

**Minutes of the Boys / Girls Track and Field Advisory Committee
September 10, 2008**

The IHSA Track & Field Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. and concluded at approximately 2:30 p.m. Voting Committee members present were: Joe Skowronski, Athletic Director, Flossmoor (Homewood-F.); Jeff Butler, Boys Track Coach at Monticello; Chris Lacy, Girls Track Coach at Rock Falls; Ed Adams, Athletic Director, Chicago Leo; Bruce Paisley, Athletic Director at Virden; Mike Schmidt, Boys Track Coach at Burlington (Central); Greg Jones, Principal at Sparta, John Polka, Meet Manager. Other guests and non-voting members present were: Owen Fuller, Official; Glenn Cothorn, Official; Jerry Parsons, Illinois Track Coaches Association; Nicole Schaeftbauer, IESA Asst. Executive Director, Don Helberg, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association-North; Andy Preuss, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association-North; Mike Garcia, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association- South; Roland Brent, Illinois Track & Cross Country Coaches Association-South; Ron McGraw; IHSA Asst. Executive Director.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Item V-B-2: Coaches attendance at Sectional Seeding Meetings is NOT MANDATORY (Proposed Change to the Current Terms and Conditions)

Recommendation: For item V-B-2 to read that Coaches are not required to attend Sectional Seeding Meetings. However, attendance is HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. The athletes from any school not represented will still be seeded fairly by those coaches in attendance, but the school not in attendance forfeits the opportunity to help make decisions commonly made at seeding meetings. Obviously coaches not in attendance will not be able to defend the seed times they have provided for the seeding of their athletes. If a time is questioned by the coaches in attendance they may choose (as a majority of those present) not to accept that time. If that should happen, the athlete would be seeded last with no time.

Rationale: While it remains to be in any athlete's best interest for their coach to be present at the time of actual seeding, it is not necessary in order to complete the seeding process. Athletes eligibility should not be placed at risk because their coach fails to attend the seeding meeting. Attendance at seeding meetings is not required in any other sport. However, because of the other numerous important discussions that take place at a Sectional Seeding Meeting, it will continue to be highly recommended that each school has a coach or administrator present.

approved

2. VII.-N: State Final 3200 seeding

Recommendation: The 3200 State Finals will be conducted in two equal sections so long as the total number of contestants is more than twenty five (25). If less than six (6) competitors check in to run in the first section, the six runners will be directed by the Clerk's tent to report back to compete in the second section. A first section of the 3200 run will not be conducted with less than six (6) competitors.

Rationale: It is not considered fair to the competitors to compete in this event with less than six (6) participants. It is best to prepare for this scenario now, before it would actually develop at a State Final.

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3. Item VII.-C-1, 2, 3, 4 Qualifying Standards

Recommendation: The following changes to qualifying standards have been proposed by the advisory committee:

1A Girls – Remain the same as the class A standards from 2007-2008

2A Girls – Shown below

Girls Class 2A Qualifying Standards for 2009		
No./Event	Manual	F.A.T.
1. 4 x 800-Meter Relay	10:12.0	10:12.24
2. 4 x 100-Meter Relay	:51.0	:51.24
3. Discus Throw	112-6	
4. 3200-Meter Run	11:54.0	11:54.24
5. 100-Meter High Hurdles	:15.8	:16.04
6. High Jump	5-1	
7. 100-Meter Dash	:12.4	:12.64
8. 800-Meter Run	2:23.7	2:23.94
9. Long Jump	16-10	
10. 4 x 200-Meter Relay	1:49.0	1:49.24
11. 400-Meter Dash	1:00.6	1:00.84
12. Pole Vault	9-0	
13. 300-Meter Low Hurdles	:47.6	:47.84
14. 1600-Meter Run	5:27.0	5:27.24
15. Shot Put	36-6	
16. 200-Meter Dash	:26.0	:26.24
17. 4 x 400-Meter Relay	4:11.5	4:11.74
18. Triple Jump	34-6	

3A Girls – Remain the same as the class AA standards from 2007-2008

Boys 1A – 4 X 100 – 44.4
 400 Meter Run - 51.5
 Long Jump 21' 3"
 Triple Jump 42' 3"

Boys 2A Shown below

Boys Class 2A Qualifying Standards for 2009:		
No./Event	Manual	F.A.T.
1. 4 x 800-Meter Relay	8:15.0	8:15.24
2. 4 x 100-Meter Relay	:43.7	:43.94
3. Discus Throw	148-0	
4. 3200-Meter Run	9:49.0	9:49.24
5. 110-Meter High Hurdles	:14.8	:15.04
6. High Jump	6-3	
7. 100-Meter Dash	:10.8	:11.04
8. 800-Meter Run	1:59.2	1:59.44
9. Long Jump	21-8	
10. 4 x 200-Meter Relay	1:31.7	1:31.94
11. 400-Meter Dash	50.7	50.94
12. Pole Vault	13-3	
13. 300-Meter Int. Hurdles	:40.3	:40.54
14. 1600-Meter Run	4:30.2	4:30.44

15. Shot Put	50-11	
16. 200-Meter Dash	:22.4	:22.64
17. 4 x 400-Meter Relay	3:28.0	3:28.24
18. Triple Jump	43-6	

Boys 3A - Remain the same as the class AA standards from 2007-2008

Rationale: Qualifying standards are reviewed annually. After review and discussion by the members of the T&F Advisory Committee, some are modified and some remain the same. The committee voted to have Ron McGraw attempt to verify standards for 2A based upon known times from sectional meets conducted last year. The standards will not be a copy of either the 1A or 3A standards, but rather it is likely to be some number in between.

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Note: Approved the Starting Times for the Three Class, Three Day Boys and Girls State Final and a change to allow Class 1A schools to get on the track on Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. to dark.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **Inclement Weather Policy for Thursday or Friday at the State Final Meets**
The suggestion was made to develop a plan that would mandate the meet be stopped on a Thursday or Friday night when we arrive at a specific time of day. All remaining events would then be conducted beginning at a specific time the next morning, with all events qualifying individuals on a times basis. Details are being discussed at this time.
2. **Online Rules Meetings**
The IHSA is seriously considering moving all Rules Meetings to the On-Line version. The committee supports the concept for T&F.
3. **Rotating the Classes Annually**
The concept of rotating the classes so that all classes eventually conduct their meet on Thursday was again reviewed. The original 3 class proposal had provided for the rotation to take place. However, since the change in 3 class enrollment figures was adopted by the Board of Directors, the size of the three meets is no longer roughly equal. Consequently, the class 1A meet will always be the largest of the three meets. Given this fact, there is no logic to rotating the meets as had been tentatively planned in the original proposal. The majority of the committee believed that the 1A meet should remain on Thursday and that the 2A and 3A meets should also remain constant. There will be no rotation of the classes. 1A will compete on Thursday, while 2A and 3A will compete on Friday (2A followed by 3A).

ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

The committee reviewed and discussed all comments and suggestions sent to Ron McGraw. Many ideas were discussed and considered during the 4 hour meeting. All items that received a motion and a second from our group were voted on by the committee members.

1. PV Coaching Box State Finals
2. PA announcements during the meets
3. Classification system and enrollment cut figures.
4. Starting over if a field event has to be moved inside after it has been started outside (not allowed by rule to "start over.")
5. Mandate FAT at all sectionals
6. Mandate 8 lanes at all sectionals

7. Develop on-line seeding meetings – The committee does not support the concept of performing the seeding meetings online. The committee believes that in T&F there is too much discussion not necessarily related to actual seeding that warrants the face to face seeding meetings.
8. Developing a schedule to be used by all sectional meet managers. Not supported.
9. Move at least the boy's sectional meets off of the same date as the Girls State Finals and IESA State Finals in an effort to reduce the pressure on the availability of quality T&F officials. There was again a motion to this effect but no 2nd. The concept was rejected by the AD Advisory one year ago. This is a critical concern that will in the very near future affect the number and quality of T&F officials available on that weekend. This matter will have to be addressed in the near future.
10. Qualify for the finals completely by time (no heat winners automatic qualification).
11. Sweats at the starting line during cold weather (use of common sense required).
12. Coaches use of cell phones during competition in restricted areas. Not supported.
13. Not separating competitors from the same school at the State Meet (we do not separate). An individual entered in 4 individual events and as a member of a relay, could be used in that relay if the individual was originally listed in the list of relay alternates, and had not already competed in the four total allowable events.
14. It is allowable to make a change at the seeding meeting in individual events. Any eligible athlete from the team may be used in the case of a substitution in an individual event.
15. In the case of a tie to the 1/100th it is appropriate to go to the 1/1000th when FAT is being used to determine advancement and final places (new NFHS rule).
16. Regarding races in alleys, discussed placing the top seeded runner in the outside position regardless of whether the starting line is straight or curved. Not supported.
17. Seeding the 1600, 800 and 4 X 800 in a non-serpentine fashion. Not supported.