

DATE: May 11, 2021

TO: All Track & Field Officials

FROM: BJ (William) Duckworth
Director of Officiating Development & State Rules Interpreter
Track & Field and Cross Country



RE: 2022 May Mid-Season Bulletin & Assignment Announcement

A Message from BJ Duckworth

Please click [HERE](#) to view a brief video message.

OHSAA & USATF Officials Recruitment at the OHSAA State Championship

Together with the USATF Lake Erie and Ohio Associations, we will be doing our first ever recruitment event at the State Championship on June 3 & 4. Our hope is to attract graduating seniors and their parents to become officials as well as introduce the idea of officiating to high school athletes. Tony Longino-Thomas will be spearheading this effort and is in need of some volunteers to help him staff the tent. Please reach out to Tony directly at ttonythecop@aol.com if you would like to help out with this important project.

Updated Information on Canceled Events

In the March update, you received the information listed below on canceled events. Please take the time to look at updates to this guidance highlighted in blue.

Canceled Events

If an event has started and is suspended due to weather or another issue out of the control of meet management, then in conjunction with the games committee, the referee will determine when and if the meet/event is safe to resume. Additionally, the referee and the games committee will decide on the amount of warmup time that shall be given before the competition resumes. Competition should resume at the point of interruption, and all performance up until that point of interruption will stand. The referee and games committee must follow the rules set forth by the NFHS and OHSAA related to weather safety. (NFHS Rule 3-2-5&6, 3-4, Appendix G & OHSAA Track Officials Manual)

If a field event has started and cannot be completed due to weather, damage to the venue, or another issue that is out of the control of the officials and/or meet management, the event should be treated as a non-contest; the event shall not be scored.

If the event has begun (the first trial of the first athlete has been taken), the event shall count as one of the four allowed (or three in middle school) for all athletes who checked into the event.

If the field event has not begun (warmups may have taken place, but no attempts have been made), the event shall not count as one of the four allowed (or three for middle school).

If the venue was legal and safe when the event started and became unsafe during competition or has to be suspended due to other issues, the event is considered a non-contest, and the above applies.

Undated Information on Headgear, Headbands & Hair Control Devices

The 2022 OHSAA Track Coaches and Officials Manual includes the below language. Please see the additional notes and interpretations on these topics highlighted in blue.

Additional Headgear Information

(Page 24 of the 2022 OHSAA Track Coaches and Officials Manual)

Inappropriate hats and caps AS DETERMINED BY THE REFEREE are prohibited. EXCEPTIONS – 1) While the referee has the authority to decide what is appropriate, track and field competitors may wear the Navy Watch-Style knit cap. The cap shall not have a bill, but may have a knit ball on top or a tassel or tail provided the tassel or tail is no longer than 1/2 the depth or length of the cap. With referee approval, competitors may also wear a headband with or without ear protectors, provided the headband is designed for the purpose of protecting the head and ears. If in question, the referee will have the final decision regarding whether or not to allow certain types of headgear. 2) Pole vaulters are permitted to wear helmets (safety head gear).

Notes On Interpretation: While the above rule does specifically allow certain types of headgear, it does not mean that ONLY that type of headgear can be worn. If the headgear is safe, securely fastened to the head and is not specifically prohibited by the above rule, it would be considered legal. This means that any type of head covering can have a tassel or tail no longer than 1/2 the depth of the head covering.

Hair Control Devices & Headbands

(Page 24 of the 2022 OHSAA Track Coaches and Officials Manual)

Hair Control Devices

Hair control devices and/or hair accessories are permitted. Pre-wrap is legal if used to control hair, but not as a headband.

Note On Interpretation. While the above-stated rule specifically discusses pre-wrap, the rule does not prohibit other types of headbands or hair control devices, provided they are secured to the head.

Page 33 (Rule 4-3) of the 2022 OHSAA Track & Field Coaches and Officials Manual does have language that directly contradicts what has been stated above. That language is outdated and in error was not updated prior to publishing.

Safety Is Our #1 Priority

As the season has gone on, I have learned of several preventable injuries at meets due to safety practices not being followed by everyone involved. I ask that as you move into conference, district, regional & state tournaments that we all heighten our focus on safety. Make sure you are inspecting venues for safety and working with meet managers to make any needed changes. Please place extra focus on where athletes and spectators are positioned and allowed to be in relation to your event. The overwhelming majority of injuries I have been made aware of could have been prevented if everyone involved had a focus on safety.

Virtual Local Meeting Videos Available

Many of you have asked for the video that was used for the virtual local meetings. While you will not receive credit at this point for viewing the videos, I would like to make them available for those who want them for educational purposes.

[Video One](#): Safety in Field Events, Game Reports, Events Not Competed, Common Recording Errors, Checking In & Out of Field Events

[Video Two](#): Seated Events & History, Weather Awareness & Safety

2022 State Middle School Assignments

Please join me in congratulating the officials listed below who were selected to officiate the 2022 Middle School State Meet. With the exception of a few mentors, the officials assigned to this meet did not receive a High School State Meet assignment or one of the nine key positions at the Regional Tournament. They will receive evaluations that will be used for future assignments. Each assigned official will work a primary and secondary position, allowing them to get exposure for evaluation in both capacities.

Primary Position	Secondary Position	First	Last
Referee	Referee	Bob	Mandi
Head Starter	Shot Put	Jeff	O'Brien
Starter	Discus	Daniel	Hoover
Head Clerk	Shot Put	Andrea	Susil-William
Clerk	Discus	Rusty	Marcum
Clerk	Long Jump	Carl	Volpe
Head Field	Umpire	Stephen	Frimel
Head High Jump	Umpire	Jennifer	Stevens
High Jump	Umpire	Julie	Gauvreau
Head Shot Put	Head Umpire	Glen	Shelley
Shot Put	Umpire	John	White
Head Long Jump	Umpire	Bob	Youngblood
Long Jump	Umpire	Brightis	Crump
Head Discus	Umpire	Terry	Pulley
Discus	Finish Marshall/Umpire	Angela	Freeman
Head Pole Vault	Umpire	Robert	Koch
Pole Vault	Umpire	John	Matune
Mentor/Observer	Mentor/Observer	Robert	Kirkpatrick

2022 Regional Assignments

Please join me in congratulating the officials listed below who were selected for one of the nine key positions at the Regional Tournaments. 15% of these officials will be working in a new position or their first time in one of the nine key positions.

Location	Position	First	Last	Location	Position	First	Last
Youngstown / Austintown	Referee	Ron	Weaver	Chillicothe HS	Referee	Terri	Tutt
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Clerk	Patricia	Julian	Chillicothe HS	Head Clerk	Gretchen	Acker
Youngstown / Austintown	Clerk	Anthony	Longino-Thomas	Chillicothe HS	Clerk	Gilbert	Hartley
Youngstown / Austintown	Clerk	Robert	Zimny	Chillicothe HS	Clerk	Jason	Miller
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Starter	Terry	Armstead	Chillicothe HS	Head Starter	Mick	Harris
Youngstown / Austintown	Starter	Pete	Randel	Chillicothe HS	Starter	Stephen	Lower
Youngstown / Austintown	Starter	Robert	Van Almen	Chillicothe HS	Starter	Bruce	Benedict
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Field Ju	Thomas	Eaton	Chillicothe HS	Head Field Judge	Phil	Strekal
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Umpire	Ed	Katzman	Chillicothe HS	Head Umpire	Wayne	Ferne
Findlay	Referee	Andrew	Babula	Piqua	Referee	Steve	Hurley
Findlay	Head Clerk	William	Sanford	Piqua	Head Clerk	Elizabeth	Van Tine
Findlay	Clerk	Keith	Madaras	Piqua	Clerk	Charlie	Gase
Findlay	Clerk	Dave	Miller	Piqua	Clerk	Nicole	Grice
Findlay	Head Starter	Bill	Workman	Piqua	Head Starter	Steve	Bruns
Findlay	Starter	James	Bechtel	Piqua	Starter	David	Ahner
Findlay	Starter	Deborah	Molnar	Piqua	Starter	Steve	Canby
Findlay	Head Field Ju	David	Madaras	Piqua	Head Field Judge	John (Brent)	Morrison
Findlay	Head Umpire	Jim	Dunbar	Piqua	Head Umpire	Richard	Glink
Pickerington	Referee	Rob	Kirkpatrick	Massillon	Referee	Louis	Brown
Pickerington	Head Clerk	Penny	Zuber	Massillon	Head Clerk	Elizabeth	Goerig
Pickerington	Clerk	Michael	Galleher	Massillon	Clerk	Paul	Weitzel
Pickerington	Clerk	Tonja	Stewart	Massillon	Clerk	Howard	Clafin
Pickerington	Head Starter	Rick	Campbell	Massillon	Head Starter	Michael	Raddish
Pickerington	Starter	Lois	Wright	Massillon	Starter	Michael	Joseph
Pickerington	Starter	Doug	O'Brien	Massillon	Starter	Charles	Larsuel
Pickerington	Head Field Ju	Brian	Hostutler	Massillon	Head Field Judge	Joe	Gilbert
Pickerington	Head Umpire	Michael	Nissenbaum	Massillon	Head Umpire	Larry	Dellosa
Huber Heights	Referee	Harold	Grice	Tiffin	Referee	Kent	Lamberson
Huber Heights	Head Clerk	Amy	Kramer	Tiffin	Head Clerk	Jamie	Bialecki
Huber Heights	Clerk	Eric	Vonberg	Tiffin	Clerk	Chris	Roberts
Huber Heights	Clerk	Pat	Marrinan	Tiffin	Clerk	Dennis	Sabo
Huber Heights	Head Starter	Neal	Charske	Tiffin	Head Starter	David	Hershey
Huber Heights	Starter	Thomas	Sharp	Tiffin	Starter	David	Miller
Huber Heights	Starter	Jay	Johnson	Tiffin	Starter	James	Hile
Huber Heights	Head Field Ju	Ronald	Brown	Tiffin	Head Field Judge	David	Meuleman
Huber Heights	Head Umpire	Steve	Hurley	Tiffin	Head Umpire	Brandon	Darling
Youngstown / Austintown	Referee	James	Fox	Chillicothe SE	Referee	Roger	Hosler
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Clerk	David	Milkovich	Chillicothe SE	Head Clerk	Emily	Hickerson
Youngstown / Austintown	Clerk	Jon	Hill	Chillicothe SE	Clerk	Carl	Fisher
Youngstown / Austintown	Clerk	Marcy	O'Leary	Chillicothe SE	Clerk	Stephen	Gatsch
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Starter	Thomas	Sapp	Chillicothe SE	Head Starter	Bill	Schaller
Youngstown / Austintown	Starter	Ed	Ridgeway	Chillicothe SE	Starter	William	Reed
Youngstown / Austintown	Starter	Bridgette	Longino-Thomas	Chillicothe SE	Starter	Randy	Williams
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Field Ju	Donald	Groubert	Chillicothe SE	Head Field Judge	Mark	Moore
Youngstown / Austintown	Head Umpire	Ron	Weaver	Chillicothe SE	Head Umpire	Thane	Hecox
Lexington	Referee	Glen	Smith	Troy	Referee	Joe	Graf
Lexington	Head Clerk	Philip	Cloud	Troy	Head Clerk	Krista	Frimel
Lexington	Clerk	Don	Hange	Troy	Clerk	Michael	Kleiber
Lexington	Clerk	Andrew	Morfier	Troy	Clerk	Alisa	Agozzino
Lexington	Head Starter	Sharon	Wiegand	Troy	Head Starter	William	Swank
Lexington	Starter	David	Spiess	Troy	Starter	Stephen	Christ
Lexington	Starter	Don	Herman	Troy	Starter	Darrin	Shook
Lexington	Head Field Ju	Diane	McClellan	Troy	Head Field Judge	Steve	Frimel
Lexington	Head Umpire	Douglas	Gilbert	Troy	Head Umpire	James	Baumer

2022 High School State Meet Assignments

Please join me in congratulating the officials listed below who were selected to officiate the 2022 High School State Meet. 20% of these officials will be working in a new position or their first State Championship assignment. Additionally, the percentage of officials assigned to the meet from each athletic district matches the percentage of total officials from that district (the E & SE are combined for this process).

FIRST	LAST	POSITION	District	FIRST	LAST	POSITION	District
Penny	Zuber	Head Clerk	C	Jim	Fox	Division 1 Referee	NE
Jamie	Bialecki	Clerk	NW	Steve	Hurley	Division 2 Referee	SW
Tony	Mollica	Clerk	SE	Roger	Hosler	Division 3 Referee	SE
Pat	Marrinan	Clerk	SW	Terri	Tutt	Seated Division Referee	SE
Gretchen	Acker	Clerk	SE	Dave	Meuleman	Head Field Judge (Throwing)	NW
Bruce	Benedict	Head Starter	C	Lou	Brown	Head Field Judge (Jumping)	NE
Deborah	Molnar	Starter	NE	Robert	Hodgson	Head Discus Official	NE
Steven	Canby	Starter	SW	Jason	Throckmorton	Discus Official	SE
Sharon	Wiegand	Announcer For Starts	NW	Troy	Lewis	Discus Official	NE
Harold	Grice	Head Umpire	SW	Michael	Beam	Discus Official	E
Doug	Gilbert	Assistant Head Umpire	NE	Sue	Roth	Discus Official	NW
Mike	Nissenbaum	Zone A Chief	C	Gary	Muckenthaler	Head Shot Put Official	NW
Brandon	Darling	Zone B Chief	NW	Lori	Graves	Shot Put Official	SE
Wayne	Ferne	Zone C Chief	NE	Dan	Sabo	Shot Put Official	NW
Ron	Weaver	Zone D Chief	NE	Bernard	Zircher	Shot Put Official	SW
Nicholas	Molnar	Umpire	NE	Bill	Swank	Head Pole Vault Official	NW
Barbara	Hunter	Umpire	NE	Neal	Charske	Pole Vault Official	SW
Sharon	Hikade	Umpire	NE	Joe	Gilbert	Pole Vault Official	NE
Larry	Dellosa	Umpire	NE	Cynthia	Hotaling	Pole Vault Official	NW
Donald	Groubert	Umpire	NE	Marty	Dahlman	Pole Vault Official	C
Kent	Lamberson	Umpire	NW	Jay	Salvage	Pole Vault Official	NW
Karen	McKeehan	Umpire	NE	Renay	Choma	Pole Vault Official	NE
David	Milkovich	Umpire	NE	Margie	Iagulli	Head High Jump Official	NE
David	Richards	Umpire	NE	Ken	Prince	High Jump Official	NE
Lois	Wright	Umpire	E	Kip	Kinn	High Jump Official	NW
David	Ahner	Umpire	SW	Andy	Babula	Head Long Jump Official	NW
Gail	Bowers	Umpire	NE	Susan	Williams	Long Jump Official	SW
Phillip	Cloud	Umpire	NW	Paul	Hollern	Long Jump Official	C
Chelsea	Cummings	Umpire	SW	Les	Chih	Long Jump Official	C
Robert	Zimny	Umpire	NE	Andris	Baltputnis	Announcer	NE
Kristopher	Marshall	Umpire	SW	Dennis	Sabo	Announcer	NW
Tyrone	Morris	Umpire	NE	Rick	Campbell	Observer/Evaluator	C
Robert	Kirkpatrick	Umpire	C	Andy	Cox	Games Committee / Coach	
Doug	O'Brien	Umpire	C	Anjanette	Whitman	Games Committee / Coach	
Ed	Katzman	Umpire / Finish Marshall	NE				

OT&F&CCOA 2023 Award Nominations

Each year, the Ohio Track & Field and Cross County Officials Association awards the Joe Lenge Service Award, the Fredrick Cope Award and several Contributor Awards. For more information on who qualifies for each award or to nominate someone, please visit <https://otfcco.wixsite.com/ohiotrackofficials/forms> and click on the picture next to the award description.

While it is common for secretaries to send nominations in on behalf of their association; **anyone** may nominate someone who qualifies for the awards. Nominations for these awards are due by August 1, 2022

Seated Athlete State Meet Information

Please see below information sent to coaches and ADs related to seated events:

TO: Track Meet Managers, Coaches, & Athletic Administrators

FROM: Dustin Ware, Sport Administrator

SUBJECT: Seated Qualification Standards for the 2022 Track & Field State Championship

DATE: April 29, 2022

Seated Qualifying Standards (*recorded from meets utilizing FAT*) for the 2022 OHSAA State Track & Field Championship:

	100 m	400 m	800 m	Shot Put
BOYS	40.0	2:00	3:30	9'
GIRLS	45.0	2:30	4:00	7'

Additional notes:

- Coaches of **seated athletes** should verify that Meet Managers of meets (*utilizing FAT*) have submitted the qualifying results to **EITHER**:
 - MileSplit (results@milesplit.com)
 - OR**
 - Dustin Ware (dware@ohsaa.org)
- The deadline to submit these results will be **12:00 PM on Sunday, May 22nd**.
- Coaches and/or AD's will be contacted (*via email*) on **Tuesday May 24th** to confirm their athlete's entry / acceptance for the State Meet. The deadline to submit your athlete's entry / acceptance (*via email only*) will be **12:00 PM on Sunday May 29th**

State Meet Heat procedures:

- If 1-9 competitors:
 - They will compete in one section at the state tournament.
- If 9-18 competitors:
 - They will compete in two seeded heats on Friday to determine the 9 qualifiers.
- If 19 or more competitors:
 - A regional competition will be held the week before the state tournament in the events with 19 or more qualifiers, with the top 18 advancing to the state semi-finals.

Other important notes:

- Each athlete's permanent, physical disability must be verified by a licensed physician and must be maintained by the designated administrator of the athlete's high school. (NOTE: The OHSAA reserves the right to request this documentation as part of the entry process.)
- The coach should have addressed any uniform modifications and received written waivers from the OHSAA authorizing the modification.
- The athlete has verified the functionality of all equipment required for competition.

Sincerely,

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