high.
 - e) Flip the wrists at the end of the throw.
 - f) This throw can also be done with a medicine ball.

- Arm Strike - Use this drill for the arm delivery in the shot put.
- a) The thrower will be standing tall facing the throwing direction
 - b) The thrower will place the shot against his neck.
 - c) The thrower will sky the eyes to the ceiling and push the shot away from his neck focusing on driving through the shot towards the throwing area.
 - d) The thrower needs to flip the wrist at the end.

- Bent Knee - Use this drill for the arm delivery in the shot put and show the importance of legs
- a) The thrower will be facing the throwing direction with bent knees.
- b) The thrower will place the shot against his neck.
- c) The thrower will sky the eyes to the ceiling and push the shot away from his neck focusing on driving through the shot towards the throwing area.
- d) While the thrower is pushing the shot out he/she will push up with the legs extending the hips out. As your upper body comes around sweep the left arm around and then bring it tight to your body.
- Stop the left side of your body to aid in accelerating the shot.
- Deliver the shot as mentioned above.

3. Drills used to teach throwing from the power position

- Twists - Use this drill for warm-up and to emphasize the importance of the legs.
- a) The athlete faces the sector with toes pointed straight.
 - b) Place shot against the neck.
 - c) Bend the knees.
 - d) Twist the body to the right and down.
 - e) Extend legs and hips then throw as explained in the bent knee drill.

- 1-2 Drill - Use this drill to teach the thrower to keep the shot back on the hip.
- a) The thrower gets into the power position with a shot against the neck.
 - b) On the command of "one" he opens his left arm to the throwing direction and turns his heel out. Check to see if the shot has stayed in place at the back of the ring.
 - c) On the command of "two" the thrower completes the throw - sling shot effect.

Goal Four: Glide Position

1. Body position in the glide

- Stand at the back of the ring facing away from the throwing direction.
- Place shot against your neck.
- Put your body in an athletic position facing away from the sector.
- Extend your left arm out - relaxed.
- Extend the left leg back towards the toe board.
- Most of the body weight should be on the right leg.

2. Gliding into the power position

- Tap your left leg for balance.
- Draw up the left knee even with the right knee, remember to keep the left leg straight.

- Do not allow your left leg to curl behind the right leg.
- Allow your hips to start to fall.
- Violently extend your left leg towards the toe board, do not lift up with your back.
- Push and then pull your right leg underneath you, it will look like the last part of your body leaving the circle is your right heel.

3. Drills used to teach the glide

- Hip Fall - Use this drill to teach the hip fall action in the glide
- a) The thrower will start in an athletic position with his right hand up against his

- neck and his left hand extended out in front.
- b) The thrower will let the hips fall past his heels.
- c) Once the hips go past the heels he will pull his legs back underneath him.

- A Drill - Use for left leg drive.

- a) Start in glide position.
- b) Drive your left leg towards the toe board close to the ground.
- c) Straighten your right leg where the only thing touching is your heel.
- d) The finished position with your legs will be an upside down Y.

- Step Under - Use this drill for teaching the glide.

- a) The athlete will first do an A drill.
- b) On command the athlete will pull the right leg underneath their body turning the right foot at the same time.

- Step Backs - Use this for teaching the thrower to travel across the ring

- a) The thrower will start in a glide position.
- b) The thrower will take one step back with his/her right leg to the middle of the ring.
- c) The thrower will then take another step back with the left leg towards the toe board.
- d) Make sure the shoulders do not come around.
- e) The thrower should be ready to put the shot