

**Minutes of the Boys/Girls Track and Field Advisory Committee
September 4, 2019**

The IHSA Track & Field Advisory Committee met in the IHSA Office in Bloomington, Illinois, on Tuesday, September 4, 2019. 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 Stumpe, Coach, Chester; Geza Ehrentreu, Coordinator of Officials. Other guests and non-voting members present were: Mike Stokes, 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 19-20 season are:

Event	1A Girls		2A Girls		3A Girls	
	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
LJ	16-4	16-5 (5.00m)	17-1	17-1 (5.20m)	17-7	17-7 (5.35m)
PV	9-0	9-0 (2.74m)	9-7	9-9 (2.97m)	10-3	10-3 (3.12m)
HJ	5-0	5-0 (1.52m)	5-1	5-1 (1.54m)	5-3	5-3 (1.60m)
SP	36-0	36-0 (10.97m)	36-11	36-7 (11.15m)	38-5	38-7 (11.76m)
TJ	33-9	33-11 (10.33m)	34-11	34-11 (10.64m)	36-2	36-5 (11.09m)
DISC	110-3	111-8 (34.03m)	112-5	112-3 (34.21m)	118-5	119-1 (36.29m)
4 X 800	10:27.61	10:31.77	10:02.56	10:09.59	9:36.13	9:36.93
4 X 100	:51.92	:51.70	:50.12	:50.07	:49.21	:49.20
3200	12:17.08	12:19.89	11:44.25	11:45.93	11:09.00	11:07.39
100 HH	:16.52	:16.53	:15.87	:15.97	:15.53	:15.49
100	:12.95	:12.95	:12.72	:12.69	:12.53	:12.49
800	2:26.99	2:27.56	2:22.32	2:23.23	2:19.11	2:19.49
4 X 200	1:51.15	1:50.82	1:47.47	1:47.64	1:45.04	1:44.87
400	1:02.07	1:02.04	1:00.25	1:00.26	:59.22	:59.18
300 LH	:48.69	:48.74	:47.69	:47.69	:46.67	:46.69
1600	5:34.99	5:36.90	5:22.70	5:24.45	5:08.84	5:08.14
200	:26.91	:26.89	:26.11	:26.13	:25.78	:25.72
4 X 400	4:17.55	4:17.79	4:09.62	4:10.59	4:04.33	4:04.32

Event	1A Boys	2A Boys	3A Boys
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	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20	18-19	19-20
LJ	20-10	20-10 (6.35m)	21-5	21-7 (6.57m)	22-1	22-2 (6.75m)
PV	12-3	12-2 (3.70m)	13-0	13-0 (3.96m)	13-8	13-8 (4.16m)
HJ	6-1	6-1 (1.85m)	6-2	6-2 (1.87m)	6-3	6-3 (1.90m)
SP	47-10	47-11 (14.60m)	48-6	48-7 (14.80m)	52-6	52-5 (15.97m)
TJ	41-3	41-3 (12.57m)	42-9	42-10 (13.05m)	44-7	44-8 (13.61m)
DISC	140-8	141-3 (43.05m)	144-5	145-2 (44.24m)	154-0	153-3 (46.71m)
4 X 800	8:33.46	8:33.28	8:13.9 5	8:16.81	8:03.03	8:02.59
4 X 100	:44.52	:44.54	:43.44	:43.50	:42.70	:42.77
3200	10:10.33	10:12.64	9:50.9 5	9:53.65	9:28.74	9:29.30
110 HH	:15.94	:16.00	:15.28	:15.29	:14.99	:15.15
100	:11.38	:11.37	:11.09	:11.12	:10.97	:11.00
800	2:02.65	2:02.83	2:00.3 5	2:00.80	1:57.26	1:57.75
4 X 200	1:33.69	1:33.90	1:31.2 8	1:31.24	1:29.92	1:30.04
400	:52.09	:52.06	:50.99	:51.10	:50.29	:50.29
300 IH	:41.64	:41.79	:40.54	:40.71	:39.84	:39.97
1600	4:39.50	4:39.80	4:29.1 1	4:31.13	4:22.50	4:23.68
200	:23.12	:23.11	:22.57	:22.57	:22.26	:22.33
4 X 400	3:33.81	3:33.91	3:28.2 3	3:28.84	3:24.66	3:25.13

Rationale: Using an objective system is 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. V.C – Tournament Assignments and Seeding Meetings; VI.C – Tournament Structure & Schedule; VII.C – Note; VII.C.1d – Qualifying Standards Information

Recommendation: The committee supported a motion to use metric measurements in all field events throughout the IHSA State Series. As a result, the English measurements and their metric conversion will be represented in the approved qualifying standards as a means to help athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators transition to the new system. For sectional seeding purposes, the English measurements for field events may still be entered into the List of Participants, but the program will be set up to automatically convert such measurements to metric. Additionally, for the IHSA State Series, implements must be weighed/measured in metric units.

Rationale: The NFHS permits either metric or English measurements in field events. Although English measurements are common in high school field events, measuring of fractions can sometimes be difficult to determine which can lead to questions of accuracy. Going to metric allows us to use factors of ten anywhere on the measuring tape. Also, at the state final meet, the laser measurement devices and programs for the field events are more easily coordinated when using metric units. Lastly, outside of the high school community, metric measurements for field events is widely accepted as the national and international standard.

Approved by Board Vote

3. VII.C – Advancement of Winners

Recommendation: The committee recommends adopting a three-tiered system for qualifying to the IHSA State meet in all classes of boys and girls track and field. The first tier would be determined by finishing first or second in an event at the IHSA Sectional competition (current practice). The second tier would be determined by meeting the approved qualifying standards (current practice). The third tier of qualification would entail filling the fields in all events (except for high jump and pole vault) to 36 competitors IF the field did not reach that size through the first two tiers. Those who qualify in an event by means of tier three would be determined through an at-large selection from all sectionals in that class until that event reaches 36 competitors. If, during the tier three at-large selection, a tie occurs for 36th place in an event, then the tied athletes will NOT advance. There is no reliable method for adding exactly 36 competitors in the high jump and pole vault as multiple ties are likely in those events. As such, the high jump and pole vault will continue to use first and second tier qualifying only.

Rationale: This change would largely standardize the IHSA state meets for each gender and each class. This would also balance the number of qualifiers in each class. Such an expansion could potentially be accomplished with minimal impact on the length of the IHSA State Prelim competitions. This would not impact the finals on Saturday.

Died for Lack of Motion

4. VIII.K.1 – Scoring – Sectional Meets

Recommendation: The committee recommends that at the boys and girls sectional meet for all classes, all events will score eight places. This proposal will only impact scoring as medals will continue to be awarded only to the top six.

Rationale: Given that semi-finals have been eliminated and timed finals are now run at the sectionals, scoring 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.

Died for Lack of Motion

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 discussed proposals regarding the State Final schedule (Order of the 3200m run).
3. The committee discussed super alleys vs. the waterfall start for the 1600m and 3200m runs.
4. The committee discussed the potential for using Athletic.Net, Direct Athletics or Max Preps for sectional entry and seeding purposes.
5. The committee discussed the possibility of doubling relay points for the state series and the potential impacts that it would have.

6. There was a discussion about a request to allow coaches to rate sectional sites. The committee felt that the Meet Referee Checklist that is currently used is appropriate for determining flaws at sectional sites.
7. There was a discussion about the two-call system for events at the State Final meet. The committee felt that the two-call system along with the published meet time schedule is appropriate.
8. There were concerns about the lack of volunteers at sectional meets in areas of the state. As a reminder, the Terms and Conditions state the following: *All schools participating in the sectional meets are required to make available to the sectional host, one qualified volunteer to be assigned by the sectional host to work the meet. **This became mandatory beginning with the 09-10 State Series.** Adequate and competent help is critical to the success of all sectional T&F meets. Please help to ensure the success of your sectional meet by providing a qualified volunteer. **If the school fails to provide a quality volunteer, then a coach from that school's team must serve as a volunteer.** This will be true even if the school only has one coach, so head coaches are encouraged to get involved with their athletic director to ensure that this obligation has been met.*
9. There was a discussion about the need for additional volunteers at the State Final meet during the girls weekend. Due to the number of track and field related events occurring during the Girls State Final weekend, the IHSA has been unable to fill all volunteer roles. For those able and willing to help out during this weekend, please email Cheryl Lowery (clowery@ihsa.org) at the IHSA.
10. The IHSA has established a new method for submitting advisory committee proposals for all sports and activities. Proposals will no longer be collected at the Sectional Seeding meeting and forwarded to Kraig Garber. Coaches and administrators must now submit all advisory committee proposals through a link in Schools Center. There will be more information to come.