



2025 OHSAA Track & Field State Championships

Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium | The Ohio State University

General & Spectator Information

Spectator Questions: Spectators should direct their questions to their coach or athletic administrator. OHSAA staff and meet management will not be available for questions from spectators prior to the event.

Map: A map of the facility can be found [HERE](#).

Gates Open: The gates will open 90 minutes prior to the start of the first event.

Parking: Parking is free in designated lots. A Parking map can be found [HERE](#).

RV Parking: RV parking will be allowed and is available in the designated lot per the map linked above. If RVs are arriving on Thursday, they will need to pay for each spot occupied by the RV using the ParkMobile app. Directions will be available via signage at the entrance to the lot.

Tickets: Tickets go on sale Tuesday, May 27, and are available via Ticketmaster by clicking [HERE](#). Students \$10, Adults \$15. Children aged five and up require a ticket. Program and ticket sales are credit card ONLY.

Live Results: Live results and heat sheets for the finals can be found on the [OHSAA Championship Page](#).

Smoking/Vaping/Tobacco: Smoking/Vaping and the use of tobacco products are prohibited in all areas.

Umbrellas: Umbrellas are prohibited in the stands and spectator areas.

Food & Drink: No outside food or drink is permitted inside the stadium.

Concessions: Food and drink will be available for purchase inside the stadium. New in 2025, concessions will be available in the throwing area.

Programs/ Merchandise: Programs will be on sale during the event for \$5 (credit card only). 2025 State meet merchandise will be available for purchase from EA Graphics. Online purchases can be made by clicking [HERE](#).

Spectator Access: Spectators are prohibited from accessing competition areas during the event. No spectators are permitted inside the fence, on the track, or in the field event venues. Spectators or parents who enter restricted areas will be removed from the facility without refund.

Drones: Under OHSAA & Ohio State regulations, drones are prohibited. The use of drones will be subject to removal without a refund and additional penalties per The Ohio State University Police.

OSU Admission Policies: It is the responsibility of all spectators to review the OSU Athletic Facility Admission regulations that can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Medical & Security: The American Red Cross, in conjunction with Columbus Fire & EMS, will be on hand to address all spectator-related medical issues. Uniformed police, supported by BEST Security and OSU event staff, will be on hand to provide safety and security to the venue and surrounding areas. If you need assistance, please contact any uniformed police, security, or OSU/OHSAA staff.

Use of Electronic Starting Devices & Electronic Distance Measurement: For the meet, the starters will use fully integrated Electronic Starting Devices rather than traditional starting pistols. This tested and approved technology amplifies sound towards the athletes rather than the fans. Additionally, laser measurement will be used for the shot put, discus, and long jump.

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Team, Coach, & Athlete Information

Virtual Coaches Meeting: A virtual coaches meeting will be required of all coaches. The meeting will be previously recorded, and a link will be provided to all coaches at the same time as information on relay changes is emailed to coaches the week of the meet. Please view this 35-minute meeting by 11:59 pm on Wednesday, June 4, 2025

Stadium Walk Through: Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium will be open 4pm -6pm on Thursday, June 5, for walkthrough **ONLY**. No entry to the stadium will be allowed before or after the times listed above. **No practice is allowed**, including running, jogging, or the use of hurdles/field event venues. Gates to the stadium will open 90 minutes prior to the start of the first event on Friday & Saturday for additional walk through with admission tickets provided at packet pickup.

Packet Pick Up: Per the schedule below, packets will be available for pick up in the Schumaker Complex, #3 on the map. Due to space limitations and to ensure proper processing, only board approved coaches may pick up packets. **Absolutely no athletes or parents should enter the Schumaker Complex; parents may not pick up packets.** Coaches and athlete tickets will be provided with your packet, so you must pick up the packet before entering the stadium Friday and/or Saturday. No restrooms will be available in the Schumacker Complex.

Thursday: 3 pm – 7 pm | Friday: 7:30 am – 5 pm | Saturday: 7:30 am – 5 pm

*Coaches will NOT need to sign the NFHS required Verification Form before picking up the packet, as it was signed when you registered for the district meet in MileSplit.

Coach & Athlete Admission: Coaches' complimentary admission will be issued based on the number of competitors, according to the following: **There are no exceptions.**

All teams receive admission for one (1) head coach plus one (1) additional coach for each specialty area listed below (jumps, pole vault, sprints/hurdles, distance, throws) when their team has entries in the specialty. Maximum six (6) per team					
Specialty	Jumps	Pole Vault	Sprints/Hurdles	Distance	Throws
Events in the specialty	High Jump	Pole Vault	100, 200, 400 Dash	800, 1600, 3200 Run	Shot Put
	Long Jump		100, 110, 300 Hurdles	4x800 Relay	Discus
			4x100, 4x200, 4x400 Relay		

- Only two alternate members of relay teams will receive complimentary admission.
- League and school-issued passes are not valid and will not be accepted for admission.
- Only passes issued specifically for the state tournament will be accepted.
- Coaches & athletes **MUST** enter the stadium through the gate directly adjacent to #1 on the map. Athlete and coach tickets will not be accepted at any other gate. **Athlete and coach tickets cannot be used by spectators.**

Administrator Admission: As this event will utilize Ticket Master, the administrator admission provided through HomeTown will not be accepted. Three administrators from each participating school will be provided general admission to the meet by entering through the Media & VIP Entrance, as indicated as #4 on the map.

Field Event Credentials: Wristbands will be issued based on entries in each field event, providing one coach per team access to the designated coaches' area. **It must be worn on the wrist at all times.** The wristband is only valid for the field event, division, and gender for which it is issued. Those using the wristbands to access other areas will have the pass revoked, and their athlete is subject to disqualification per NFHS Rule 4-6-5e. Once the field event has ended, coaches must vacate all restricted areas. Transferring wristbands is not allowed and will result in the ejection of all individuals involved.

Seated Athlete Credentials: Each qualifying seated athlete will receive two credentials to provide support to their athletes and a parking pass. Parking will be mailed to the school in advance of the meet.

Coaches Access: Except for properly credential coaches in field event areas, **coaches are not permitted inside the fence or in the competition areas at any time, including the time between divisions for warmups.** Coaches accessing areas without proper credentials are subject to penalties up to and including ejection, per OHSAA Tournament Regulations.

Bib Numbers: Bib numbers will be issued to all athletes entered to compete at the championship, including alternates in relays. Athletes are required to wear their bib numbers on their backs during all running events; **athletes must keep their numbers for the second day of competition.** Athletes in field events do not wear their bib numbers, which have been provided as a commemorative item. Replacement of lost bibs will be available per the Tournament Regulations with a \$20 fee after completing a signing a bib replacement form. Please visit the clerking tent to complete the replacement form and have a new bib issued.

To ensure bib numbers can be issued for the correct athletes, if you plan to have different athletes listed for your relay than who were entered for the district tournament, please complete the replacement form found on the MileSplit Meet Page.

Pole Vault Certification Cards: Pole vault certification cards will be distributed in each coach's packet. The card must be completed and signed before the athlete will be able to check in and warm up for the event.

Relay Cards: Relay cards will be distributed in each packet. Please complete the card appropriately; your athletes must turn it in when they check in for the event. Only those listed on the relay card are eligible to compete.

4x100 Blue | 4x200 Green | 4x400 Grey | 4x800 Pink

Spikes: Only pyramid spikes no longer than 1/4" are permitted. Needle spikes and Christmas tree spikes are not permitted. **The clerks will be checking spike length just before the races and at check-in.** If a competitor is in violation of this rule, he/she will not be allowed to participate.

Runway & Track Markers: Only provided tennis balls and markers may be used; chalk may be used in the high jump ONLY.

Athlete Event Check In:

- Running events should check in at the clerking tent as indicated by #10 on the map linked above. Athletes must check in no later than 20 minutes prior to the scheduled start of their event.
- Field events should check in at the event venues as indicated (#6, 7, 8, &9) on the map linked above. Athletes must check in no less than 45 minutes prior to the start of their field events. Checking in one hour prior to the pole vault is recommended.
- All seated events will check in at the seated athlete tent as indicated by #11 on the map linked above, no less than 45 minutes prior to the start of their event. This earlier check in allows for needed transportation to the seated throwing venue.

Implement Inspection:

- Vaulting poles will be inspected upon check-in at the event venue.
- Throwing implements will be checked at the tent located between the throwing areas.

Athletic Training/Medical: Athletic trainers and physicians from Ohio State University, as well as EMS from Columbus Fire, will be on hand to handle athlete-related medical needs. They will be available near the finish line, and at each field event venue. **NO parents or coaches will be permitted access to the competition area unless requested by the medical staff.**

Electronic Starting Device (ESD): Electronic Starting Devices, also known as ESDs, will be used for all races.

Electronic Distance Measurement (EDM): Electronic Distance Measurement devices, also known as EDM or lasers, will be used to measure performances in the discus, shot put, and long jump.

Officiating Decision & Questions: Decisions of the referee are final and cannot be overturned by the OHSAA office.

- **Field Events:** Coaches with questions related to a call made should first speak with the event officials. If you are not satisfied with that, ask to speak with the head field judge; from there, you can escalate to the referee.
- **Running Events:** Coaches who have questions about a call in a running event should go directly to the meet referee or head umpire for discussion.
- **Order of Finish:** Coaches with questions related to the order of finish, results, or scoring, please go directly to the referee or Data & Technology Referee.

Filing Appeals: Coaches have the right to file a written appeal if they feel there has been a misapplication of a rule; **judgment calls are not appealable.**

- Appeals can only be filed by coaches; parents & administrators cannot file appeals.
- If you need to file an appeal, please see the referee and request the form.
- The appeal form will require you to list the rule that was misapplied. If you cannot cite the rule, the appeal is automatically denied, so please be prepared with your rule book.
- Once the appeal is turned in, it will be reviewed by the referee, and a decision will be given to you at the meet by the referee.
- There is no jury of appeals in Ohio.

Pre-Event Coaches or Administrator Questions: Coaches and administrators with questions should first review this document & the [OHSAA Championship Page](#). If, after reviewing the information, there are still questions, please send them via email to the contacts listed on this document. Every possible effort will be made to respond promptly; however, responses will be delayed due to final tournament preparations. No correspondence from parents, student athletes, or spectators will be responded to.

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