



2025 7th & 8th Grade Track State Championship Qualifier Criteria

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Certification

- An “approved application” must be gained prior to marketing your meet as a “OHSAA 7th & 8th Grade State Meet Qualifier”. This includes the use of an ‘approved’ OHSAA logo on email & online marketing materials.
- The host will keep all revenue generated by spectator tickets, team registration fees, food concessions and parking revenue.
- The host school &/or meet management understands that they WILL NOT receive any type of financial assistance from the OHSAA for costs incurred from hosting this meet, nor will any member of the meet management, event staff, or timing company receive payment from the OHSAA for the work performed at this meet.
- The host is solely responsible for securing & providing all event staffing for this meet, a timing company, and the assigning of the required number of officials as outlined in the “Qualifier Agreement.” The hosting site understands & confirms that there will be no OHSAA staff on site during this qualifying event, nor will the OHSAA staff be expected to provide any pre-event assistance with any function of the meet management process.
- A Post Meet report must be submitted (via the below link) within 72 hours of the completion of the meet. Failure to submit the report may result in your meet results being excluded and could disqualify you from hosting qualifiers in future years.
- **All applications must be submitted by March 28, 2025. Late applications will be accepted at the discretion of the Sport Administrator and will require a \$100 late fee paid to the OHSAA.**

Approved Competition Dates

- The meet must be scheduled to be competed between March 29, 2025 and May 10, 2025.
- If canceled due to weather the meet can be moved to Sunday, May 11, 2025 as long as all results and the needed report are filed by 10 pm.

State Meet: May 17, 2025

Ohio Mile Split

- All meets **MUST** utilize Ohio Mile Split for the meet, including both registration and results; there are no exceptions to this requirement.
- **The Mile Split Meet ID and URL MUST be provided as part of the application or your meet will not be approved.** Meet Managers or FAT providers will need to create the meet and provide the information before applying. If the host or the FAT provider makes changes that affect the ID or URL, they must report them immediately or your meets results will not be included.

FAT Requirement

- Fully Automatic Timing must be used, and NFHS Rules must be followed for both its use and who is allowed to operate it.
- FAT systems must start automatically (electronically) at the firing of the starting device and the finish recorded via approved video. Software that captures the finish electronically but does not start automatically cannot be used.
- If there is a FAT failure, any race not using FAT will not be accepted.
- All Seated event results must be reported in the final results as "Seated Events". Seated event results CANNOT be reported in the same event as footed athletes. Please review the seated athlete manual for more information.
- It is strongly recommended that Electronic Starting Devices be used as they will be used at the championship.

Wind Readings

- Wind readings for the appropriate races and long jump are recommended but not required for qualifiers.

Team Entry Requirements

- Meets must allow at minimum 4(four) schools to enter (both genders).
- There is no maximum or minimum number of athletes a team can enter in each event. All OHSAA and NFHS regulations must be followed.

Officiating Requirements

- Ensuring fair and safe competition is a key element of the certification process; meets must have at least 4 (four) OHSAA-certified officials, as detailed below.
- If 4 (four) officials cannot be contracted due to the shortage of officials and meets can show they have contacted all eligible officials in their area, an exception may be made on a case-by-case basis.
- All officials' assignments must be mad through DragonFly

Minimum officiating requirements

- Meet Referee (1), who is an OHSAA class one official.
- Starter (1), who is an OHSAA official of any class.
- Clerk (1), who is an OHSAA official of any class.
- Head Field Judge (1) who is an OHSAA official of any class

OR

Field Referee (1) who is an OHSAA class one official.

- *It is **STRONGLY** recommended that additional officials be contracted.

Implement Inspection

- All pole vault poles and throwing implements must be inspected and certified by a OHSAA class one official.
- If the official assigned to the field event is not a class one official, the Referee or other class one official must perform this responsibility.
- Regulations for vaulting poles is outlined in NFHS rules
- Regulations for throwing implements are outlined in the OHSAA Officials Manual.

ALL OHSAA and NFHS rules apply to competition.

Order of Events

- The meet **MUST** follow the OHSAA order of events as outlined in the OHSAA Officials Manual.
- If your venue has a legal pole vault facility, the event must be competed regardless of the number of participants or if the host school has any participants.
- Seated events must be offered in the Shot Put, 100M, & 400M.
 - o Please refer to the seated athlete manual for information on how the events should be administered.
- Shot Put, Discus, and Long Jump may be competed with finals (3 prelim attempts, three additional in finals) **or with four attempts only.**
 - o **Throws MUST be taken one at a time (no two & one or two & two)** unless the referee deems it necessary for someone to throw more than one to compete in another event. **All attempts must be measured.**
 - o **Long Jump may utilize open pit**
 - o Field events must be seeded from worst to best, both overall and in each flight.
- Running events must be seeded per the rules outlined by the NFHS



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- Approval received from OHSAA Sport Administrator
The meet cannot be approved without submitting the MileSplit Meet ID and Meet Link.
- Meet must use Ohio MileSplit for registration and results
- Meet followed OHSAA order of events
- Meet was open to seated athletes
- Must use FAT as defined in NFHS rules.
- Meet is open to at least 4(four) schools (both genders)
- OHSAA official's minimum requirements met
- Pole Vault poles inspected by a OHSAA class one certified official
- Throwing implements inspected by an OHSAA class one certified official
- Field events followed the appropriate regulations
- Results submitted to Ohio MileSplit immediately following event.
- Seated event results are listed as "Seated Events" in your results
- Any and all issues/anomalies reported to sport administrator
- Meet was held during the approved time frame

