

**Minutes of the Boys/Girls Track and Field Advisory Committee
September 12, 2017**

The IHSA Track & Field Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 2:00 p.m. Voting Committee members present were: Ed Ernst, Coach, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep); Mark Anderson, Coach, Cary (C.-Grove); Rob Harvey, Coach, Wheaton (W. Warrenville South); Mike Tresnak, Principal, Roanoke (R.-Benson); Argie Johnson, Coach, Champaign (Central); Joey Dion, Athletic Director, Jacksonville High; Jennifer Cartwright, Coach, Chester; John Polka, Meet Manager; Geza Ehrentreu, Coordinator of Officials. Other guests and non-voting members present were: Mark Tacchi, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association (North); Mike Garcia, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association (South); Mike Stokes, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association (North); Nicole Schaeffbauer, IESA Track & Field Administrator; Kraig Garber; IHSA Asst. Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item VII- C: IHSA State Series T&F Qualifying Standards:

Recommendation: To adopt the following qualifying standards. Using the same process as last year, the Sectional Qualifying Standards for the Boy's and Girls' State Finals will be determined in the following manner. The Qualifying Standards for each individual and relay event will be calculated for classes 1A and 3A by determining the 21st place time from all sectionals. Then that time will be used to obtain an average of the last FIVE years average times in each event. For class 2A, a THREE-year average of the 16th place time in individual events and relays was used. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 17-18 seasons are:

Event	1A Girls		2A Girls		3A Girls	
	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
LJ	16-2	16-3	17-1	17-1	17-6	17-6
PV	9-1	9-0	9-6	9-7	10-3	10-3
HJ	5-1	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-3	5-2
SP	35-9	35-8	38-0	37-2	38-0	38-2
TJ	33-6	33-7	34-9	34-11	35-11	36-0
DISC	107-6	108-8	112-2	112-10	116-11	117-6
4 X 800	10:23.87	10:25.50	9:53.97	9:58.52	9:34.47	9:35.97
4 X 100	:52.01	:52.03	:50.28	:50.03	:49.45	:49.39
3200	12:12.49	12:12.84	11:35.71	11:37.38	11:08.33	11:08.94
100 HH	:16.60	:16.52	:15.86	:15.73	:15.59	:15.53
100	:12.96	:12.97	:12.74	:12.66	:12.61	:12.60
800	2:27.62	2:27.21	2:22.12	2:21.82	2:19.88	2:19.77
4 X 200	1:51.28	1:51.42	1:47.57	1:47.13	1:45.69	1:45.52
400	1:02.15	1:02.19	1:00.19	1:00.36	:59.28	:59.28
300 LH	:48.72	:48.70	:47.72	:47.52	:46.91	:46.82
1600	5:33.95	5:35.45	5:21.00	5:19.32	5:10.01	5:09.66
200	:26.99	:27.00	:26.23	:25.97	:26.01	:25.98
4 X 400	4:17.57	4:18.16	4:09.20	4:09.24	4:04.48	4:04.53

Event	1A Boys		2A Boys		3A Boys	
	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18	16-17	17-18
LJ	20-11	20-10	21-4	21-7	22-1	22-1
PV	12-5	12-2	13-1	13-0	13-7	13-6
HJ	6-1	6-1	6-3	6-3	6-3	6-2
SP	47-9	47-9	49-2	49-6	52-7	52-7
TJ	41-5	41-2	42-7	42-8	44-4	44-4
DISC	142-10	141-6	144-6	145-10	157-9	154-7
4 X 800	8:33.80	8:34.97	8:10.64	8:12.81	7:58.96	8:01.67
4 X 100	:44.33	:44.44	:43.39	:43.48	:42.66	:42.73
3200	10:10.98	10:08.33	9:42.98	9:47.82	9:26.72	9:29.48
110 HH	:15.91	:15.96	:15.29	:15.24	:15.02	:15.00
100	:11.38	:11.38	:11.08	:11.12	:10.99	:10.95
800	2:02.66	2:02.79	1:59.94	2:00.05	1:57.31	1:56.92
4 X 200	1:33.47	1:33.76	1:30.81	1:31.37	1:29.30	1:29.43
400	:51.80	:52.01	:51.10	:51.05	:50.10	:50.16
300 IH	:41.57	:41.58	:40.43	:40.68	:39.74	:39.78
1600	4:39.11	4:39.53	4:27.65	4:28.06	4:20.94	4:21.67
200	:23.11	:23.12	:22.55	:22.63	:22.26	:22.12
4 X 400	3:32.37	3:33.66	3:27.17	3:27.92	3:23.31	3:24.07

Rationale: The advisory committee feels that we are on the right track by using this system. Using an objective system should be easier to use, easier to defend and provides fair standards for competitors. If necessary, the system is adjustable by using a different average sectional time, a different average (i.e.: 4 years), or simply by maintaining the prior year's standard for one or more events. The Assistant Executive Director working with the Track & Field advisory committee has reserved the right to make changes if it is obvious that this would be necessary in order to protect the integrity of the meet.

Approved by Consent

2. Item VIII-F Tournament Rules – Running Events

Recommendation: The committee recommends the following change to the Terms & Conditions:

- 6) ~~The 1600 and 3200 Meter Runs will start from the International (waterfall) start line. These races will not be started in alleys during the state series.~~
- 6) At the Sectional & State Finals, Super Alleys will be used for the 4x800 Meter Relay, 800, 1600, and 3200 Meter Runs. In the event that a state series track is not marked for the purpose of starting a race using Super Alleys, then the International (Waterfall) Start Line will be used for the 1600 and 3200 Meter Runs, and the 800 Meter Run and 4x800 Meter Relay will start using Alleys.

Rationale: Members of the committee expressed that the International (Waterfall) Start Line hinders distance runners at the start of the race due to crowding issues and the lack of restrictions for breaking to the inside.

Died for Lack of Motion

3. Item VIII-K Tournament Rules – Scoring

Recommendation: The committee supports the recommendation to delete/move the information from the Terms & Conditions pertaining to the Combined Team Championship. The revised language is proposed below:

K. Scoring:

- 1) Sectional Meets: In the Sectional meets; six (6) places will be counted in determining the winning team. First, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth places will count 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 and 1 points, respectively. Points in the relay events will be scored the same as each of the individual events. **There is no combined team championship at the sectional level. In addition, schools entering only individuals in the Able Bodied Division will not score team points. In the traditional sectional meet, team points will be awarded only to schools that are entered as a team and have competed a minimum of 6 times during the current season.**
- 2) State Final Meet: In the State Final meet, nine (9) places will be counted in determining the team order. First, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth places will count 10, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2 and 1 points, respectively. Points in the relay events will be scored the same as each of the individual events.
Team points will be awarded to competitors in the Wheelchair Division only if the criteria for conducting a combined championship are met. This would allow for a combined team championship to be conducted (see criteria below in item 3). Schools entering only individuals in the Able Body Division will not score team points. Team points will only be awarded to schools that are entered as a team and have competed a minimum of 6 times during the current season.
- 3) Combined Championship:
 - a. The Combined State Championship will consist of schools, regardless of class, with athletes competing in the Track and Field State Championship along with students competing in the Wheelchair Division. Team points will be awarded to competitors in the Wheelchair Division and combined with the points earned by their teammates in the Track & Field State Finals in order to determine a Combined State Champion. A Combined State Championship will only be awarded if the following conditions are met:
 - ~~During the 2016-17 season, there must be at least five participants in the Wheelchair Division advancing to the State meet;~~
 - During the 2017-18 season, there must be at least six participants in the Wheelchair Division advancing to the State meet;
 - During the 2018-19 season, there must be at least eight participants in the Wheelchair Division advancing to the State meet.

Rationale: Separating this information will add clarity and prevent confusion regarding the Combined Team Championship.

Approved by Consent

4. Item VIII-K Tournament Rules – Scoring

Recommendation: The committee recommends scoring eight (8) places using the NFHS Rules for scoring (Individual = 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1; Relay = 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1). However, medals will only be awarded to the first six (6) finishers for each event.

Rationale: Committee concluded that most sectional sites are equipped with eight lane tracks and provide ample opportunity for eight finalists to compete and score. Members felt that six lane tracks will not prohibit this possibility as there are timed finals as opposed to semifinals. The committee also feels that scoring eight places will be consistent with the current practice at large invitational meets and conference meets. In addition, at state we score/medal nine as a direct result of competing on a nine-lane track.

Died for Lack of Motion

5. Item VI – Tournament Structure and Time Schedules - IHSA State Final Time Schedule

Recommendation: On Saturday of the State Finals for both the girls' and boys' weekends, the committee recommends running all six sections of the 3200 Meter Run consecutively in the normal order of events as opposed to the current practice of running three sections prior to the start of the 4x800 Meter Relay and the other three sections during the normal progression of events (after the 4x100 Meter Relay).

Rational: Currently, the earlier time slot for the first three sections of the 3200 Meter Run is approximately 2 hours before the other three sections. The morning hours could provide more favorable temperatures for the first section than that of the second section in the early afternoon. Running all sections at the same time of day will more than likely even the playing field in this regard.

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ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The committee had the opportunity to view all items submitted to Kraig Garber. Listed below are the topics that received discussion from members of the committee.

LIST OF DISCUSSION TOPICS FOR TRACK AND FIELD 2017-18

1. The committee discussed the potential for using Athletic.net for the purpose of tracking and entering seed times for the State Series. It was mentioned that this would streamline the List of Participants process because by taking time/distance entries out of coaches' hands, could eliminate/reduce the possibility for error. Members of the committee felt that it would also protect the integrity of the process and potentially prevent/reduce coaches contesting times/distances at seeding meetings because the data is uploaded from the scoring program instead of being hand entered. This topic will continue to be reviewed by the IHSA.
2. The committee discussed the topic of holding additional state qualifying meets other than just a singular sectional qualifying meet. Members of the committee expressed that there are many questions surrounding how to make this work effectively. In addition, there were concerns that this could have a long term negative impact on the excitement and anticipation of track and field state series events.
3. Ideas were discussed about how to improve the coaching visibility for the high jump at the State Meet. Meet management will continue to discuss and consider logistical options.
4. The idea of providing flexibility for coaches with their 28 individual event entries (i.e. allowing them to enter up to three in an event) was discussed. The committee felt that this is not a recommendation that we need to make at this time.
5. The possibility of conducting online sectional seeding meetings was discussed. The committee felt that important procedural items regarding the meet were sorted out at the seeding meeting and that some of those topics would be difficult to complete if the seeding meeting were conducted online. Therefore, the committee did not feel it was in a position to make a recommendation for this at this time.
6. The committee discussed the idea of rotating the classes in regard to which day/time each class will engage in preliminary competition at the State Meet. Members of the committee felt that coaches should be surveyed regarding this topic before making this recommendation. Members of ITCCA have agreed to conduct this survey.
7. There was a discussion concerning the possibility for conducting Co-ed Sectional and State Final Meets. There were several concerns and questions raised about this topic. The committee felt that it is important to leave the State Finals as they are because the current status of the State Meet has been a fantastic experience for student athletes for years. They did not see a need for change in this regard.
8. There was an update regarding the potential use of laser measurement devices for the horizontal jumps and throws at the State Meet. There is a possibility that it could be incorporated as early as this year, but meet management is working on sorting out the details.

9. Members of the committee expressed concern over the use of media passes by both high school and club coaches at the State Meet. They were concerned about the level of accessibility to the athletes that this gave them, and they felt that this could certainly create an unfair advantage. Meet management will consider ways to ease these concerns.
10. Communication at the State Meet was discussed. Meet management will use Twitter as the source of communication at the State Meet. Coaches can follow meet announcements through @IHSAweather and @KraigGarber.