

2021 REGULATIONS FOR BOYS AND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD TOURNAMENTS

District – Regional – State

Note: The following regulations apply to all levels of tournament competition unless otherwise specified. They were adopted by the Ohio High School Athletic Association Board of Directors on February 18, 2021. The Executive Director is authorized to modify these regulations when deemed necessary, subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. It should also be noted that, besides these tournament regulations, all regulations within the OHSAA Handbook (Bylaws, General Sports Regulations and Track & Field Regulations) shall be followed in addition to the other requirements listed within the OHSAA/NFHS Rules Considerations and General Requirements document and the Ohio Department of Health Director's Sports Order due to the COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic.

1. Organization of Tournaments

The District Athletic Boards organize and supervise district tournaments in their respective districts, subject to the regulations adopted by the Board of Directors. The regional and state tournaments are under the supervision of the Board of Directors and administered through the Executive Director's office.

2. Eligibility

All participants must be eligible under the Bylaws and Regulations of the OHSAA.

A student who uses anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs is ineligible for interscholastic competition until such time as medical evidence can be presented that the student's system is free of anabolic steroids or other performance enhancing drugs.

3. Divisions

There will be three divisions, I, II and III in all levels of the OHSAA Track and Field tournaments. Schools must compete in the division and sites to which assigned by the OHSAA. For the 2021 state tournaments, Division I will compete at Hilliard Darby High School, Division II at Pickerington High School North and Division III at Westerville North High School.

4. Rules

The 2020 NFHS Track and Field Rules shall apply in all cases unless changed in the regulations that follow. Since there was no season last year, the NFHS' 2020 rules will be used in 2021. There shall be no juries of appeals convened, and the decisions of the referee are final.

5. Entry Requirements

5.1. Entries shall be submitted electronically via www.baumspage.com, which must include the name and number of individual the name and number of the individual entries in all events except relays and a numerical list of all squad members with the assigned number of each athlete.

5.2. The completed electronic entry and eligibility certificate must be in the possession of the tournament manager no later than 5:00 p.m.. on Friday, May 15, 2021, or at a later date and time if established by the district athletic board.

5.2.1. If the completed entry is not submitted by the designated time and date, the entry will not be accepted without payment of a \$50 late fee and approval by the OHSAA.

***Note:** An earlier deadline for entries may not be established, but completed entries will be accepted earlier and are encouraged.

5.3. In the first level of competition, a maximum of two eligible athletes may be named on the entry form for each event other than relay events.

***Note:** A substitute may replace an entered athlete provided the substitute is submitted on the online roster, and provided the substitute is submitted to the tournament manager via online or on the scratch/substitution form **no later than 12:00 p.m. NOON** of the first day the event is contested. For Saturday competition, substitutions **MUST** be made at the time coaches check in that morning. After that time, no substitutions will be accepted. The Clerk of the Course will accept scratches as per usual.

In regard to the above regulation, substitutions may be permitted only in the event that a competitor becomes injured or ill during the contest. For example, a competitor is injured during the running of the high hurdles and cannot compete in a later event (e.g., 300 I.H). In this case, the coach should be permitted to substitute.

***Note:** In accordance with NFHS Rule 4-2-1, a contestant shall not compete in more than **FOUR (4)** individual events, including relays. If a contestant competes in more than the four allowable events, the tournament manager shall scratch the contestant from the excess number of event(s) by following the listed order of events. First day of competition means the day the event is to be competed. For example, an athlete who qualifies in an individual event in a tournament for the next level of competition may not be replaced by another athlete. An athlete who is disqualified due to participation in more than four events is ineligible for further tournament competition.

***Note:** NFHS rules and OHSAA participation regulations restrict each athlete to a maximum of **FOUR (4)** events in each tournament whether competed on one day or over two days. Members of relay teams must be designated on the relay card prior to competing the first time. All members of a relay team must be listed on the eligibility certificate.

Each level of tournament competition (district, regional, state) qualifies a school relay team.

5.4. Members of qualifying relay teams may be changed from one level of competition to the next level of competition provided the four-event entry limitation is observed.

5.5. Substitution Forms will be provided for changes at the first level of tournament competition.

***Note:** Scratches shall be reported to the Clerk no later than 15 minutes prior to the start of the event.

6. Uniforms

6.1 In accordance with NFHS Track and Field Rule 4-3 team members shall wear the school uniform. A competitor must be in a legal track and field uniform. **Effective in 2020, uniform numbers are no longer required on the back of contestants' uniforms.**

***Note:** A contestant who competes with an illegal uniform shall be disqualified from that event.

6.2 In accordance with Rule 3-2-4, j, contestants wearing two-piece uniforms must tuck their school-issued uniform tops into their uniform bottoms. If wearing a one-piece uniform, the required hip numbers must be placed so as to be visible to the FAT operator. In addition, the games committee at each tournament site shall specify in advance those areas of competition where removal of any portion of the team uniform, except shoes, is prohibited and shall specify those areas where the use of electronic devices is allowed.

6.3 In accordance with NFHS Track and Field Rule 4-3-1-a each competitor shall wear shoes.

***Note:** Shoes on all weather tracks must be rubber-soled shoes or track shoes as specified by the tournament manager or games committee.

6.4 In accordance with Board of Directors approval in December 2019, ALL tournament managers should be cognizant and cooperative with the following Sports Regulation governing "Headgear:"

Refer to the National Playing Rules of the particular sport to determine what head decorations or headwear are permissible.

Exception: In the event a head coach represents to the referee in advance of the start of the competition that a competitor wishes NOT to expose his/her uncovered head, the referee shall approve a covering or wrap which shall not:

- 1) Fundamentally alter the sport
- 2) Be abrasive, hard or dangerous to any other participant
- 3) Be attached in such a way that it is likely to come off during competition, and
- 4) Be deemed to be unsporting/offensive

For other exceptions not addressed above, school administrators and/or head coaches shall contact the OHSAA sport administrator (Dale Gabor – dgabor@ohsaa.org or 440-829-9913) in advance of the competition date to discuss if a waiver is available, and, if so, the details of the waiver process.

Note: If there are any concerns about the head decorations or head gear well in advance of the start of the competition on that day, contest officials shall approach the head coach (or assistant coach, if the head coach is not available) to address the issue.

7. School Representative

No team or individual entry will be allowed to compete in the OHSAA tournaments at any level of competition unless a coach or a person authorized by the Board of Education is present throughout the competition. Teams and individual entries unaccompanied by such a school representative will be disqualified (Bylaw 3-3-1 N.B. - see General Sports Regulation 14). When a male coach is assigned to a girl's team, a female supervisor (non high school student) should

accompany the girls team. Likewise, when a female coach is assigned to a boy's team, a male supervisor (non high school student) should accompany the boys team.

8. Order of Events and Time Schedule - District

District Order of Events and SAMPLE Time Schedule for Finals - District

Day 1

Girls 4 x 800 (finals)
Boys 4 x 800 (finals)
Girls Hurdles – 100M
Boys Hurdles – 110M
Girls 100M
Boys 100M
Girls 4 x 200
Boys 4 x 200
Girls 1600M Run (if necessary)*
Boys 1600M Run (if necessary)*
Girls 4 x 100
Boys 4 x 100
Girls 400M Dash
Boys 400M Dash
Girls Hurdles – 300M
Boys Hurdles – 300M
Girls 800M Run (if necessary)*
Boys 800M Run (if necessary)*
Girls 200M Dash
Boys 200M Dash
Girls 3200M Run (if necessary)*
Boys 3200M Run (if necessary)*
Girls 4 x 400
Boys 4 x 400

*The first heat of the girls and boys 4 x 100 may begin no earlier than 15 minutes after the start of the first heat of the girls and boys 4 x 200.

*The first heat of the girls and boys 4 x 400 may begin no earlier than 20 minutes after the start of the first heat of the girls and boys 200M Dash.

Note: This Order of Events and Time Schedule is consistent with the Order of Events and Time Schedule of both the regional and state meets.

9. Qualifying Tournaments

Each district and regional track and field tournament is a qualifying tournament for the tournament that follows. These tournaments are not preliminaries for the succeeding tournament. The personnel of qualifying relay teams may be changed from one tournament to the next.

10. Qualification to Regional Tournaments

The first four individuals or relay teams in each event in the district tournaments shall qualify for regional competition. Only four qualifiers in each event shall be permitted to qualify from a district tournament to a regional tournament. See Section 12 for procedure to determine qualifiers in case of ties.

11. Scoring and Ties

NFHS Track and Field Rule 2-2-1 shall apply. In field events, ties shall be broken by applying the specific procedures outlined in NFHS Track and Field Rule 6-3-2 and 6-3-4.

12. Determining Qualifiers in Case of Ties

If there is a tie in an event that would result in more qualifiers than permitted, refer to NFHS Track and Field Rule 4-5-4. Accordingly,

Day 2

1:00 Girls Hurdles – 100M
1:05 Boys Hurdles – 110M
1:10 Girls 100M
1:12 Boys 100M
1:15 Girls 4 x 200
1:25 Boys 4 x 200
1:35 Girls 1600M Run
1:45 Boys 1600M Run
1:55 Girls 4 x 100
2:00 Boys 4 x 100
2:05 Girls 400M Dash
2:10 Boys 400M Dash
2:15 Girls Hurdles – 300M
2:20 Boys Hurdles – 300M
2:25 Girls 800M Run
2:30 Boys 800M Run
2:35 Girls 200M Dash
2:40 Boys 200M Dash
2:45 Girls 3200M Run
3:00 Boys 3200M Run
3:15 Girls 4 x 400
3:25 Boys 4 x 400

*The time schedule for District finals should allow a similar time gap in the semi-finals unless otherwise noted.

12.1 Track Events: “if there is a tie in any heat or flight which affects qualification for the next level of competition, the tying competitors shall qualify if lanes or positions are available; if they are not available, the tied competitors shall compete against each other for the available lane or position.”

***Note:** When using F.A.T., timing to the 1/1000 may be used to break a tie for the last qualifying position.

12.2. Shot Put, Discus, Long Jump; ties shall be broken according to NFHS Track and Field Rules 6-3-2. It is mandatory that all legal trials be measured and recorded.

12.3 High Jump and Pole Vault; the qualifier shall be determined according to NFHS Track and Field Rule 6-3-2.

***Note:** Be sure that contestants are notified of any ties in qualifying positions immediately after the event so they will be available to compete for the qualifying position. When further competition is required to determine qualifiers, no records may be established and the awarding of points as well as awards shall be based upon the ties prior to the additional competition required to select a qualifier. Competitors tied for the last qualifying place in District and Regional competition shall be given one additional jump at the tying height before continuing with the competition. If the tie is not broken, the jump off for the last qualifying place shall take place only after the conclusion of the event when the other qualifying positions have been determined. A reasonable warm-up period with the bar set at an appropriate height subject to the discretion of the head event judge shall be given.

13. Decisions

Referees decisions are final in all tournaments. Exception: The Executive Director retains the right to rule on all instances involving ineligible participants. The Games Committee will serve in an advisory capacity to the referee if the referee chooses to seek advice. The referee shall not observe any type of video device unless the device has been approved in advance and when authorized may use the device only for determining order of finish.

14. Appeal Procedure

14.1 Obtain appeal form from the Tournament Manager.

14.2 Complete appeal form, sign and present to the tournament referee.

14.3 The tournament referee will review the appeal, reach a decision, complete and sign the referee's decision portion of the appeal form and notify the coach of the final decision.

14.4 The decision of the tournament referee is final and not subject to further review except as indicated in #13.

15. Awards

15.1 Awards presented at the site of the OHSAA Track and Field Tournament must be approved by the Executive Director.

15.2 District Tournaments – The first-place team shall be awarded a district championship trophy. The runner-up team shall be awarded a district runner-up trophy. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no awards presentations to individuals will occur at the district, regional or state level. A very brief team trophy presentation, followed by brief team photos, may occur.

15.3 Awards Ceremony – The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team issued warm-ups or uniform and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than running shoes, and any other decorative item. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

16. District Tournament Managers

District tournament managers shall be responsible for the proper organization and management of the track and field tournaments that they are managing. District tournaments shall be conducted according to the NFHS Track and Field Rules and the OHSAA tournament regulations for girls and boys track and field. The district tournament manager shall electronically submit to the regional tournament manager the names of qualifiers for each event. The complete results of the district tournaments shall be transmitted electronically on Sunday, May 23, 2021, no later than 1:00 p.m. as directed by the regional manager.

17. Unsporting Conduct Penalty

During participation in OHSAA Tournaments any student or coach ejected for unsporting conduct shall be ineligible for the remainder of that day as well as for all contests in track and field until two regular season/tournament contests

have been competed at the same level as the ejection. Individuals ejected for unsporting conduct shall be reported to the OHSAA Executive Director by the tournament manager. The Executive Director will investigate the situation and may impose additional penalties in accordance with Bylaw 11 if the situation warrants it. Participation in athletic contests is a privilege. Each individual is expected to conduct himself or herself in an exemplary manner while participating.

Beginning in 2021, any player or coach ejected for fighting shall be ineligible for all contests for the remainder of that day. In addition, the player or coach shall be ineligible for all contests at all levels in that sport until FOUR regular season/tournament contests are played at the same level as the ejection or disqualification.

18. Property Damage

There is no insurance covering property damage. If property is damaged at a tournament site by competing school teams, student body or spectators, the school from which the students and/or spectators come shall be liable and pay the cost of repair or replacement. The tournament manager is authorized to deduct from the school's share the cost of any damages caused by competing schools. Other damages to facilities not attributed to a competing school could be a legitimate tournament expense and may be deducted from tournament receipts. If damage is extensive the District Board or Board of Directors will become involved. Student crowd control at OHSAA sponsored tournaments is the responsibility of the principals of the competing schools.

19. Sponsorship and Rights

The Ohio High School Athletic Association is the sponsoring association for the district, regional and state track and field tournaments. The OHSAA reserves all rights in regard to the management of these tournaments and the sale of any items at the tournaments or any audio-visual reproductions of the tournaments. Any sale of food, clothing, souvenirs or any other items at each tournament site is strictly prohibited without permission of the respective District Athletic Board for district tournaments and the OHSAA Commissioner for regional and state tournaments. The videotaping of any or all portions of the tournament for resale purposes is prohibited without permission.

20. Prohibited Advertising

There shall be no advertising through printed media, billboards, radio or television that includes beer, wine, liquor, tobacco, political parties or candidates or any other advertising contrary to the philosophy of the high school athletic program.

21. Raffles Prohibited

There shall be no raffles or any type of games of chance permitted at the site of track and field tournament contests during the period beginning one hour prior to the tournaments and ending one hour after the tournaments have ended.

22. Prohibited Sales

The sale of, the distribution of, or the consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is not permitted at the site of any contests involving OHSAA member schools

23. Lightning and Inclement Weather

Recognition

Coaches, certified athletic trainers, athletes and administrators shall be educated regarding the signs indicating thunderstorm development. Since the average distance between successive lightening flashes is approximately 2-to-3 miles, anytime that lightning can be seen or thunder heard, the risk is already present. Weather can be monitored using the following methods:

- Monitor Weather Patterns -- Be aware of potential thunderstorms by monitoring local weather forecasts the day before and morning of the competition and by scanning the sky for signs of potential thunderstorm activity.
- National Weather Service -- Weather can be monitored using small, portable weather radios from the NWS. The NWS uses a system of severe storm watches and warnings. A watch indicates conditions are favorable for severe weather to develop in an area; a warning indicates severe weather has been reported in an area, and everyone should take proper precautions. Any thunderstorm poses a risk of injury or death even if it does not meet the criteria for severe weather. Therefore, anytime thunderstorms are in the forecast (even if it is only a 20% chance) event organizers shall be at a heightened level of awareness to the potential danger of lightening.

Management

- Evacuation -- If lightning is imminent or a thunderstorm is approaching, all personnel, athletes and spectators shall evacuate to available safe structures or shelters. A list of the closest safe structures shall be announced and posted at all athletic venues.
- Thirty-Minute Rule -- Once lightning has been recognized, competition shall not be resumed until at least 30 minutes after the last flash of lightning is witnessed or thunder is heard to begin or resume a contest. Given

the average rates of thunderstorm travel, this would allow the storm to move 10-to-12 miles away from the area and significantly reduces the risk of local lightning flashes. Any subsequent lightning or thunder after the beginning of the 30-minute count should reset the clock and another count should begin.

Note: At night, under certain atmospheric conditions, lightning flashes may be seen from distant storms. In these cases, it may be safe to continue an event. If no thunder can be heard and the flashes are low on the horizon, the storm may not pose a threat. Independently verified lightning detection information would help eliminate any uncertainty.

24. Electronic Devices and Unfair Acts

In accordance with NFHS rule 4-6-5, it is considered an unfair act for a competitor to receive communication electronically DURING a race or trial. In accordance with NFHS rule 3-2-8 (NEW IN 2014) electronic devices may be used in unrestricted areas and coaching boxes, providing the location does not interfere with progress of the meet as determined by the meet referee. Electronic devices shall not be used to transmit information to the competitor DURING the race or trial and electronic devices shall not be used for any review of an official's decision. The penalty for violating this rule is disqualification from the event for the competitor and disqualification from the meet, on the basis of unsportsmanlike conduct, for team personnel, including coaches, managers, etc. Once a competitor is called up, the trial and allowable time has begun for an attempt, at which time coaches must cease use of electronic devices in communication with the athlete. Electronic communication may be resumed in accordance with NFHS rule 3-2-8 (see above) following the athlete's attempt.

25. Admission – District and Regional Tournaments

All district tickets \$10.00 per person per session. All regional tickets \$12.00 per person per session. Children age 5 and under will not be charged admission. Tickets will be handled by the OHSAA's online partner, HomeTown Ticketing, and procedures will be shared with the participating schools.

26. Complimentary Admission – District and Regional Tournaments

Complimentary admittance to district and regional track and field tournaments is restricted to the following people:

- Officials - 1 for the official plus one guest
- Workers - 1 for the worker
- Competitors and Coaches according to the following :
Number of Competitors Passes
1-4 One more than number of competitors
5-8 Two more than number of competitors
9 or more Three more than number of competitors

***Note:** Passes will not be provided to alternate members of relay teams unless they participate.

27. Media

Credentials for district and regional tournaments may be obtained by contacting the tournament manager, including telecasting/broadcasting/streaming. All media arrangements are to be made prior to the tournament. ***District and regional tournament managers should review requests for LIVE telecasting/video streaming with the Executive Director's office.*** Contact Tim Stried, Communications Department, at 614-267-2502, ext. 124, or tstried@ohsaa.org. All requests for credentials for the state tournament should also be made with Tim. Note that the OHSAA prohibits live television or video streaming of tournament contests unless prior permission has been obtained.

2021 BOYS AND GIRLS REGIONAL TRACK & FIELD TOURNAMENTS

May 26-May 29, 2021

1. Eligibility

All participants must be eligible according to Bylaws and Regulations of the OHSAA and must have qualified at the **2021** District track and field tournament to which assigned.

2. Entries

2.1. The District Tournament Managers of boys and girls track and field tournaments will transmit complete results of the district tournaments to the regional tournament manager on Sunday, **May 23, 2021**, no later than 1:00 p.m.

2.2. Individuals and relay teams who have qualified at a district tournament automatically become eligible for participation in the regional track and field tournament to which assigned.

3. Regional Tournament schedule, order of events, sites, representation and schedule

See complete regional tournament information and schedule on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) under the track and field section.

4. Games Committee

Each regional track and field tournament will have a games committee composed of one coach of a boys team, one coach of a girls team, the referee, the head clerk, the head field judge and the tournament manager, ex-officio and without a vote. The coaches on the games committee will be appointed by the tournament manager.

The games committee will be responsible for all provisions of NFHS Track and Field Rules 3-2-3 and 3-2-4 and may serve in an advisory capacity to the referee in any matters involving appeals. This is subject to the discretion of the referee. Games committee members are not required to meet in person. All business may be conducted via electronic communication.

5. Seeding and Lane Assignments

NFHS Track and Field Rule 5-6 will be the basis for seeding competitors and forming heats.

5.1. 800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4x800 relay and all field events - starting line assignments and field event order of competition and flights shall be determined by the games committee by lot using an open draw.

5.2. All track events except the 800m, 1600m, 3200m runs and the 4x800 relay - the runners shall be assigned to the lanes based upon their seeded position and using the following order:

Seed	Lane
1	4
2	5
3	6
4	3
5	2
6	7
7	8
8	1

6. Semifinal Heats - Regional and State

Method of determining qualifiers to the finals:

6.1. In all running events at the regional level consisting of semi-final heats, the top two (2) from each heat and the next four (4) fastest times will qualify to the finals.

6.2. In all running events at the state meet consisting of semi-final heats, the top two (2) from each heat and the next five (5) fastest times will qualify to the finals.

7. Shot Put and Discus

Throwing implements used in the shot put and discus throw events shall be provided by the individual or be school-issued. All implements shall be weighed and gauged at the site and meet the minimum standards found in NFHS Rules 6-6-2 and 6-7-2. Competitors may use ONLY legal and approved implements in warm-up and competition according to NFHS Rule 6-2-10. Athletes may not use implements that are less than the minimum specification or exceed the maximum specification (i.e. college implements) during practice since only NFHS legal and approved implements are acceptable.

8. Officials

OHSAA registered track and field officials shall be used at all officiating positions. In the event there are not enough registered track and field officials available, non-registered track and field officials may be used.

9. Regional Tournament Managers

The regional tournament managers shall send all results in the electronic format requested to the OHSAA's data manager as soon as the Referee has certified the results. Divisions I and III results must be sent no later than 9:00 p.m. Friday, **May 28, 2021**. The Division II results must be sent no later than 5:00 p.m. Saturday, **May 29, 2021**. Managers will receive complete instructions from the OHSAA relative to the transmission of this information.

In addition, the regional tournament managers shall deliver all paper forms and other supporting material via overnight mail to the OHSAA office, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214.

The complete report of the eight scoring places in each event plus complete team scoring along with the financial report shall be filed with the OHSAA within 10 days after the regional tournament.

10. Qualification to State Tournament

The first four individual or relay teams in each event in each regional tournament will qualify for state tournament competition. In addition, the next two (2) best times, distances, and heights statewide in each event (running and field events) will be invited to the state meet as well. See Section 11, page 4, of this document for procedures to determine qualifiers in case of ties.

11. Awards

Tournament managers are responsible for the arrangement of award presentations. Presentations shall be conducted with proper respect and congratulations to all award winners.

Individual Awards shall be presented to the first eight place winners in each event. In case of ties, duplicate awards shall be shipped later.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no awards presentations to individuals will occur at the district, regional or state level. A very brief team trophy presentation, followed by brief team photos, may occur.

Team Awards shall be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Trophies shall be presented for the school plus an individual award for the head coach and manager or assistant coach of the championship and runner-up team. For team ties for first place, duplicate championship trophies shall be awarded but no second-place trophy shall be presented.

Awards Ceremony-The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team issued warm-ups or uniform and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than running shoes, and any other decorative item. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

2021 Division I Regional Sites, Dates, Managers and Representation

*****See the OHSAA Website for a separate posting*****

113th BOYS; 46th GIRLS, AND 8th SEATED ATHLETE STATE TRACK & FIELD

TOURNAMENTS

June 4 and 5, 2021

Division I – Hilliard Darby High School; Division II – Pickerington High School North High School; Division III – Westerville North High School

1. Regulations

All applicable regulations for district and regional tournaments are part of the state tournament regulations.

2. State Tournament Management

In 2021, the 113th Annual Boys; 46th Annual Girls, and 8th Annual Seated Athlete State Track and Field Tournaments will be held on June 4 and June 5, 2021, at three separate locations. Division I will be held at Hilliard Darby High School; Division II will be held at Pickerington High School North, and Division III will compete at Westerville North High School. Tournament manager information will be posted on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org). For tournament questions, contact Dale Gabor, Ohio High School Athletic Association, 4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, 43214. Telephone: 614-267-2502; Fax: 614-267-1677; E-Mail: dgabor@ohsaa.org.

3. Entries

The regional tournament managers of boys and girls track and field tournaments will transfer regional tournament qualification data electronically as per instructions provided by the OHSAA in accordance with the established deadlines. These entries and the subsequent state tournament event qualifications shall be posted to the OHSAA Web site (www.ohsaa.org) by 9:00 a.m., Monday, **May 31st, 2021**.

4. Qualification to State Tournament

The first four individuals or relay teams in each event in the regional tournaments will qualify for state tournament competition. In addition, the next two best times (running), distances, and heights (field events) STATEWIDE in each event will be invited as well. See NFHS rule 2-2, 6-3-2, and 6-3-4 for procedures to determine qualifiers in case of ties.

5. Order of Events and Time Schedule

See complete state tournament information and schedule on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org) under the track and field section.

6. Fully Automatic Timing

The FinishLynxTM fully automatic timing system shall be the official time in all events. Printouts of the finish will be made available only at the conclusion of each session on Friday and Saturday to a coach who questions the placement of an athlete from the coach's squad. Please consult the referee if there is a question about placement.

7. Expense Allowance for State Tournament

There will be no expense allowance given to competing schools.

8. Awards

State Tournaments - The championship and runner-up teams will receive trophies. Medals will also be awarded to the coach of the championship team and the runner-up team. The first eight place finishers in each event will receive medals.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no awards presentations to individuals will occur at the district, regional or state level. A very brief team trophy presentation, followed by brief team photos, may occur.

Ties - For ties in the State Tournaments, the award shall be duplicated for each of the tying contestants. Example: If two competitors tie for third place in the High Jump, each competitor shall receive a third-place award but no fourth place award will be given. In case of ties in field events, the ties shall be resolved according to the specific procedures outlined in Section 3 on each field event. For team ties for first place, duplicate championship trophies shall be awarded but no second-place trophy shall be presented.

Awards Ceremony-The medal ceremony and the awarding of team trophies is to be a celebration of the accomplishments of the athletes, not an opportunity to display unusual or inappropriate attire. Therefore, for all medal and trophy ceremonies, athletes shall be attired in team issued warm-ups or uniform and shall be free of all other articles including but not limited to headwear, sunglasses, footwear other than running shoes, and any other decorative item. There shall be no flowers brought to the awards podium.

9. Admission – State Tournaments

All state tournament tickets \$15.00 per person per session. Children age 5 and under will not be charged admission. Tickets will be handled by the OHSAA's online partner, HomeTown Ticketing, and procedures will be shared with the participating schools.

10. Complimentary Admission – State Tournaments

Complimentary admittance to state track and field tournaments is restricted to the following people:

- Officials - 1 for the official plus one guest
- Workers - 1 for the worker
- Competitors and Coaches according to the following :
Number of Competitors Passes
1-4 One more than number of competitors
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9 or more Three more than number of competitors

***Note:** Passes will not be provided to alternate members of relay teams unless they participate.

11. Coaches Materials

Coaches may secure the school packet of track and field materials from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. If tracks are available for a walk-thru/practice on Thursday, additional information will be shared regarding potential packet pick up. **Note:** Coaches are entirely responsible for all contents of the package and no duplicate or replacement passes will be given for lost or forgotten materials.

12. Locker Room Facilities

Due to limited dressing room space and the large number of competitors, athletes must come to the stadium dressed for competition.

13. Shoes, Length of Spikes, Marking Materials

All contestants are required by rule to wear shoes on both feet. If track spikes are worn, the maximum length permitted will be 1/4". This applies to all events except the shot put and discus where rubber soled shoes without spikes may be used.

No tape will be permitted at the pole vault or long jump. Markers will be provided when requested.

14. Media

Credentials may be obtained by contacting Tim Stried, Communications Department at the OHSAA Executive Director's Office, at 614-267-2502, ext. 124, or tstried@ohsaa.org. All media arrangements are to be made prior to the state tournament. Note that the OHSAA prohibits live television or video streaming of tournament contests unless prior permission has been obtained.

15. Starting Blocks

Details will be shared prior to the tournament on how starting blocks will be handled at each state tournament site.

Pre-Tournament Practice

The Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium will be open for pre-tournament inspection and use of the track only from 4:00–6:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 4th, 2020. No students shall be admitted unless accompanied by a school coach. The field event venues shall not be open for practice, and no apparatus of any kind (shot, discus, starting blocks, batons, poles, etc.) may be used during this time period. The facility will open at 8:00 A.M. on Friday.

OHSAA SEATED ATHLETE DIVISION

Due to the growth in the number of wheelchair competitors (seated athletes), the current State Track and Field Championship qualifying process has been revised. Effective with the 2019 State Championships, the following information addresses the new procedure:

- a) 1-9 Competitors: Current structure applies whereby all WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON TIME will compete in one section or flight on the day of the State finals (Saturday);
- b) 10-18 Competitors: 2 seeded heats will be held on Friday in semi-final competition by all WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON TIME to determine the top nine (9) qualifiers for Saturday finals. In the event that only 9 competitors appear/check in due to scratches or withdrawals, semi-final competition will not take place;

c) 19 or more competitors: Regional competition will be held the week before the State Championships in events registered by 19 or more competitors WHO QUALIFIED BASED ON TIME. Competition will be held at one of the current regional sites, and the top 18 competitors will advance to the State semi-final competition the following week.

1. Events – 100 meter, 400 meter, 800 meter, Shot Put
2. One Division – All Divisions will compete against each other in one Division
3. Awards – Both boys and girls will be recognized with individual awards
4. Scoring – All seated events will be non-scoring in relation to team standings
5. Times Schedule (approximate)

Friday, June 4

Shot Put* - (B) – following 9: 30 A.M. footed shot put

Shot Put* -(G) – following 1: 00 P.M. footed shot put

*Note: If there are 10 or less total competitors for the seated division, all competitors will throw following the 9:30 A.M. footed shot put.

Saturday, June 5

800 meter – (B/G) 11:10 A.M.

400 meter – (B/G) 2:10 P.M.

100 meter – (B/G) 4:45 P.M.

Note: Complete guidelines are available on the OHSAA website (www.ohsaa.org).