

**Minutes of the Boys/Girls Track and Field Advisory Committee
September 1, 2021**

The IHSA Track & Field Advisory Committee met virtually on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Voting Committee members present were: Adrian Jackson, AD, Chicago (Amundsen); Patrick Sheridan, Coach, Elmwood Park; Jay Ivory, Coach, Roselle (Lake Park); Brice Stewart, Principal, Maroa (M.-Forsyth); Dee Arendt, Coach, Jacksonville (Routt); Tom Miller, Coach, Granite City; John Polka, Official. Other non-voting attendees included: Mark Anderson, ITCCCA President; Geza Ehrentreu, Coordinator of Officials; 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 same qualifying standards used for the 20-21 State Series. In determining the standards, the following process was 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 21-22 season are:

2021-2022 Proposed IHSA State Qualifying Standards						
Event	1A Girls	1A Boys	2A Girls	2A Boys	3A Girls	3A Boys
LJ	5.00m (16-5)	6.35m (20-10)	5.20m (17-1)	6.57m (21-7)	5.35m (17-7)	6.75m (22-2)
PV	2.74m (9-0)	3.70m (12-2)	2.97m (9-9)	3.96m (13-0)	3.12m (10-3)	4.16m (13-8)
HJ	1.52m (5-0)	1.85m (6-1)	1.54m (5-1)	1.87m (6-2)	1.60m (5-3)	1.90m (6-3)
SP	10.97m (36-0)	14.60m (47-11)	11.15m (36-7)	14.80m (48-7)	11.76m (38-7)	15.97m (52-5)
TJ	10.33m (33-11)	12.57m (41-3)	10.64m (34-11)	13.05m (42-10)	11.09m (36-5)	13.61m (44-8)
DISC	34.03m (111-8)	43.05m (141-3)	34.21m (112-3)	44.24m (145-2)	36.29m (119-1)	46.71m (153-3)
4 X 800	10:31.77	8:33.28	10:09.59	8:16.81	9:36.93	8:02.59
4 X 100	:51.70	:44.54	:50.07	:43.50	:49.20	:42.77
3200	12:19.89	10:12.64	11:45.93	9:53.65	11:07.39	9:29.30
100 HH	:16.53	:16.00	:15.97	:15.29	:15.49	:15.15
110 HH						
100	:12.95	:11.37	:12.69	:11.12	:12.49	:11.00
800	2:27.56	2:02.83	2:23.23	2:00.80	2:19.49	1:57.75
4 X 200	1:50.82	1:33.90	1:47.64	1:31.24	1:44.87	1:30.04
400	1:02.04	:52.06	1:00.26	:51.10	:59.18	:50.29
300 LH	:48.74	:41.79	:47.69	:40.71	:46.69	:39.97
300 IH						
1600	5:36.90	4:39.80	5:24.45	4:31.13	5:08.14	4:23.68
200	:26.89	:23.11	:26.13	:22.57	:25.72	:22.33
4 X 400	4:17.79	3:33.91	4:10.59	3:28.84	4:04.32	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.B – Sectional Seeding Meetings

Recommendation: All Seeding Meetings shall be conducted virtually by the sectional host on the Tuesday prior to the Sectional Meet.

Rationale: Moving to virtual seeding meetings for the 2021 State Series (as a result of the pandemic) proved to be an effective and efficient way to conduct this business. The use of Athletic.net has made the seeding process more reliable and simplified which also reduces the need for in-person seeding meetings. Virtual seeding meetings will save time, money, and resources for all involved.

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3. V.C.3 – Items to be Considered at the Seeding Meeting

Recommendation: Times automatically populated by Athletic.net for seeding purposes in all individual track events at the Sectional Seeding Meeting will be official times actually achieved at metric distances during the current IHSA Track and Field season. In a relay event, only an official time actually achieved at the metric distance during the current IHSA Track and Field season will be populated by Athletic.net for seeding purposes. At the seeding meeting, prior to all event seeds or heat sheets being distributed, for relay events only, coaches can opt to change a relay time to a slower seed time than what was automatically populated by Athletic.net. Individual event seed times/marks automatically populated by Athletic.net may not be adjusted.

Rationale: Coaches change relay team runners throughout the season. For the State Series, a coach may choose not to use relay runners who accomplished the seed time reflected in Athletic.net. In this case, allowing coaches to adjust the time to a slower seed time will allow the relay events to be more accurately seeded.

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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. There was a discussion regarding the one class per day format that was used at the 2021 State Final Meet.
2. The committee discussed the method by which races are started (traditional pistol vs. electronic starting device).
3. There was a discussion pertaining to securing more state final volunteers.
4. A member of the committee discussed an idea to take 14 to finals at the State Meet in the 4x800, 1600, and 800.
5. Sectional medals will resume awarding 6 medals per event this season.
6. The committee was provided an update on the use of the International Waterfall for the 1600 and 3200 in the State Series.
7. The committee discussed Girls and Boys State Final Meet dates.
8. The committee discussed the "Fill the Lanes" proposal brought to the advisory committee in past years.