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## CANDACE HILL IS THE FASTEST FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF ALL TIME

### URNS PRO AND JOINS TEAM ASICS

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**USPA NEWS** - With the landmark deal, record-setting 16-year-old high school phenom becomes the youngest American sprinter to turn pro and will exclusively race and train in ASICS footwear and apparel. Record-setting 16-year-old sprinter Candace Hill, known as 'the fastest girl in the world,' has signed...

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She is the youngest American sprinter ever to turn pro and will compete in her first meet as a professional "" racing in head-to-toe ASICS "" in Birmingham, Ala. next month.

Candace Hill made history this summer when she became the first female high school athlete to run a sub 11-second 100 meter sprint. Her time of 10.98 seconds, which she clocked in Seattle last June, would have given her a seventh place finish at the London 2012 Olympic Games and would have tied for silver at the Beijing 2008 Olympic Games.

Currently a junior at Rockdale County High School in Conyers, Ga., Candace Hill has her sights set on the world stage "" and on continuing to excel in her studies at school.

With the signing, Candace Hill joins the Team ASICS roster of elite athletes which includes Olympians and World Champions Deena Kastor, Kerri Walsh Jennings, Gwen Jorgensen, Alysia Montano, Queen Harrison, Ryan Hall, Jordan Burroughs, and more.

Candace Hill is currently enrolled in Rockdale County High School's Magnet School for Technology and Science, where she has a weighted GPA of 4.6 and has multiple Advanced Placement (AP) classes on her schedule this year. The brand is committed to her educational success and will support her academic journey and pursuit of an undergraduate degree.

Candace Hill began running track at a young age and in a few short years became the second female athlete to win both sprint events at the IAAF World Youth Championships, racing to a commanding first place finish in both sprint distances in July 2015.

She also set World Youth Records in both the 100 meters and 200 meters this summer, and was named the 2014-15 American Family Insurance ALL-USA Girls Track and Field Team Athlete of the Year. She was also named Youth Athlete of the Year by USA Track and Field earlier this month. As a professional athlete, she will continue her studies at Rockdale County High School and expects to graduate in June 2017 with honors.

She will be coached by Tony Carpenter, who joins the coaching staff that has guided her on the track the past three years, and will be represented by the Boston-based Global Athletics & Marketing, Inc., a premier athlete representation and sports marketing firm.

As the newest member of Team ASICS, she will also have the opportunity to work with the ASICS Institute of Sport Science (ISS), the brand's global research and development center, and provide feedback on the ASICS footwear and apparel that will help her perform at her very best.

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