



## **Georgia Track Club Launches from the Starting Blocks**

*New professional track and field team features eight Olympic medalists and other elite, Georgia athletes, including Angelo Taylor, Terrence Trammell, Chaunte Lowe, Deedee Trotter, Reese Hoffa, Aries Merritt, Jarryd Wallace and Christian Taylor.*

ATLANTA, June 23rd, 2014 – The Georgia Track Club (GTC) is proud to announce it's founding, with its inaugural year starting fast with the USA Track and Field Outdoor Championships running June 26-29 in Sacramento, California. The USATF National Championships are the capstone for the domestic season before these athletes leave for the summer to compete in Europe. GTC athletes should fair well in Sacramento as many of them are Olympic and World Championship medalists.

The GTC's mission is to support local Olympic and professional track and field athletes in their pursuit of medals by creating opportunities for these athletes to serve the community of Georgia. The GTC believes that no other athlete is more qualified to inspire and promote healthy living and good life habits than our own local Olympians. Our programs focus on fighting childhood obesity and improving high school graduation rates.

The GTC, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization registered with the IRS and state of Georgia, is seeking both corporate sponsors and private donations to fund the current roster of athletes. Funding will go directly to the athletes in the form of yearly stipends and also to cover expenses for coaching, sports medicine treatment, travel and training. The goal is to allow GTC athletes to focus on their training and competition, as well as community outreach initiatives.

Founder, Dr. Josh Glass says it best: "Georgians have always rallied behind our local teams – the Falcons, Braves, Hawks, Bulldogs, Yellow Jackets and others – but have never had the opportunity to do the same for our track and field athletes".

The current GTC roster consists of the following 12 sprinters, hurdlers, jumpers and throwers: Angelo Taylor, Terrence Trammell, Chaunte Lowe, Deedee Trotter, Reese Hoffa, Aries Merritt, Christian Taylor, Justin Gaymon, Kristi Castlin, Monica Hargrove, and Alphonso Jordan. Their credentials include 42 championship medals, including eight Olympic gold medals, and American and world records. Additionally, Paralympian and world record holder Jarryd Wallace is also on the roster.

The GTC Board includes founders, Dr. Josh Glass and Georgia Tech Track & Field coach Nat Page and Olympic Gold Medalists Adam Nelson and Dwight Phillips. Collectively, it is one of the most decorated track and field clubs in the world, representing the highest levels of achievement in the sport. The GTC is fully endorsed and supported by the Track and Field Athlete Association (TFAA).

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