

**Minutes of the Boys/Girls Track and Field Advisory Committee
September 11, 2018**

The IHSA Track & Field Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Voting Committee members present were: Ed Ernst, Coach, Chicago (St. Ignatius College Prep); Darwin Whitehead, Coach, Belvidere; Mark Tacchi, Coach, Glen Ellyn (Glenbard South); Mike Tresnak, Principal, Roanoke (R.-Benson); Argie Johnson, Coach, Champaign (Central); Jennifer Cartwright, Coach, Chester; Geza Ehrentreu, Coordinator of Officials. Other guests and non-voting members present were: Kelly Hass, ITCCCA President; John Polka, State Final Meet Manager; Nicole Schaeftbauer, 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, the following process will be used: The Qualifying Standards for each individual and relay event will be calculated for classes 1A and 3A by determining the FIVE year average of the 21st place time/distance/height from all sectionals. For class 2A, a FIVE year average of the 16th place time/distance/height in individual events and relays was used. Using this process, the proposed qualifying standards for the 18-19 season are:

Event	1A Girls		2A Girls		3A Girls	
	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
LJ	16-3	16-4	17-1	17-1	17-6	17-7
PV	9-0	9-0	9-7	9-7	10-3	10-3
HJ	5-0	5-0	5-1	5-1	5-2	5-3
SP	35-8	36-0	37-2	36-11	38-2	38-5
TJ	33-7	33-9	34-11	34-11	36-0	36-2
DISC	108-8	110-3	112-10	112-5	117-6	118-5
4 X 800	10:25.50	10:27.61	9:58.52	10:02.56	9:35.97	9:36.13
4 X 100	:52.03	:51.92	:50.03	:50.12	:49.39	:49.21
3200	12:12.84	12:17.08	11:37.38	11:44.25	11:08.94	11:09.00
100 HH	:16.52	:16.52	:15.73	:15.87	:15.53	:15.53
100	:12.97	:12.95	:12.66	:12.72	:12.60	:12.53
800	2:27.21	2:26.99	2:21.82	2:22.32	2:19.77	2:19.11
4 X 200	1:51.42	1:51.15	1:47.13	1:47.47	1:45.52	1:45.04
400	1:02.19	1:02.07	1:00.36	1:00.25	:59.28	:59.22
300 LH	:48.70	:48.69	:47.52	:47.69	:46.82	:46.67
1600	5:35.45	5:34.99	5:19.32	5:22.70	5:09.66	5:08.84
200	:27.00	:26.91	:25.97	:26.11	:25.98	:25.78
4 X 400	4:18.16	4:17.55	4:09.24	4:09.62	4:04.53	4:04.33

Event	1A Boys		2A Boys		3A Boys	
	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19	17-18	18-19
LJ	20-10	20-10	21-7	21-5	22-1	22-1
PV	12-2	12-3	13-0	13-0	13-6	13-8
HJ	6-1	6-1	6-3	6-2	6-2	6-3
SP	47-9	47-10	49-6	48-6	52-7	52-6
TJ	41-2	41-3	42-8	42-9	44-4	44-7
DISC	141-6	140-8	145-10	144-5	154-7	154-0
4 X 800	8:34.97	8:33.46	8:12.81	8:13.95	8:01.67	8:03.03
4 X 100	:44.44	:44.52	:43.48	:43.44	:42.73	:42.70

3200	10:08.33	10:10.33	9:47.82	9:50.95	9:29.48	9:28.74
110 HH	:15.96	:15.94	:15.24	:15.28	:15.00	:14.99
100	:11.38	:11.38	:11.12	:11.09	:10.95	:10.97
800	2:02.79	2:02.65	2:00.05	2:00.35	1:56.92	1:57.26
4 X 200	1:33.76	1:33.69	1:31.37	1:31.28	1:29.43	1:29.92
400	:52.01	:52.09	:51.05	:50.99	:50.16	:50.29
300 IH	:41.58	:41.64	:40.68	:40.54	:39.78	:39.84
1600	4:39.53	4:39.50	4:28.06	4:29.11	4:21.67	4:22.50
200	:23.12	:23.12	:22.63	:22.57	:22.12	:22.26
4 X 400	3:33.66	3:33.81	3:27.92	3:28.23	3:24.07	3:24.66

Rationale: 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. The boys and girls 2A standards were adjusted to take the five year average of 16th place from all sectionals as opposed to taking the three year average of 16th place as was done in past years. The committee expressed a desire to continue working toward using the same formula (five year average of 21st place from all sectionals) for all three classes.

Approved by Consent

2. III.F – On-line List of Participants

Recommendation: The List of Participants must be received by the IHSA Office by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 5 (Girls) and by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 12 (Boys).

Rationale: It has previously been Noon on Monday of sectionals week. First, the middle of the work day does not seem to be ideal for coaches as many of them are teaching or working at that time. The Sunday deadline will still allow them all weekend after a Friday or Saturday practice or meet to complete. This earlier deadline would also help our office tie up loose ends on Tuesday morning so that we can get the LOP files to the sectional hosts sooner.

Approved by Consent

3. VIII.E – Tournament Rules – Field Events – Wheelchair Division; VIII.F – Running Events – Wheelchair Division

Recommendation: In the Wheelchair Division the following modifications will apply. Students will be allowed to compete in throwing events from their wheelchair or from a throwing-specific chair (“field chair”). The field chair must comply with the Wheelchair Track & Field USA (WTFUSA) / International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Adaptive Track and Field USA (ATFUSA) and World Para Athletics (WPA) rules, or must comply with the following standards:

- The field chair sitting surface including the cushion must not exceed 75 cm in height.
- If the field chair has a holding bar, it must be fixed (no articulating joints).
- No part of the field chair may be outside the circumference of the circle.

For shot put and discus, the wheelchair or field chair must remain stationary during the competition. The athlete may have an individual hold the chair during the throw to prevent movement. The wheelchair or field chair

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may be anchored with straps to stakes in the ground. The stakes and straps may be in or outside the throwing circle. The athletes may use non-elastic straps to anchor them into the chair. Athletes may compete with one or both feet on or off the ground. If the athlete competes with a foot on the ground, the foot must be inside the circle and the athlete's buttocks may not rise off the seat of the chair until the implement ~~leaves their hand~~ lands.

The size and weight of the discus and shot for the Wheelchair Division shall be the same as used for all other female or male participants.

F. 7) If not specifically mentioned in this document the chair shall comply with ~~Wheelchair Track & Field USA (WTFUSA) / International Paralympic Committee (IPC)~~ Adaptive Track and Field USA (ATFUSA) and World Para Athletics (WPA) rules.

Rationale: All references to the International Paralympic Committee should be changed to World Para Athletics. This is the Sports Technical Committee for Track & Field within the IPC. All the Sports Technical Committees include the title "World Para" within their names. Each rulebook is issued by each technical committee. This narrows down the focus for rules references. In addition, performing a seated throw requires an athlete to remain seated throughout the completion of a throw. The throw is completed when the implement lands per ATFUSA and WPA rules.

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4. VIII.G.2 – Reporting to the Clerk of the Course

Recommendation: ~~Failure to be present for the final roll call will cause disqualification from the event. Contestants who fail to be present for the final roll call shall not be allowed to participate in that event.~~ Contestants who fail to be present for the final roll call shall not be allowed to participate in that event. The Head Clerk, who will ultimately take the final roll call, will have the authority to determine ~~disqualification if a contestant will not be allowed to run~~ disqualification if a contestant will not be allowed to run resulting from a late check-in. It is clearly the responsibility of the coach and athlete to report on time. ~~This type of disqualification~~ The Head Clerk's decision in this regard cannot be appealed.

Rationale: This update makes the language more consistent with the NFHS Rule regarding failing to report to the clerk.

Approved by Consent

5. VIII.K.1 – Scoring – Sectional Meets; X.A – Sectional Awards

Recommendation: The committee recommends that at the boys and girls sectional meet for all classes, all events will score eight places and award medals to eight places.

Rationale: Given that semi-finals have been eliminated and timed finals are now run at the sectionals, scoring/awarding six places due to some sectionals being run on a six lane track has become irrelevant. In addition, scoring/awarding eight places is very common practice at large regular season meets.

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6. VIII.K.4 – Scoring

Recommendation: Also, in all running events, ties for second place at sectional meets must be broken per NFHS Rule 3-8-3 in order to determine who will advance to the State Meet.

Rationale: The additional language is meant to clarify the rule and not change the original intent of the rule.

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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 with no action.

1. The committee discussed the new NFHS Rules for the 2019 Track & Field season.
2. The committee had a lengthy discussion about adding a third tier to qualify for the state finals. In essence, the proposal would establish the following: tier 1 would include the automatic 1st and 2nd place qualifiers from each event at each sectional (as is current practice); tier 2 would include all those athletes in each event who met or exceeded the qualifying standard as established by the advisory committee for each event at each sectional (as is current practice); tier 3 would create an at-large qualifying structure so that each event at the state final reached a minimum of 36 competitors. The committee expressed a desire to continue exploring the possibility of this proposal.
3. The committee discussed coaching areas for the field events (mainly the high jump). The IHSA will work with EIU to establish an area for coaches to view the high jump. Any changes to current practice will be explained in the State Final Qualifier Information for Officials & Schools link on the IHSA Track & Field webpage.
4. The committee discussed proposals regarding the State Final schedule (Running field events to completion instead of over two days; Order of the 3200m run).
5. The committee discussed the potential for Online Sectional Seeding Meetings.
6. The IHSA Assistant Executive Director explained that the IHSA will send coaches a confirmation email of their List of Participants entries as long as the coaches click the “Certify & Submit” button, and as long as they have a valid/current email address listed in Schools Center.
7. The committee discussed the proposal to allow individuals and relays the ability to qualify for the State Finals at meets other than the Sectional meets.
8. The committee discussed Sectional Host sites and the facility requirements for those sites.
9. The committee discussed super alleys vs. the waterfall start for the 1600m and 3200m runs.
10. The committee explored the possibility of measuring all field events in meters. It was recommended to consider posting results in both English measurements and meters and get people adjusted to the idea.
11. The committee discussed the need to maintain the practice of the sectional games committee being the group who establishes the starting heights for vertical jumping events at sectionals.
12. The committee discussed term limits for voting advisory committee members.
13. The committee discussed the possibility of establishing a Sectional time schedule.
14. The committee discussed sectional travel.
15. The committee discussed the use of electronic measurement at the State Final meet.
16. Circumstances surrounding the use of one triple jump board at the State Finals was discussed.