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Trinidad and Tobago 2012 Carifta medalist seeks T&T NAAA Junior Championships Medals

The NAAA will host the 2012 Junior Championships this weekend at the Hasely Crawford Stadium, Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd June. The meet will start at 9am each day.

Several junior athletes who competed and medaled at 2012 Carifta Games held in Bermuda in April will seek to claim their place on the medal table at this year's NAAA Junior Championships.

This year's Championships will be keenly contested since many are aspiring to achieve standard qualifying times and distances with the hopes of representing this country at the CAC Junior Championships, which will be held in San Salvador and also the IAAF World Juniors Championships to be held in Barcelona Spain.

Leading the way will be double gold medalist at Carifta 2011 and silver medalist in 2012, Machel Cedenio, who will compete in the boy's under 18 age group in the 400m. Machel clocked a personal best time in the 400m at the just concluded Quantum invitational Classic in a time of 46.73. Jonathan Farinha who won Gold at this year's Carifta games in the 200m in a time of 21:28 will also compete in the boy's under 18 age group.

Bronze Medalist in the 4x400m relay at the World Indoor Championships Jereem Richards will double in the 200m and the 400m event in the boy's under 20 division. Jereem who has been having a good season also had a PB in the 200m in 20.82 at the Quantum Invitational Classic.

Top world junior javelin thrower Keshorn Walcott will attempt to better his Olympic 'B' qualifying standard of 80.11. Keshorn made his 'B' qualifying standard distance at the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) centennial anniversary meet, in Havana, Cuba last Sunday.

In the field event, bronze medalist at Carifta Shariann Charles will compete in the girl's under 18 discus throw, while Shaunna Downey will compete in the girl's under 20 discus throw.

In the girl's under 18 100m, Jessica King and Kayelle Clarke will bid for the champion medal, while in the boy's under 18 100m, Nicholas Douglas, John Mark Constantine and Breon Mullings will all seek to attain the qualifying standard times. Several other top junior athletes will be on show at the Junior Championships this weekend June 2nd and June 3rd at the Hasely Crawford Stadium, Port of Spain.
Entrance fee: FREE on both days

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