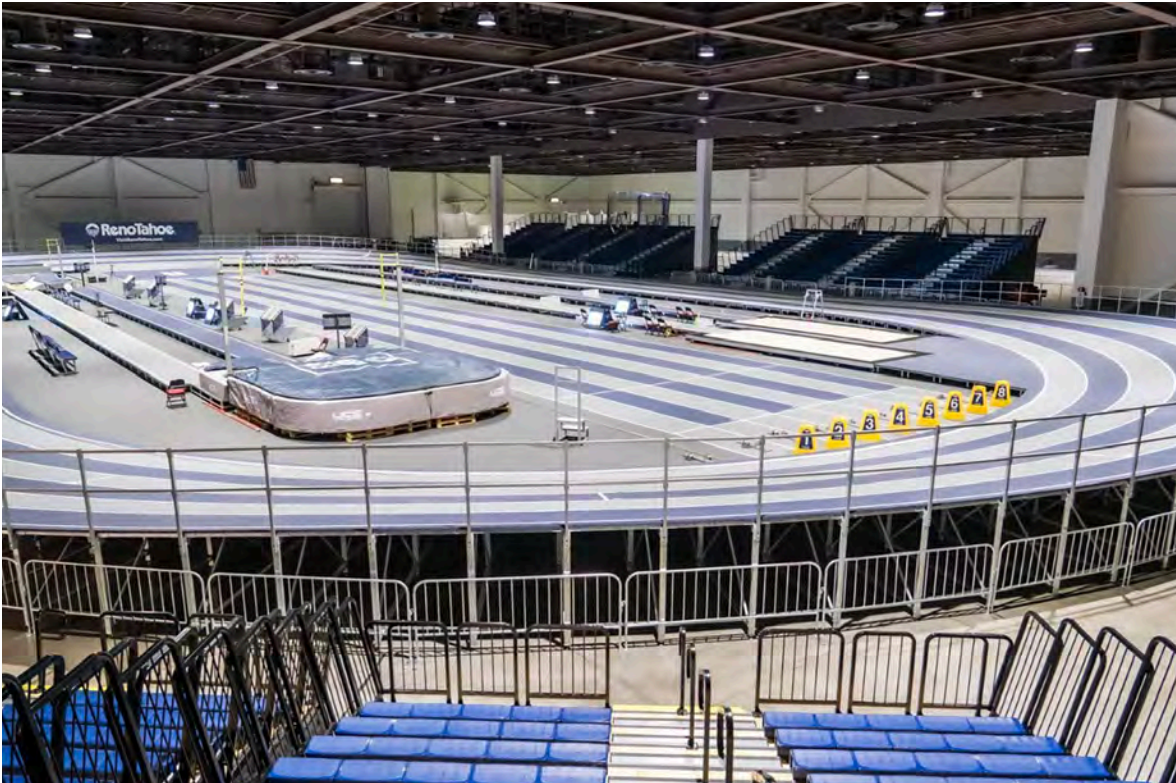


# RENO HOLIDAY INVITE HIGHLIGHTS

December 28 & 29, 2024 at the Reno Sparks Convention Center

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The Venue: Reno Indoor Track!

RENO – Eight hundred athletes converged on the Reno-Sparks Convention Center for two days of non-stop track and field action in late December, christening the blue-and-silver 200-meter oval that gives the Pacific Association one of the premier indoor facilities in the country.

Indoor track has been largely dormant on the West Coast for the last 20 or 30 years, but the new facility in Reno gives athletes in the western United States a chance to sharpen their early-season conditioning and meet national qualifying standards in the junior, collegiate, open and masters divisions.

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“We’re extremely excited about having indoor track back in Reno,” said PAUSATF executive director John Mansoor, who directed a couple of high-caliber open meets in Reno in the 1990s. “We look forward to more great meets like the Reno Holiday Invite in this world-class facility.”

The USATF Pacific Holiday Invite provided a taste of what’s to come - 1,600 entries participated in 160 events, held over two days in this spectator-friendly setting. The Mondo USA track is a 12-inch fixed banked oval with six 42” wide running lanes; eight 48” wide lanes on the infield for sprints and hurdles; two high jump, two long and triple jumps and two pole vaults on the infield; a dedicated shot put and weight throw area with protective barriers outside the oval; and expandable seating for 1,200.

In addition to being the host facility for the University of Nevada’s track program, the Convention Center will also be the site of the [USATF Pacific Association Championships](#) (Feb. 1-2) and the [USATF Pacific Presidents’ Invite](#) on Feb. 15-17.

Reno Holiday Invite results may be viewed [HERE](#).

Highlights from the Reno Holiday Invitational (Dec. 28-29) include:

- The brother-and-sister duo, Khaliq and Jathiyah Muhammad of Pittsburg CA, showed outstanding early-season form in the pole vault. Jathiyah, a freshman at the University of Arizona, cleared 13 feet, 6 1.4 inches in the womens’ open event, and Khaliq, a senior at Pittsburg High School, vaulted 16-4 3/4.

More photos and highlights continue.





- Ava Torgersen (left) of Oakland, an up-and-coming star in race walking, won the girls 13-14 1,500-meter walk in 7 minutes, 48.08 seconds.
- In the girls 17-18 55-meter hurdles, Lydia Lindsey of Fruitland, Idaho, clocked 8.37 seconds to edge Rse Kasper of Niwot, Colo. (8.38).
- In the women's open/masters 60-meter dash, Cal Poly graduate Shereese Cutler won in 8.03.
- Jazzmin Williams of Sacramento clocked a personal-best 7.29 to win the girls 17-18 55-meter dash. Naeemah Grant-Gurganious of Dublin was second in 7.35.
- Anik Singh of Campbell won the boys 17-18 high jump with a 6-3 1/4 clearance.

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- On the left , Joseph Garcia of the Golden State Throwers won the boys 17-18 weight throw with a toss of 66-9.



- Above right, George Mathews, 81, won the masters weight throw at 48-2.
- On the left, ready to hurdle, is one of the PA's most decorated athletes, Joy Upshaw, who won the women's open-masters 60-meter hurdles in 10.40.

### **More Reno Indoor Track Opportunities!**

- February 1-2 is the USATF Pacific Indoor Track & Field Championships. The [deadline to enter](#) is Jan. 7 at 11:59 pm PST.
- February 15-17 is the Presidents' Invite with an [entry deadline](#) of January 15.