



2024 7th & 8th Grade Track State Championship Qualifier Criteria

Qualifying Meet Check List

- Confirmation of an “*Approved Application*” from OHSAA Sport Administrator Dustin Ware to serve as a “*OHSAA Qualifying Meet*”.
- Meet used Ohio Milesplit for meet registration & hosting of results.
- Meet followed OHSAA Order of events.
- Meet was open to seated athletes.
- Meet used FAT as defined in NFHS rules.
- Meet used a Wind gauge (*optional*)
- Meet was open to at least 12 schools (*both genders*)*
(See “Team Entry Requirements” for potential exception to the ‘12 school minimum’)
- OHSAA official's minimum requirements were met
- Pole Vault poles inspected by an OHSAA Class 1 certified official.
- Throwing implements inspected by an OHSAA Class 1 certified official.
- Post meet report submitted to BJ Duckworth
- Meet was held during the approved time frame

Qualifying Meet Hosting Requirements

Hosting 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.
- Once your approval is received and the school has signed a meet agreement, they will be listed on the OHSAA site as a qualifier and may advertise your meet as such.
- The host school 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 hosting school &/or meet management is solely responsible for securing & providing all event staffing for this meet, a timing company (*if needed*), 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 will disqualify you from hosting qualifiers in future years.
 - o Report Link: **Post Meet Report Form**

Event Schedule

- The meet must be scheduled to be competed between **Saturday March 23rd - Saturday May 4th**.
 - o If canceled due to rain or other weather conditions, the meet can be moved to **Sunday May 5th** as long as all results and the needed report are filed by 10pm.

Ohio MileSplit

- All meets must utilize Ohio Milesplit for the meet registration & results hosting. There are no exceptions to this requirement!
- Questions regarding your event creation on MileSplit or any team registration issues should be sent directly to MileSplit (registration@flosports.tv)

Team Entry Requirements

- Meets must have the capability to allow at minimum 12 schools to enter (both genders), with a maximum of two entries per event per school (24 entries per event).
 - o **EXECPTION: Any Conference, League, or County Meet that would not have 12 schools within their league, but would meet the other qualifier requirements, could still be selected & serve as a “OHSAA Qualifier Meet”. (10/11/23)**
- Meets are not penalized if less than 12 schools enter the meet.
- The meet manager must work with OHSAA Sport Administrators to accommodate individual entries/relay entries/full teams when the need arises.

FAT Requirement

- Fully Automatic Timing must be used and follow NFHS Rules 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, the conversion must be used, and the OHSAA office will make a determination on if those results will be counted. In general, if there is a failure limited to one or only a small number of races, the results will be allowed.

Officiating Requirements

- Ensuring competition is fair and safe is a key element of the certification process; meets must have at minimum 10 OHSAA-certified officials as detailed below. If 10 officials cannot be contracted due to the shortage of officials and meets can show they have made every attempt possible to contract the required number of officials, an exception will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- Meets can use the same assignment software as they do for their other meets, use of DragonFly is not required.

Minimum officiating requirements

- **Meet Referee** (1), (must be an OHSAA Class one official)
- **Starter** (1), (must be an OHSAA Class one official)
- **Clerk** (1), (may be an OHSAA official of any class)
- **Field Event Officials** (5), one field event official at each field event contested.
 - o This official can have any class of OHSAA Certification.
 - o **If only four field events are contested, only four field event officials are needed.**
- **Umpires** (2), (may be an OHSAA official of any class)

*It is recommended that additional officials be contracted.

NOTE:

*If additional assistance with securing officials is needed, please contact **BJ Duckworth** (bjduckworth@ohsaa.org). This request would only be an aid to the meet management to fill any late replacements OR gaps in the required officiating requirements, **the OHSAA will not assign officials to your meet**. This request would need to be made by meet management & in a timely manner.*

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 outline 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
 - Please refer to the seated athlete manual for information on how the events should be administered.
- Shot Put, Discus, and Long Jump must have finals and follow the process of three preliminary throws and three final throws, with the top nine and ties taken to the finals.
 - Throws must be taken one at a time (*"two and one" is not permitted*) unless the referee deems it necessary for someone to throw more than one to compete in another event. All attempts must be measured.
 - Long Jump may utilize open pit for prelims by gender.
 - Field events should be seated from worst to best, both overall and in each flight.
- Running events should be seated per the rules outlined by the NFHS

Questions?

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