



IHSA State Track & Field Meet Information for Schools at Eastern Illinois University

Meet Dates: Girls- May 19-21

Boys- May 25-27

This information was put together to allow schools to familiarize themselves with procedures and information prior to the state track meets. We hope your stay is enjoyable. EIU representatives will be wearing housing staff shirts. Please contact them if you have any questions.

New initiatives to bring your attention to:

State Final Free Digital Programs (Available Wednesday, prior to the State Meet): You can download a digital program prior to arriving at the state meet at the following link: <https://www.ihsa.org/Resources/State-Programs>

Looking for a Hard Copy Souvenir Program? Order Here!

Official IHSA State Final programs will no longer be sold on-site at events, as a free digital version is available for viewing. However, fans interested in a hard copy of the traditional program have the option to order one thanks in part to a partnership with **PIP Printing**. For ordering information, visit PIP's IHSA store by going to <https://ihsa.four51storefront.com/print/catalog> These printed programs will be mailed to you the week following the state final.

Time Schedule: The State Final Time Schedule can be downloaded from the IHSA Track & Field Sport Webpage once the heats have been determined after Sectionals.

COACHES STATE FINAL MEET PREPARATION FOR ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Hotel Information in Charleston-Mattoon Area: <https://hotelguides.com/colleges/illinois/eastern-illinois-university.html>

DORMITORY Housing Information: School authorities from each participating school must make their own reservations. This should be done as far in advance as possible. Payment types accepted include cash, check and credit card (Visa, Mastercard & Discover). Eastern Illinois University will make dormitory rooms available both weekends. Visit: <http://castle.eiu.edu/ihsa/> or Call EIU Housing at (217) 581-3923.

TEAM/SPECTATOR DORM CHECK-IN: Taylor Hall, when leaving the stadium, turn right on Grant. Go to stop sign, turn right on 4th street. The address is 2121 4th Street. Taylor Hall is on the left.

Housing and Cooperative 11:00 p.m. Curfew: University personnel from University Housing & Dining will provide limited supervision. Both the University and the IHSA insist that schools using this type of housing must arrange to have accredited faculty representatives stay with their student/athletes and provide proper supervision at all times.

Breakfast: Taylor Dining Center each morning of the State Track Meet. Schools are urged to take advantage of the special eating accommodations. **Dining hours:** 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.; Thursday, 6:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Friday; 7:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Saturday.

Screens/Windows: Do Not remove the window screen from your window. For safety reasons, do not stand on your desk, chair, wastebasket, bed, etc. near your room window.

Check Out: Please follow these procedures when you leave the residence hall at the end of your stay:

- ◆ Open your drapes
- ◆ Close and lock your windows. Please be sure the window latches securely.
- ◆ Turn off the lights
- ◆ Lock the door
- ◆ Return your linen to the main lobby in the residence hall in which you are staying. Unreturned linen will be billed to you and/or your school at our costs.
- ◆ Return your key to the residence hall desk in the building in which you are staying.
- ◆ Your room will be thoroughly checked after you leave and any damage to the room or the contents will be billed to you and/or your school at the full replacement cost.
- ◆ Check out time is 6:00 p.m., Friday, and 45 minutes after the track meet is over on Saturday.

Outside Doors: All outside doors will be locked at midnight. The University will provide staff to let coaches and officials in after that time. The University and the Illinois High School Association required that accredited faculty representatives stay with their students and provide proper supervision at all times. Consideration for competitors requires that quiet be maintained in residence halls. Anyone who abuses the rights of others by causing disturbances may be removed from the hall.

Coaches, **you** are responsible for the supervision of your competitors at all times during your visit to Charleston and the State Final Meet. The IHSA Boys/Girls Track and Field Advisory Committee has requested the cooperation of students, faculty and spectators attending the State Final meet in **observing an 11:00 p.m. cooperative curfew and quiet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights.** This is particularly important to those boys/girls who will be competing on Saturday (others will appreciate it, too)! Whether you are lodging in area motels or university housing, we will appreciate **your observing an 11:00 p.m. cooperative curfew and quiet on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights at the State Final.**

Housing Desk Operations will be open from 7:00 a.m. until midnight. The desk will provide change and answer questions.

Keys: Keys that you are issued will operate your room door. Safeguard them as there is a \$10.00 to \$35.00 charge for lost keys (for security purposes locks must be changed when a key is lost). Lock your door whenever you leave your room.

Vending Machines: Vending machines are located on the lower level of all our residence halls. Pepsi products, juices, chips and candy are available in the vending machines. There will be no refunds of money lost in vending machines.

Spectator Housing: Eastern Illinois University offers spectators the option to stay in the residence halls and University Court Apartments. Spectators are assigned to rooms and apartments on a first come first served basis. Space is limited and the university does not guarantee a specific dorm.

University Residence Halls: Arrangements for housing in university residence halls have been made through Eastern Illinois University. Residence Hall style rooms will be available and will include furnished linens, pillows, and towels. Persons using the rooms must furnish blankets and other personal items.

Officials/Press Housing Check-In: Stevenson Hall.

Official IHSA State Final Merchandise: Minerva Promotions is the **only Official IHSA** Vendor for State Final Merchandise. They will be located in the Merchandise booths located east and west of O'Brien Field. Their hours of operation: **Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday until conclusion of the finals.** You can view and pre-purchase State Track Merchandise that will be sold at the venue by using the following link(s):

Girls Track: <http://www.minervapromotions.com/ihsa/spring-events/track-field-girls.html>

Boys Track: <http://www.minervapromotions.com/ihsa/spring-events/track-field-boys.html>

STATE FINAL MEET INFORMATION

Facial Coverings: We will adhere to the facial covering guidelines as deemed necessary by the IDPH and EIU.

- **Team Packet Distribution Location and Access to O'Brien Field:** Coaches may pick-up school packets at the south ticket window on the west side of O'Brien Field (parking and vendor lot). Packets will not be needed for practice on Wednesday night. IHSA Staff will be available during the following times for packet pick up. Class 2A and 3A teams who plan to attend the 1A state final, must pick up their team packets (bib numbers are your only ticket for free access to O'Brien Field):
Wednesday: 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.; **Thursday:** 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; **Friday:** 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Any unclaimed packets can be picked up after 1:00 p.m. Friday will be at the North ticket window on the west side of O'Brien Field. Track athletes are not allowed to enter Gate #9.

Meet Delays: In case of delays, the time intervals between events will be **approximately** the same unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. If weather related delays occur, every effort will be made to complete the meet on the scheduled day as there will NOT be state final rain dates. **All delays will be posted on @IHSASWeather**

Please be advised, in case of inclement weather, a decision could be made to change the Track & Field State Final schedule. Please follow @IhsaWeather on Twitter.

This is a courtesy and an attempt to keep our coaches informed. IHSA is not responsible if a coach does not check their Twitter feed.

- **Contestant Number will allow access to State Final Meet:** A contestant number will be issued to each competitor who qualifies for the State Final. A competitor dressed for competition and wearing their number will be admitted to the competition area. A person with only the competitor number will only be admitted to the fan seating area. **Contestant numbers must be pinned at all four corners on the FRONT of the track uniform shirt/jersey, unless instructed to do otherwise by the Clerk of Course.**
- **Competitor Access:** On Thursday-Saturday at the State Finals, contestants will be permitted access to the track only through the clerks tent/staging area at the south end of the track. Participants wishing to gain access to the stadium seating area must do so by passing through the same check-in gates used by all fans on the west side of the stadium. To gain entry without a ticket all athletes must be wearing their participants bib number. **Track Competitors will not be permitted to enter at the Southeast gate — they will be required to go around and enter through the Clerks Tent/Staging area.** Contestants in the track events must enter through the **staging area** entrance if they are entering from outside the stadium seating area. Field Competitors in the Long Jump, High Jump, Triple Jump and Pole Vault events will be permitted to enter at the **Southeast Gate.**
- **Head Coach wristbands, Assistant Coach Wristbands and Team Bib Numbers** will only allow access for your participants and coaching staff according to the wristband allotment determined by the number of athletes you advanced to the state final. Any other coaches must purchase a digital ticket for access to the state final through this link: https://gf1.glitnirticketing.com/gfticket/web/ev_list.php. ***Coaches Wristbands will not be sold*** at the Team Packet pick-up window during the packet pick-up times.
 - 1-5 Qualifiers = 2 coaches' passes
 - 6-10 Qualifiers = 3 coaches' passes
 - 11 or more Qualifiers = 4 coaches' passes (no more than 4 coaches passes will be allowed for any school).Assistant Coaches' passes will grant assistant coaches access to the spectator seating areas in O'Brien Field and the throws competition area. Additionally, their pass will get them access to the high jump viewing area for coaches.

Additionally, coaches must confirm the appropriate number of assistant coaches passes in their packet at packet pick-up. Coaches who were mistakenly provided an inadequate number of coaches' passes will not be provided an additional assistant coach's pass after they have picked up their packet and left the packet pick-up area.

Coaches Data Form: All coaches' names will be taken from the IHSA Schools Center "Coaches data Form". The data will be compiled from the Coaches Data Form, not your Athletic.net account. All schools must complete the Coaches Data Form in the IHSA Schools Center, not later than the List of Participant Declaration deadline. If a coach is not in your drop-down menu, they are missing one or more of the components of being a "Certified Coach" and must comply before they will appear in the drop-down list.

- **Coaches Access:** Coaches must present their **Coaches Wristband** in order to be admitted to the main bleacher seating area on the west side. No coaches will be permitted to enter the Southeast gate or go onto the infield. The **Coaches Wristband** is for stadium seating only!
- **Note:** Only coaches **who are listed** on the IHSA Coaches Data Form in the IHSA Schools Center submitted before the sectional will be issued a coaches pass (according to the formula).
- **Practicing at O'Brien Field—EIU Athletic Trainers will not be available:**
 - ◆ **Class 1A Practice Schedule: Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Schools may use the track and field facilities at O'Brien Field for practice and warm-up. These practice sessions are not the responsibility of the IHSA or of EIU. Athletes and coaches use the facilities to practice at their own risk. Coaches will be responsible for the safety of their athletes/staff. Coaches must be aware of the weather and react according to IHSA severe weather safety guidelines. (If it roars, go indoors!).
 - ◆ **Class 2A/3A Practice Schedule: Thursday, Following the Class 1A Prelims and the Special Olympics Unified State Final– 7:00 p.m.** Schools may use the track and field facilities at O'Brien Field for practice and warm-up. These practice sessions are not the responsibility of the IHSA or of EIU. Athletes and coaches use the facilities to practice at their own risk. Coaches will be responsible for the safety of their athletes/staff. Coaches must be aware of the weather and react according to IHSA severe weather safety guidelines. (If it roars, go indoors!).
 - ◆ **Practice Schedule for all classes: Friday, Following the 2A/3A meet– 7:00 p.m.** Schools may use the track and field facilities at O'Brien Field for practice and warm-up. These practice sessions are not the responsibility of the IHSA or of EIU. Athletes and coaches use the facilities to practice at their own risk. Coaches will be responsible for the safety of their athletes/staff. Coaches must be aware of the weather and react according to IHSA severe weather safety guidelines. (If it roars, go indoors!).
 - ◆ Contestants warming up at other than the above times during the meet may use the southeast area behind the tennis courts and the area behind the East bleachers or Lantz Fieldhouse, but shall not use unauthorized or **off limits** areas.
- **Field Event Warm-up:** The Head Judge in each field event will conduct a maximum 15-minute warm-up prior to the beginning of competition in each flight in the field events. Competitors who report promptly to the Head Judge may participate in this warm-up. **Exception:** The discus competition will be permitted a 20-minute warm-up period.
- **First Aid/Injuries:** Athletic Training Facilities will be in the EIU training room at O'Brien Field. If any competitor(s) are sent to the training room for aid, they are to be accompanied by their coach. **Training room hours:** 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday; 10:00 a.m. -conclusion of meet on Thursday; 8:00 a.m.-conclusion of meet on Friday; 9:00 a.m. until conclusion of meet on Saturday.
- **Bib Numbers:** Competitors must wear the bib on the FRONT of the jersey/uniform and pinned on all four corners.
- **Hip Numbers:** Contestants will be asked to wear lane numbers on both sides of their hips for the F.A.T. timing device. The Clerk of Course will distribute the numbers.
- **Team Tent Set-Up Area:** School team tents may be set up in the grassy area southwest of the west main stands in the area designated for team tents. **NO TEAM TENTS WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE AREA CONTAINING THE CLERKS TENT AND THROWS COMPETITION AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF THE STADIUM. THE AREA MARKED AS A, "NO TEAM TENT AREA" IS THAT AREA BORDERED BY A FENCE TO THE EAST, THE CLERKS TENT TO THE NORTH, THE DISCUS RINGS TO THE SOUTH AND WEST INCLUDING THE NEW DISCUS RINGS. THIS WILL BE A "NO TEAM TENT AREA." TENTS PLACED IN THIS AREA WILL BE REMOVED (neither the IHSA nor E.I.U are responsible for the condition of tents removed from the "NO TEAM TENT AREA.")**
- **Tentative Track & Field State Final Time Schedule**—The Final State Time Schedule will be posted on the IHSA Website by Tuesday prior to the State Meets once the number of heats have been determined in each event.
 - Wednesday, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Track opens for 1A practice
 - Thursday, 11:00 a.m. – 1A running prelims,
 - Thursday 3:30 (approx.): Special Olympics Unified State Final**
 - Thursday, 5:00 p.m. (approx.) – 7:00 p.m. – After the Special Olympics Unified State Final, the Track open for 2A and 3A practice**
 - Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 2A and 3A running prelims
 - Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 1A, 2A, 3A finals
 Look for additional details on the IHSA T&F site.

Protection of Property: Competitors and schools are responsible for their own property and valuables at all times during the state final meets. NEITHER THE IHSA NOR EIU WILL ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, BROKEN OR STOLEN PERSONAL ITEMS AT ANY TIME, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. No locker rooms are provided.

Cell phones are not allowed in the Clerk's Tent.

TWO-CALL SYSTEM – BE READY TO COMPETE

Consult the State Final Meet time schedule included in the State Final Program to advise competitors to be ready to compete at times scheduled. (Note: Thursday & Fridays Times are approximate.) In case of delays, the time intervals between events will be **approximately** the same unless weather conditions dictate otherwise. The meet will be kept moving. **MEET MANAGEMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THE MEET SCHEDULE AT ANY TIME WHEN THEY DETERMINE CONDITIONS WARRANT CHANGES. COACHES MUST MONITOR ALL PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS AS ANY CHANGES WILL BE COMMUNICATED OVER THE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM AND/OR THROUGH THE AUTOMATED EMERGENCY CELL PHONE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. IT IS THE COACHES RESPONSIBILITY TO MONITOR THE MEET AT ALL TIMES, PROVIDE HIS/HER CELL PHONE NUMBER FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS AND TO PRESENT HIS/HER ATHLETES TO THE APPROPRIATE CHECK-IN LOCATION AT THE TIME DETERMINED BY MEET MANAGEMENT.**

All Track competitors in their respective event **must** report to the staging area/clerks tent at south end of track when their track event is called, unless the athlete has made arrangements with the referee in charge of conflicts. (**No coaches are allowed in the staging area.**) Field event competitors **must** report to the field event competition area when their field event is called.

- **Relay Batons:** In the relay events, relay teams **must** use the batons furnished by the IHSA. Please make sure these IHSA batons are returned to the finish line officials and Relay Clerks immediately following the relay.
- **Relays:** Reminder that the four (4) designated runners must be from among the no more than eight (8) competitors listed on the online Athletic.net List Of Participant Declarations completed prior to the Sectional Seed Meeting. **No changes or additions of names may be made from those listed for the relay submitted at the Sectional meet.** If your relay team runs in the finals be sure to give the proper running order to the clerk of the course when requested. This is to insure proper credit is given to your relay runners on the official results and by the public address announcer at the stadium.
- **Contestant Uniform:** Contestants wearing caps, hats, jewelry, beads in braids, body appliques or other adornments will not be permitted to compete. Narrow headbands to keep the hair from interfering with a contestant's vision will be permitted. Competitors must follow the instructions of the officials.
 - ◆ **The jersey shall not be knotted:** The National Federation and Illinois High School Association interpretation is simply, "Anything other than smooth (no knots) alterations of the uniform are illegal." The straps may be taped no more than two (2) layers of tape. It is not legal for shorts to be rolled at the waistband.
 - ◆ **Tights/Leotards/Visible Undergarments:** If a competitor wears any visible undergarments, they must be worn underneath the track shorts and/or track jersey.
- **1/4" Pyramid Spikes on contestant shoes are the only acceptable spikes allowed in All venues of O'Brien Field/Lantz Fieldhouse (Running Events and Field Events):**

The meet will be held on a 9-lane Royal Blue Rekortan Full-Pour Polyurethane running surface. Track & Field competitors must wear track shoes with PYRAMID spikes **no longer than 1/4 inch.**

Spikes: All spikes must be presented and will be checked in the Clerks tent (Running Events)/venue (Field Events). Athletes will not be allowed to compete without having their spikes checked. Any athletes competing with illegal spikes will be disqualified.

- ◆ Acceptable spikes: only 1/4" pyramids



- ◆ Competitors will not be permitted to wear spikes in the hallways of Lantz building. Spikes may be worn only in the field house track area.
- ◆ **Discus Throw and Shot Put** will be from concrete surfaced rings. Competitors should wear rubber-soled shoes. The High Jump areas and the runways for the Long Jump, Triple Jump and Pole Vault are surfaced with Royal Blue Track; Martin Surfacing Full-Pour Polyurethane surface. Competitors **may wear pyramid spikes no longer than 1/4 inch** or rubber-soled shoes. **NO CHRISTMAS TREE TYPE OR NEEDLE SPIKES ARE ALLOWED IN THE FIELD EVENTS AT O'BRIEN FIELD.** (In case field events must be held inside, competitors may wear rubber-soled shoes or shoes with spikes no longer than 1/4 inch.)
- **Protection of Property: Competitors and schools are responsible for their own property and valuables at all times during the state final meets.** DO NOT BRING CELL PHONES, IPODS AND OTHER VALUABLES TO THE TRACK AND FIELD MEETS. THE IHSA and E.I.U. WILL ACCEPT NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR LOST, BROKEN OR STOLEN PERSONAL ITEMS AT ANY TIME, REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. LEAVE THESE ITEMS AT HOME OR IN THE POSSESSION OF YOUR COACH OR OTHER TRUSTED INDIVIDUAL. DO NOT BRING THEM TO THE COMPETITION AREAS! THIS NOTICE IS TRUE REGARDLESS OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES. DO NOT BRING PERSONAL ITEMS TO THE COMPETITION AREA!!! Competitors are encouraged to dress in their rooms before coming to the stadium whenever possible since no locker rooms are provided.
- **IHSA Pole Vault Weigh Verification Card:** Each pole vault competitor must submit an IHSA Pole Vault Weight Verification Card to the Head Pole Vault Event Judge. **The Head Event Judge will have cards to be completed.** The weigh-in will be conducted in the official's tent in the southeast corner of O'Brien Field.
- **Storage of Pole Vault Poles:** Vaulting poles can be stored in the hospitality tent located in the southeast corner of O'Brien Field. This area is not secure. Competitors who leave their poles in the tent do so at their own risk.
- **Wireless Communication Devices is Prohibited.:** Competitors are prohibited from having and/or using wireless communication devices (headphones, cell phones, audio players, etc.) in the restricted competition or warm up area of the track and field complex. Any athlete in possession of or using a wireless communication device in the restricted area is subject to disqualification. The restricted area is the area inside of the stadium perimeter fences as well as the clerk's tent.
- **High Jump and Pole Vault:** For the High Jump and Pole Vault, the starting height and the bar moves will be announced by the Games Committee. The **Qualifying Height** for the Class 1A/2A/3A Finals in the High Jump and Pole Vault will be approved by the Games Committee and will be based on the performances in the first flight in each Class. The Games Committee will approve the starting height and the bar moves for the Finals on Thursday and Friday after the preliminaries are concluded.
- **The Games Committee** has authorized the Head Judge of each field event to set the time limit for competitors excused to compete in another event. The Head Judge will record on the field event card the event for which the competitor is being excused with the time leaving and the time the competitor must return.
 - ◆ **High Jump Marks:** Marks on the High Jump runway may be made with chalk or tape. A maximum of two marks per competitor will be permitted on the High Jump runway and neither mark is permitted to be closer than 2 meters to the bar.
 - ◆ **Long Jump/Triple Jump:** **The wind direction will determine the layout of the runways.**
- **The Games Committee** has determined that athletes may not remove any portion of the team uniform inside the fence surrounding the track and at the site of the shot and discus. (Rule: 3-2-2)
- **Unrestricted Areas:** As permitted, in the current National Federation rules, unrestricted areas may be defined inside the stadium for meet officials only. All other areas inside the stadium fences are restricted areas. All areas outside the stadium fences are unrestricted areas except as determined by the Games Committee in the shot and discus areas. Seating areas on both the east and west sides are unrestricted areas.
- **Warning:** The synthetic turf inside the track will retain heat. Be sure to protect your athletes' feet by requiring them to wear shoes when on the infield.
- **Jury of Appeals/Protests:** A Jury of Appeals will be designated by the IHSA and will be utilized as described in National Federation Rule 3-5. All Appeals of officials' decisions must be submitted in writing to the Jury of Appeals by the head coach within 30 minutes of the posting of the results for an event. In ruling on appeals, the Jury of Appeals shall not set aside or waive the provisions of any NFHS Track and Field rule or Term and Condition for the series. The decision of the Jury of Appeals in ruling on any such final appeals shall be final.
- **Prelim Results:** Complete State Final results will be available immediately after the meet on the IHSA Web Site at: www.ihsa.org. They are not to be removed.

- **Food or beverage:** No food or beverage is permitted in any area of the Lantz Building Complex or Lantz Fieldhouse indoor track facility. **No Containers, Cans, Bottles or Ice Chests Permitted:** No containers, cans, bottles or ice chests will be permitted in the stadium seating area at O'Brien Field or Lantz Fieldhouse. Schools are asked to please inform their fans that they will not be permitted to bring these items into the stadium.
- **HYDRATION:** Water and Gatorade are the only permitted drink allowed on the track facility.
- **Viewing Videos:** A competitor is allowed to view video between trials or races. Viewing of such video must not delay competition and could only be done in an area approved by a meet official.
- **Scratch Verification Report:** Coaches will be issued a scratch form in their team packet (also available online on the track activity page). The form is to be completed and presented to the Head Clerk by the head coach. Completing and submitting the form will result in the Head Coach NOT being called to the clerk's tent during the days competition when his/her athlete fails to report at the appropriate time for competition in the clerk's tent.

RUNNING EVENT INFORMATION

- **Lane Information:** No marks are to be put on the track for relays — markers will be available at the zones, on a limited basis, from Inspectors. A reminder: the marker may be used only in the competitor's own lane including the outside lane line to the **right** of the competitor.
- **Starting Blocks:** Competitors may use their own starting blocks **provided** they are adaptable to the track surface without causing damage to the track.
- The following events end at the **Common Finish** line, which is a two-inch white line with a black border located at the end of the stadium side straightaway on the SW corner of the track: Wind direction may cause the hurdles and the 100-meter dash to be run in the opposite direction.
- **Girls 100-Meter High Hurdles:** Run North to South with start on white line and hurdle marks are yellow triangles pointed inward. Running South to North with start on white and marks are yellow triangles pointed North.
- **Boys 110-Meter High Hurdles:** Run North to South with start on white line and hurdle marks are black triangles pointed inward. Running South to North with start on white and marks are black triangles pointed North. (common hurdle marks between the finish lines)
- **100-Meter Dash:** Run North to South with start on white line. Run South to North starting on white line.
- **200-Meter Dash:** N-S; Start on white staggered lines located on the Northeast corner of the track and finish at common finish. S-N; Start on the Black staggered lines in the SW corner and finish at the end of the back stretch.
- **300-Meter Low Hurdles:** Start on white staggered lines located on the Southeast corner of the track, hurdle marks are red triangles pointed inward.
- **400-Meter Dash:** Start on white staggered lines located on the Southeast corner of the track and finish at common finish.
- **Please note: 800-Meter Run and 4x800-Meter Relay:** These races are run in alleys with a one-curve stagger starting on solid white staggered waterfalls and breaking at the end of the first curve at the green break line. The alleys will be lanes 1-4, and lanes 5-9. In the 4x800 Meter Relay, the exchanges are made within the black common exchange zone at the start/finish line.
- **4x100-Meter Relay:** This race is run with a two-curve stagger starting on white staggered lines. Run in lanes all the way; exchange zones are yellow to yellow.
- **4x400-Meter Relay:** This race is run with a three-curve stagger starting on white staggered lines with black inserts. The first runner will be in lanes exchanging within black staggered triangles. The second runner remaining in their assigned lane will break at the end of the first curve at the green break line. The second and third exchanges are made within the black common exchange zone at the start/finish line.
- **4x200-Meter Relay:** This race is run with a four-curve stagger starting on white staggered lines with red insert. Run in lanes all the way; the first two exchanges are red to red and the third exchange is yellow to yellow.

SHOT & DISCUS INFORMATION

- **Impounded Shots and Discuses:** Legal implements will be provided at the competition areas to be used by competitor(s) whose shot or discus is impounded (or for competitor(s) that fail to meet the inspection deadline). **Impounded implements may be picked up after competition at the site of the competition in each event. The implement inspection tent will serve both the shot and discus events and will be located in the area containing the throws events south of the stadium. THE NEW INSPECTION SCHEDULE IS INCLUDED IN THE OFFICIAL TIME SCHEDULE IN THE STATE FINAL PROGRAM AND POSTED ON THE IHSA TRACK WEBSITE.**
- **Adhesive Sprays in Shot Put and Discus:** Adhesive sprays are permitted in the Shot Put and Discus when the competitor is using their own implement. If a competitor is using an implement provided by Meet Management because their implement has been impounded, no adhesive spray may be used since the implement is provided for the “common use” of competitors.
- **Towels for Implements:** In case of rain, competitors will be responsible for furnishing their own towels for drying off their shots and discuses.
- **34.92 Throwing Sector:** The throwing sector for both the shot and discus will be 34.92 degrees

SATURDAY FINALS INFORMATION

- **Assemble for Saturday’s Parade of Competitors:** (8:45 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.): Officials and contestants should be assembled at southeast entrance to O’Brien Field. Except for the meet officials being at the front, there is no special line-up. Coaches and contestants will line up on a first come-first serve basis behind the State Final Officials. All officials, competitors and coaches who qualified for the State Final Meet are invited to participate in the Parade of Competitors. We will march promptly at 9:15 a.m.
- **Awards Presentations on Saturday:** If an athlete in track & field events or relay team from your school places in the Finals on Saturday, please instruct your competitors to **report to the press interview area adjacent to the Awards Stand in the infield of O’Brien Field immediately** after their event is finished to be awarded their medallions. Marshals will assist athletes and media in this regard. Meet management will keep the awards presentation moving and will take precedence over any interview. Interviews can be completed following the awards ceremony.