

# WHAT TO EXPECT: THE REUNIFICATION PROCESS

A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and/or Coaches

To help ensure a safe, secure, and positive experience for all our young athletes, we have a reunification process in place for athletes **aged 10 and under at all USATF National Championships.**

## 1 *Pick up identification wristband from packet pickup.*

Whoever initially picks up the packet (usually a coach or parent) will receive a reunification pickup wristband for the 10 & under athlete(s) associated with that packet. **This wristband will match the athlete's bib number(s) and is required to pick up your athlete from the reunification area.** To get a wristband you will need to fill out a form in packet pick-up so that we can keep record of this information.

## 2 *Need more wristbands or a replacement band?*

No problem! If another parent, guardian, or coach also needs one, they can request additional pickup wristbands at packet pickup — just be sure to bring a valid photo ID & be listed as the child's emergency contact on their USATF Connect Profile, or for a coach, that they are listed on the Clubs Connect Profile. If a wristband gets lost, simply visit packet pickup with a photo ID to get a replacement.

## 3 *Find your way to the reunification tent after the race.*

Once your child finishes their race, they'll be guided by volunteers to the reunification area. While they wait for pickup, they'll have access to water, Gatorade, and a comfortable spot to rest. **Only individuals wearing a matching pickup wristband will be allowed to check out the athlete,** so please make sure to wear your corresponding wristband and come pick up your athlete promptly after their event.

For any questions or more information, check us out at

<https://www.usatf.org/safe-sport>