

2021 District and Regional Tournament Managers Track & Field Manual





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MEMORANDUM

TO: Track and Field District and Regional Tournament Managers
FROM: Chris Ludban, Track & Field Tournament Coordinator
DATE: April 2021
RE: 2021 OHSAA Track and Field Tournament Managers Information

Hopefully your spring season is going well and you are all set for the upcoming tournament season!

Please find enclosed with this manual your tournament managers manual and other information necessary to assist you in preparing for the tournaments. All district and regional tournament managers are receiving the same manual. There are specific instructions included for each level of the tournament and there is a list of enclosures that indicates what should be needed for each level of the tournament.

Some managers administer tournaments at multiple levels (i.e. district, and / or regional). You will receive one mailing that includes all necessary information.

If you discover that you are missing any information, please contact me at Chris.Ludban@hboe.org or on my cell phone at 614-353-3004. Please feel free to make additional copies of any forms as needed.

Again, please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions, and thanks again for all of your hard work!

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

COVID-19 Ohio Health Director's Order

As was announced in April, the Ohio Department of Health issued a simplified Health Director's Order that streamlines previous orders into a single order which underscores the most important tenants of infection prevention. While some elements have changed, the new order continues to focus on the same defense measures against COVID-19 that have been previously required, such as wearing a mask, social distancing, limiting large gatherings, guidelines when outside and practicing good hand hygiene, since the pandemic lingers.

- There no longer is a spectator capacity limit for outdoor venues.
- Spectators are permitted to sit in pods of 10 (rather than six), and they do not have to be from the same household. However, that pod must still maintain six-feet social distancing from other pods or individuals. All other individuals must continue to maintain six-feet social distancing.
- Those not in the contest can be in a pod of 10 so long as that pod maintains six-feet social distancing from other pods or individuals. Conferences/leagues or schools may want to consider continuing policies that maintain six-feet social distancing for everyone not in the contest to help slow the contracting and/or spreading of COVID-19.
- All spectators and those not in the contest, including coaches, must continue to wear facial coverings unless six-foot social distancing can be maintained (or if one of the exceptions for not wearing a facial covering is met).
- The local health department has the authority to enact policies that are more stringent than the Health Director's Order.

The bullet points above and revised Ohio Health Director's Order take precedence over any other ODH- or OHSAA-issued documents. Here is a link to the revised Order:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/amended-directors-order-for-social-distancing-21.pdf>

Event Entry Limitations

The four-event limitation applies to single and multi-day competition – regular season and tournaments. An athlete who has competed in an event and qualifies for the semi-finals or finals of that particular event may not withdraw from that event to compete in another event unless he/she still remains under the maximum of four allowable events. An athlete who exceeds the participation limitation shall be disqualified. The forfeiture bylaws apply as written in Bylaw 11. In support of this, NFHS Rule 4-2-PEN specifies that a competitor who participates in more than the four allowable events shall forfeit all places and points and shall be disqualified from further competition in the meet/tournament. In relay events, the team's relay points and places shall also be forfeited.

No Jury of Appeals in Ohio

In 1999 the NFHS rules changed, thereby eliminating the choice of using the Jury of Appeals either as a final arbiter or in an advisory capacity. Therefore, in OHSAA track and field competition, regular season and tournament, no Jury of Appeals shall be appointed. The games committee, as per rule, may serve in this capacity, but may only advise the referee. **The referee shall have the final decision in all appeals. Refer to NFHS Rule 3-5 for additional information on the appeals process.**

Please note: In all situations involving ineligible participation, the Executive Director of the OHSAA retains final authority to rule on such participation. The Executive Director has the authority to disqualify participants who are ineligible under the Bylaws and sports regulations of the OHSAA.

Use of Video/Electronic Systems for Making Officiating Decisions

In accordance with NFHS Rule 3-2-7, video replay or television monitoring equipment **shall not** be used to make decisions related to the competition except for finish line placement.

ENCLOSURES

DISTRICT TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

- Financial & Personnel Reports: <https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports>
- Relay Cards: 1 package per division (for additional cards, email Chris_Ludban@hboe.org)
- Record Applications: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/tf/TFRecordForm.pdf>
- Violation Report Forms: 25
- Pole Vault Certification Cards: 30
- Track and Field Rules, Case and Officials Manuals
- 2019 OHSAA Track and Field Tournament Participation Form

REGIONAL TOURNAMENT MANAGERS

- Financial & Personnel Reports: <https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports>
- Record Applications: <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/tf/TFRecordForm.pdf>
- State and Regional Record Files for Hy-Tek:
www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/tf/records/index.htm
- Relay Cards: 1 package per division (for additional cards, email Chris_Ludban@hboe.org)
- Violation Report Forms: 25
- Pole Vault Certification Cards: 30
- Track and Field Rules, Case and Officials Manuals
- Regional Records from 2019
- .32 caliber blank shells: 3 boxes per tournament division
- Regional Site Agreement
- Regional Managers Agreement

IMPORTANT DATES

2021 OHSAA Track and Field Calendar

District Tournaments	May 17 – May 22
Regional Tournaments	May 26 – May 29
State Tournaments Div. I – Hilliard Darby High School Div. II – Pickerington High School North Div. III – Westerville North High School	June 4 – June 6

CONTACT INFORMATION

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TOURNAMENT MANAGER INSTRUCTIONS

DISTRICT MANAGERS ONLY

I. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. **District Entry Procedures** – Eligible schools must submit their entries via the OHSAA online entry process based on instructions from data manager, Gary Baumgartner.
- B. Qualifiers from the district to the regional tournament are published on the OHSAA web site.
- C. District site assignments can be found online at www.ohsaa.org . Click on the Track and Field page and then hit the link for your district.

II. ACTION ITEMS – please duplicate any forms as needed

A. Participation Forms

- 1. Complete and send or email to the OHSAA office **IMMEDIATELY** after completion of your tournament. Be sure to send both a boys and a girls participation form, designating each one, and including **ONLY THOSE WHO ACTUALLY PARTICIPATED IN AN EVENT.**
- 2. You can return it in any of the following manners:
 - a. Via Mail
 - b. Via E-Mail – to Brenda Murray (bmurray@ohsaa.org)
 - c. Via Fax – to the attention of Brenda Murray at 614-267-1677
- 3. A copy of the form can be found online (TF page).

B. Financial & Personnel Reports

- 1. The required reports can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports> where you will be provided with instructions on downloading and completing the forms. **Please read and follow the instructions provided.**
- 2. Complete all sections and submit one copy to the treasurer of your District Athletic Board within 10 days after your tournament, and retain one copy for your files.

- C. **Qualifiers** – All District Managers shall electronically transmit the qualifiers' files to the Manager or Manager's designee of the Regional Tournament to which the qualifiers are assigned immediately upon completion of the District Tournament. Instructions regarding this electronic transfer will come from the OHSAA Data Manager, Gary Baumgartner.

- D. **District Tournament Online Entry Process** – Detailed information is available at www.baumspage.com and on the OHSAA web site under the track and field page.

TOURNAMENT MANAGERS INSTRUCTIONS

REGIONAL MANAGERS ONLY

- I. **INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A. Qualifiers from the Regional to the State Tournaments are published on the OHSAA website. The qualifiers are also stipulated in the tournament regulations enclosed in this manual.
 - B. The District site assignments and District Entry Procedures can be found online at www.ohsaa.org and at www.baumspage.com
 - C. **Please note:** You should designate two coaches (one boys and one girls) who have been selected to your games committee. In the past the OHSAA office appointed these coaches, however, now it is the responsibility of each respective regional manager. Please forward the name or names of those selected to Chris Ludban.
- II. **ACTION ITEMS** – please duplicate forms as needed
 - A. **Qualifiers**
 1. Regionals to State – It is essential that all qualifiers’ files be transmitted to Gary Baumgartner as soon as your Regional Tournament is completed. Separate instructions will be sent to you directly from Gary Baumgartner in support of this process.
 2. Forms for Submission
 - a. Updated Regional Records – Current records enclosed
 - b. State Records – Use online form.
 - B. **Financial & Personnel Reports**
 1. The required reports can be found at <https://www.ohsaa.org/financial/reports> where you will be provided with instructions on downloading and completing the forms. Complete all sections and submit one copy to the Laura Lemanski, senior accountant at the OHSAA Office (llemanski@ohsaa.org) at the OHSAA within 10 days after your tournament, and retain one copy for your files.

DISTRICT MANAGERS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

ORDER OF EVENTS

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

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 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.*

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

NOTE: District Managers are expected to adhere to this sample time schedule for all final competition. There is no time schedule for Day 1 with the exception of the given time allowances as indicated above.

TRACK EVENTS

1. Sprint and Hurdle Races (100, 200, 100 M. [33"] and 110 M. [39"] Hurdles)

No preliminary heats shall be run. All races are semi-finals with the eight fastest times advancing to the finals. The races shall be run in lanes for the entire course.

Lane assignments in the semi-finals shall be determined by the Games Committee in accordance with Rule 5-6-5 and based upon submitted times.

The time schedule shall be established to guarantee that no more than two races in each sprint event shall be run during one day.

In the event of a tie for the qualifying position and lanes are not available, the tying competitors shall compete again for the available lane or lanes. The Games Committee shall determine and announce the time of a qualifying race so that adequate rest is provided for all competitors*

If fully automatic timing to 1/1000 of a second is available, it may be used to break the tie.

* With approval of the Games Committee, exception to this procedure may be made and preliminary heats may be run at District sites where 20 or more teams are competing. If preliminary heats are run, the regional format will be followed in the semi-finals, whereby the top 2 in each semi-final heat shall advance to the finals, along with the next best four times.

Preferred Lanes shall be as follows:

<u>Seed</u>	<u>6 lanes</u>	<u>7 lanes</u>	<u>8 lanes</u>	<u>9 lanes</u>
1	3	3	4	4
2	4	4	5	5
3	5	5	6	6
4	2	2	3	3
5	6	6	2	2
6	1	7	7	7
7		1	8	8
8			1	1
9				9

2. Hurdles Races (Girls 300 M.-30" and Boys 300 M.-36")

2.1 Semifinal heats shall be established based upon times submitted by the coaches via the official online entry using the Principles of Heat Drawing (Rule 5-6).

2.2 The races shall be run in lanes for the entire course.

2.3 Lane assignments in the semifinal heats shall be determined by the Games Committee in accordance with the Preferred Lane Table.

2.4 Each runner shall be timed with accurate watches. A minimum of two watches per individual is required. The fastest times from all semifinal heats shall qualify to the finals.

2.5 In the event of a tie for a qualifying position and lanes are not available, the tying competitors shall compete again for the available lane or lanes. The Games Committee shall determine and announce the time of a qualifying race so that adequate rest is provided for all competitors.*

2.6 Lane assignments for the District final shall be assigned by the Games Committee as specified in Rule 5-6-5 and using the Preferred Lane Table.

*If fully automatic timing to 1/1000 of a second is available, it may be used to break the tie.

3. **400 Meters, Dash**

- 3.1 Semifinal heats shall be established based upon times submitted by the coaches via the official online entry using the Principles of Heat Drawing (Rule 5-6).
- 3.2 The races shall be run in lanes for the entire course using the two curves staggered starting lines.
- 3.3 Lane assignments in the semifinal heats shall be determined by the Games Committee in accordance with the Preferred Lane Table.
- 3.4 Each runner shall be timed with accurate watches. A minimum of two watches per individual is required. The fastest times from all semifinal heats shall qualify to the finals
- 3.5 In the event of a tie for a qualifying position and lanes are not available, the tying competitors shall compete again for the available lane or lanes. The Games Committee shall determine and announce the time of a qualifying race so that adequate rest is provided for all competitors. *
- 3.6 Lane assignments for the Sectional or District final shall be assigned by the Games Committee as specified in Rule 5-6-5 and using the Preferred Lane Table.
*If fully automatic timing to 1/1000 of a second is available, it may be used to break the tie.

4. **Middle Distance Races (800 Meters)**

- 4.1 These races shall be run from a two curves staggered start according to the following procedure.
 - 4.11 42" or 48" lanes - two or three runners per lane using the two curves staggered starting lines.
 - 4.12 Runners may break for the pole at the start of the straightaway leading toward the finish line after completing the two full turns on each end of the track and after crossing the break line in the lane to which assigned .
- 4.2 Two semifinal seeded heats shall be established based upon times submitted by the coaches via the official online entry using the Principles of Heat Drawing (Rule 5-6), whenever there are more than 20 contestants entered.
The need for two heats if there are more than 20 is a guide and the Games Committee will decide regarding the running of semifinal heats after considering the track width, the actual number to compete, times of the competitors and the number of umpires available.
- 4.3 Individual position assignments in each lane shall be determined by lot and conducted by the Games Committee (5-6-7).
- 4.4 When semifinal heats are run, the first eight place finishers in each heat shall qualify for the finals.
- 4.5 In the event of a tie for a qualifying position for the next tournament, the tying competitors shall compete again. The Games Committee shall determine and announce the time of the qualifying race so that adequate rest is provided for all competitors. *
*If fully automatic timing to 1/1000 of a second is available, it may be used to break the tie.

5. **Distance Races (1600 Meters, 3200 Meters)**

- 5.1 These races shall be run from one curve staggered starting lines. Assign two or three runners per lane by open draw.
- 5.2 Two semifinal seeded heats shall be established based upon times submitted by the coaches via the official online entry using the Principles of Heat Drawing (Rule 5-6), whenever there are more contestants participating than is reasonable for the track. The following table shall be used as a **guideline** in deciding whether preliminary heats are necessary.

	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>	<u>Girls</u>
	1600	3200	1600	3200
8 lanes	24	32	32	36

The Games Committee shall determine the need for two heats after considering the track width, the actual number to compete, times of the competitors and the number of umpires available. Semifinal heats shall be run only if the number of competitors in one race could affect fairness of competition.

- 5.3 If two heats have been scheduled, but not enough athletes report to justify two heats, the event shall be run as a final. Only those athletes who have reported for the scheduled semifinals are eligible to compete in the finals.
- 5.4 Individual position assignments in each lane shall be determined by lot and conducted by the Games Committee. (5-6-6).
- 5.5 When semifinal heats are run, the first eight place finishers in each heat shall qualify for the finals.
- 5.6 In the event of a tie for a qualifying position for the next tournament, the tying competitors shall compete again. The Games Committee shall determine and announce the time of the qualifying race so that adequate rest is provided for all competitors.*
- 5.7 If a runner is lapped, the competitor shall run the normal course and will be permitted to remain in the race.

*If fully automatic timing to 1/1000 of a second is available, it may be used to break the tie.

6. Relay Races

- 6.1 Course of each relay race and starting line.
 - 6.11 4x100: run in lanes for entire course, use two turns stagger starting lines.
 - 6.12 4x200: run in lanes for entire course, use four turns stagger starting lines.
 - 6.13 4x400: three turns stagger
 - 6.14 4x800: Use the two turns staggered start. Same as the start for the 800 meters, run.
- 6.2 Lane Assignments
 - 6.21 Semifinal Heats-lane assignments (See 1.8) shall be determined in accordance with Rule 5-6-5; i.e., preferred lane procedure in 4x100, 4x200, and 4x400; by lot in 4x800.
 - 6.22 Finals:
 1. 4x100, 4x200, 4x400 - lane assignments for the district finals shall be assigned by the Games Committee in accordance with the Preferred Lane Table.
 2. 4x800 - starting positions shall be determined by lot.
- 6.3 Each relay team shall be timed with accurate watches. A minimum of two per relay team required. The fastest times from all heats shall qualify to the finals.
- 6.4 In the event of a tie for a qualifying position and lanes are not available, the tying relay teams shall compete again for the available lane or lanes. The Games Committee shall determine and announce the time of a qualifying race so that adequate rest is provided for all competitors.*

*If fully automatic timing to 1/1000 of a second is available, it may be used to break the tie.

NOTE: It is highly recommended that a Fully Automatic Timing System (F.A.T) be secured for the District Finals. If this is not possible, the manager shall secure another backup system to provide a video graphic picture of all finishes in addition to the manual timing and placement system employed.

FIELD EVENTS

A. Jumping Events (Rule 6)

1. Pole Vault (Rule 6-5)

- 1.1 The order of competition shall be determined by open draw.
- 1.2 The continuing flight procedure in Rule 6-1-2 shall be utilized.
- 1.3 The starting height and distance the bar is raised shall be determined by the Games Committee.
- 1.4 **After competition has started, the bar shall not be lowered, except to determine a first place winner when a tie for first is involved or to determine qualifiers for the next tournament when there is a tie involving more competitors than there are qualifying positions. (Rule 6-3-2).**
- 1.5 No individual shall be permitted to enter competition after the event judge starts competition (Rule 4-1-3).
- 1.6 Schedule the pole vault for competition on the first day in order that the second day may be available in case of inclement weather on the first day.
- 1.7 Pole Vault standards must be secured in a manner that will prevent them tipping over.
- 1.8 **Competitors tied for the last qualifying place 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.
- 1.9 In the event that a competitor breaks a pole during competition, the competitor shall be placed back in the rotation and then permitted one warm-up run through on the new pole. The competitor, at the discretion of the head event judge, could take the warm-up at an earlier opportunity.

2. High Jump (Rule 6-4)

- 2.1 The order of competition shall be determined by open draw.
- 2.2 The continuing flight procedure in Rule 6-1-2 shall be utilized.
- 2.3 The starting height and distance the bar is raised shall be determined by the Games Committee.
- 2.4 **After competition has started, the bar shall not be lowered, except to determine a first place winner when a tie for first is involved or to determine qualifiers for the next tournament when there is a tie involving more competitors than there are qualifying positions. (Rule 6-3-2).**
- 2.5 No individual shall be permitted to enter competition after the event judge starts competition (Rule 4-1-3).
- 2.6 **Competitors tied for the last qualifying place 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.

3. **Long Jump (Rule 6-9)**

- 3.1 The order of competition and placement into flights for preliminary trials shall be determined by open draw.
- 3.2 Preliminary trials will be taken in groups of 4 to 12, maximum of three trials (Rule 6-2-15, 16).
- 3.3 One more competitor than there are scoring places shall qualify for the finals (6-2-17)
- 3.4 All legal jumps shall be measured and recorded
- 3.5 When the preliminary competition is conducted in flights, individual competitors must report prior to the beginning of the flight to which assigned.
- 3.6 Three additional trials shall be allowed each participant in the finals in reverse order of performance, in single rotation, so that the best qualifier will compete last in each rotation (Rule 6-2-18)
- 3.7 Ties shall be resolved in accordance with Rule 6-3
- 3.8 Open Pit Procedure -The open pit procedure for preliminary trials may be used at the discretion of the manager. When the open pit procedure is used, it is required that the coaches and participants be notified well in advance. In addition, a definite period of time for preliminary trials shall be announced and followed. The finals for those who qualify for the finals must use the procedure as stated in 3.6 above.

B. **Throwing Events (Rule 6)**

1. **Discus (6-4)**

- 1.1 The order of competition and placement into flights for preliminary trials shall be determined by open draw.
- 1.2 Preliminary trials will be taken in groups of 4 to 12, maximum of three trials (Rule 6-2-15, 16).
- 1.3 One more competitor than there are scoring places shall qualify for the finals (6-2-17)
- 1.4 All legal throws shall be measured and recorded.
- 1.5 No individual shall be permitted to enter competition after the event judge starts competition (Rule 4-1-3). When the preliminary competition is conducted in flights, individual competitors must report prior to the beginning of the flight to which assigned.
- 1.6 Three additional trials shall be allowed each participant in the Finals in reverse order of performance, in single rotation, so that the best qualifier will compete last in each rotation. (Rule 6-2-18).
- 1.7 Ties shall be resolved in accordance with Rule 6-3.

2. **Shot Put (6-5)**

- 2.1 The order of competition and placement into flights for preliminary trials shall be determined by open draw.
- 2.2 Preliminary trials will be taken in groups of 4 to 12, maximum of three trials (Rule 6-2-15, 16).
- 2.3 One more competitor than there are scoring places shall qualify for the finals (6-2-17)
- 2.4 All legal puts shall be measured and recorded.
- 2.5 No individual shall be permitted to enter competition after the event judge starts competition (Rule 4-1-3). When the preliminary competition is conducted in flights,

individual competitors must report prior to the beginning of the flight to which assigned.

- 2.6 Three additional trials shall be allowed each participant in the Finals in reverse order of performance, in single rotation, so that the best qualifier will compete last in each rotation (Rule 6-2-18).
- 2.7 Ties shall be resolved in accordance with Rule 6-3.

3. **Provision of Implements in Shot Put and Discus**

There are two procedures that may be used regarding implements in these two events. The District Athletic Board in each athletic district shall determine the procedure to be used at each district tournament site. However, **ONLY APPROVED AND LEGAL IMPLEMENTS** may be used in warm-up as well as competition. The following is a description of the two procedures.

A. **Common Implements**

This procedure describes a method whereby the tournament site provides all implements. The tournament manager insures, and the head field referee verifies, that all equipment meets rules specifications. Athletes are limited to using the common implements provided.

B. **Use of Personal or School-Issued Implements**

In order for an implement to be approved for use, it must be weighed and gauged at the tournament site and certified as legal. Once this process is accomplished the equipment is released back to the athlete **at the beginning of warm-ups. Athletes are not permitted to take their approved implements away from the competition area once the implement has been certified as legal. This procedure does not mean that athletes must share implements. An athlete may not use the implement of another competitor without that competitor's permission. The Tournament Manager should insure that all instructions are very specific relative to this procedure.**

Note: Athletes may not use implements that are less than the minimum specifications or exceed the maximum dimensions (i.e. college implements) for warm-up since ONLY NFHS legal and approved implements may be used in warm-up and competition. Rule 6-2-10

This procedure permits athletes to use either their own personal or school-issued implements.

See page 40 of the Track and Field Manual for additional recommendations on implements during COVID:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Track-Field/TFManual.pdf>

4. **Throwing Sectors**

All District, Regional, and State Tournaments shall use the 34.92-degree throwing sector for shot put and discus competition. (Rules 6-4-5 and 6-5-5)

DISTRICT MANAGERS INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING OFFICIALS

1. Only OHSAA Class 1 Track and Field Officials shall be used unless there are not enough available.
2. Each manager, unless the District Board assigns officials, shall contract for OHSAA Class 1 Track and Field Officials prior to employing non-registered officials in any position.
3. **District Boards shall be responsible to assign the following officials:** Referee (1); Field Referee (1); Clerks (3); Starters (2); Head Umpire (1); Head Discus Judge (1); Head High Jump Judge (1); Head Pole Vault Judge (1); Head Shot Put Judge (1); Head Long Jump Judge (1) . All other officials shall be assigned by the District Managers.
4. Class 1 Track and Field Officials shall be used in key positions in all events when there is not a sufficient number of Class 1 Track and Field Officials for all positions. **Key positions are as follows in order of importance: Referee, Starter, Clerk of The Course, Head F.A.T. Operator (in place of a Head Finish Judge/Head Timer; if not using F.A.T. , then Head Finish Judge and Head Timer), Head Umpire, Head Field Judge, Head Judges in field events.** All persons who are making officiating decisions in field events and running events must be 18 years of age or older and no longer enrolled in high school. This includes those officials who mark the landing spot of the shot and discus and the competitor in the long jump.

The Board of Directors has adopted a resolution that the tournament manager must use Class 1 OHSAA Registered Track and Field Officials in accordance with the priority listed above!

5. The Referee and Clerks shall be OHSAA Class 1 Track and Field Officials.
6. The Referee shall not serve as the Starter. The decisions and interpretations of the rules by the Referee are final! The Executive Director (formerly called the Commissioner) does not have authority to change an official's decision except as it pertains to an eligibility situation. (OHSAA Bylaw 8-3-1) The Referee shall not view any type of video device except that which is authorized in accordance with NFHS Rule 3-8-4.
7. The Tournament Manager shall not serve in any officiating capacity except to help as an umpire if necessary.
8. A minimum of 12 umpires shall be employed and utilized for each track and field tournament. **All umpires shall be Class 1-licensed OHSAA track and field officials.**
9. Games Committee - A Games Committee **shall be appointed** by the tournament manager consisting of:
 - Tournament Manager
 - Referee
 - Three Class 1 officials who are not assigned in a key position
 - One coach of a boys team
 - One coach of a girls team
- 9.1 The Games Committee "shall set the time limit when competitors are excused to compete in another event." (NFHS 3-2-3m) It is recommended that the Games Committee authorize the head field event judge in each event to set the time limit based upon: 1) the time needed to

compete in the track or field event to which the athlete is excused and, 2) whether the delay will unduly inconvenience the remaining competitors in the field event.

9.2 The OHSAA does not employ a Jury of Appeals as referenced in the NFHS Rules. The Games Committee may serve informally in an advisory capacity only if the Referee wishes to consult with it.

10. Officials' Jurisdiction - The jurisdiction of officials is specified in the National Federation Track and Field Rules Book. Officials shall remain available for a maximum of 30 minutes after the conclusion of a tournament if a formal appeal has been filed. If no appeals are filed or if appeals filed have been resolved, officials may leave after the problem has been resolved. The official score sheet/results printout must be signed by the referee and the time and date noted.

District Officials Fees

Official's fees are paid through Arbiter. To see the specific rules, see pages 31 and 32 of the OHSAA Officials Handbook:

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Worker – Individual that does not have a direct relationship to the conduct of the contest and interpretation of the rules. A worker is a person that is not classified as a licensed or unlicensed official.

NOTE: Under no circumstances shall a head coach or assistant coach from a school with competitors involved be employed as any official named above.



2021 OHSAA ad Regional Track and Field Tournaments Schedule



Wednesday, May 26

Thursday, May 27

Friday, May 28

Saturday, May 29

DIVISION I

(Youngstown, Amherst, Pickerington North, Huber Heights)

Start Times

Youngstown – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 5:30
Amherst – Field Events 2:30, Track Events 5:00
Pickerington – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 5:30
Huber Heights – Field Events 5:00, Track Events 6:30

DIVISION III

(Massillon Perry, Tiffin, Chillicothe SE, Troy)

Massillon – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 6:00
Tiffin – Field Events 4:00, Track Events 5:30
Chillicothe – Field Events 4:00, Track Events 5:30
Troy – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 6:00

Field Events

Preliminary Trials and Finals (See Starting Times Above)

Times Above

Boys Pole Vault
Girls High Jump
Boys Long Jump
Girls Shot Put
Boys Discus

Track Events (See Starting Times Above)

Girls Relay 4x800m (finals)
Boys Relay 4x800m (finals)
Girls Hurdles (33") 100m
Boys Hurdles (39") 110m
Girls Dash 100m
Boys Dash 100m
Girls Relay 4x200m
Boys Relay 4x200m
Girls Hurdles (37") 300m
Boys Hurdles (39") 300m
Girls Dash 200m
Boys Dash 200m
Girls Relay 4x100m (a)
Boys Relay 4x100m (b)
Girls Dash 400m
Boys Dash 400m
Girls Hurdles (37") 300m
Boys Hurdles (39") 300m
Girls Dash 200m
Boys Dash 200m
Girls Relay 4x400m (c)
Boys Relay 4x400m (d)

(a) The first heat of the girls 4x100 relay may begin no earlier than 15 minutes after the start of the first heat of the Girls 4x200 Relay.
(b) The first heat of the boys 4x100 relay may begin no earlier than 15 minutes after the start of the first heat of the Boys 4x200 Relay.
(c) The first heat of the girls 4x400 relay may begin no earlier than 20 minutes after the start of the first heat of the girls 200 meter dash.
(d) The first heat of the boys 4x400 relay may begin no earlier than 20 minutes after the start of the first heat of the boys 200 meter dash.

DIVISION II

(Youngstown, Leaning, Chillicothe SE, Piqua)

Start Times

Youngstown – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 5:30
Amherst – Field Events 4:00, Track Events 5:30
Chillicothe – Field Events 4:00, Track Events 5:30
Piqua – Field Events 5:00, Track Events 6:30

Field Events

Preliminary Trials and Finals (See Starting Times Above)

Boys Pole Vault
Girls High Jump
Boys Long Jump
Girls Shot Put
Boys Discus

Track Events (See Starting Times Above)

Girls Relay 4x800m (finals)
Boys Relay 4x800m (finals)
Girls Hurdles (33") 100m
Boys Hurdles (39") 110m
Girls Dash 100m
Boys Dash 100m
Girls Relay 4x200m
Boys Relay 4x200m
Girls Relay 4x100m (a)
Boys Relay 4x100m (b)
Girls Dash 400m
Boys Dash 400m
Girls Hurdles (37") 300m
Boys Hurdles (39") 300m
Girls Dash 200m
Boys Dash 200m
Girls Relay 4x400m (c)
Boys Relay 4x400m (d)

(a) The first heat of the girls 4x100 relay may begin no earlier than 15 minutes after the start of the first heat of the Girls 4x200 Relay.
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(d) The first heat of the boys 4x400 relay may begin no earlier than 20 minutes after the start of the first heat of the boys 200 meter dash.

DIVISION I

(Youngstown, Amherst, Pickerington North, Huber Heights)

Youngstown – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 5:30
Amherst – Field Events 2:30, Track Events 5:00
Pickerington – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 6:00
Huber Heights – Field Events 5:00, Track Events 6:30

DIVISION III

(Massillon Perry, Tiffin, Chillicothe SE, Troy)

Massillon – Field Events 4:30, Track Events 6:00
Tiffin – Field Events 5:00, Track Events 6:30
Chillicothe – Field Events 4:00, Track Events 5:30
Troy – Field Events 5:00, Track Events 6:30

Field Events

Prelims & Finals (See Starting Times Above)

Above)

Girls Pole Vault
Boys High Jump
Girls Long Jump
Boys Shot Put
Girls Discus

Track Events (See Starting Times Above)

5:00:55-5:06:00:30 Girls Hurdles (33") 100m
5:05:55-5:06:05:35 Girls Hurdles (39") 110m
5:10:05-5:10:06:40 Girls Dash 100m
5:12:05-5:12:06:42 Boys Dash 100m
5:15:55-5:15:56:45 Girls Relay 4x200m
5:25:55-5:25:56:55 Boys Relay 4x200m
5:35:05-5:35:06:55 Girls Run 1600m
5:45:05-5:45:06:55 Boys Run 1600m
5:55:05-5:55:06:55 Girls Relay 4x100m
6:00:05-6:00:07:30 Boys Relay 4x100m
6:05:05-6:05:07:35 Girls Dash 400m
6:10:05-6:10:07:40 Boys Dash 400m
6:15:05-6:15:07:45 Girls Hurdles (37") 300m
6:20:05-6:20:07:50 Boys Hurdles (39") 300m
6:25:05-6:25:07:55 Girls Run 800m
6:30:05-6:30:08:00 Boys Run 800m
6:35:05-6:35:08:05 Girls Dash 200m
6:40:05-6:40:08:10 Boys Dash 200m
6:45:05-6:45:08:15 Girls Run 3200m
7:00:05-7:00:08:30 Boys Run 3200m
7:25:05-7:25:08:55 Boys Relay 4x400m

DIVISION II

(Youngstown, Leaning, Chillicothe SE, Piqua)

Youngstown – Field Events 1:00, Track Events 12:00
Leaning – Field Events 1:00, Track Events 12:50
Chillicothe – Field Events 1:00, Track Events 12:30
Piqua – Field Events 1:00, Track Events 12:30

Field Events

Preliminary Trials and Finals (See Starting Times Above)

Girls Pole Vault
Boys High Jump
Girls Long Jump
Boys Shot Put
Girls Discus

Track Events (See Starting Times Above)

12:00:12:30 Girls Hurdles (33") 100m
12:05:12:35 Boys Hurdles (39") 110m
12:10:12:40 Girls Dash 100m
12:15:12:45 Boys Dash 100m
12:20:12:55 Boys Relay 4x200m
12:35:14:05 Girls Run 1600m
12:45:15:15 Boys Run 1600m
12:55:15:25 Girls Relay 4x100m
1:00:15:30 Boys Relay 4x100m
1:05:15:35 Girls Dash 400m
1:10:15:40 Boys Dash 400m
1:15:15:45 Girls Hurdles (37") 300m
1:20:15:50 Boys Hurdles (39") 300m
1:25:15:55 Girls Run 800m
1:30:16:00 Boys Run 800m
1:35:16:05 Girls Dash 200m
1:40:16:10 Boys Dash 200m
1:45:16:15 Girls Run 3200m
2:00:16:30 Boys Run 3200m
2:15:16:45 Girls Relay 4x400m
2:25:16:55 Boys Relay 4x400m

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REGIONAL MANAGERS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

1. **Tournament Manager**- The tournament manager shall serve as overall director and administrator for the tournament. The tournament manager shall employ officials, clerical help, ticket takers, sellers and other personnel in order to conduct an efficient, progressive and first-class experience for the athletes. The tournament manager will not officiate in the tournaments and will not be involved in any decisions in regard to qualification or disqualification of athletes. The tournament manager will provide all physical apparatus necessary to conduct the tournaments and to promptly file all reports required.

Each regional tournament manager will direct a simultaneous boys and girls tournament in the same classification.

2. **Entries**

- a) The District Tournament Managers of boys and girls track and field tournaments or his/her designated data manager will transmit the electronic results of the district tournament to you or your designee no later than Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 1:00 P.M. as directed by you the Regional manager.
- b) Individual boys and girls who have qualified at the District Tournaments automatically become eligible for participation in the Regional Track and Field Tournament to which assigned.
- c) Relays - members of qualifying relay teams from District Tournaments may be changed for Regional competition.

3. **Qualifiers from District Tournaments** -The first four individuals or relay teams in each event in the District Tournaments will qualify for Regional Competition. Under no circumstances will more than the number specified in each event above be permitted to qualify from a District Tournament. Use the appropriate tiebreaker procedure to determine qualifiers in case of ties.

4. **Qualifiers to State Tournament** – The first four in each running event and each field event shall qualify for the State Track and Field Tournament, **along with the next two (2) fastest times, 2 highest jumps, and 2 longest throws across the state from all four regionals.** All information concerning individual qualifiers and qualifying relay teams for **Divisions I and III shall be transmitted as per electronic instructions no later than 10:00 P.M., Friday, May 28, 2021. Qualifiers for Division II shall be transmitted no later than 4:00 P.M., Saturday, May 29, 2021** Please insure that all information relative to correct spelling of names, uniform number, full name of school and grade of participant is included.

Note: Relay team members for each qualifying school must be transmitted in the required electronic format with competitor number and grade in school. Use the names of the four runners who competed in the regional finals.

5. **Miscellaneous**

- 5.1 **Awards**

Individual Awards will be presented to the first eight finishers in each event. In case of ties, duplicate awards will be ordered and presented later. For duplicates, record the name of the athlete, the home address and the event and place earned. Send the information to Chris Ludban at Chris.ludban@hboe.org. He will order the duplicate awards, and the awards will be shipped directly to the athlete from our supplier.

Team Awards will be presented to the championship and runner-up teams. Trophies will 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.

Each Manager **will develop an appropriate procedure** for presentation of awards.

See page 39 of the Track and Field Manual for additional recommendations on awards during COVID:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/Track-Field/TFManual.pdf>

5.2 Admission

There will be admission charged at all regional sites. **The price of admission is \$12.00 for all people of school age (age 6) or older for semifinals, and \$12.00 for finals.**

5.3 Passes

Complimentary admittance to Regional Track and Field Tournaments is restricted to the following people.

- a) Officials - 1 per person plus 1 guest
- b) Workers employed by you - 1 per person
- c) Competitors and Coaches according to the following schedule:

<u>Number of Competitors</u>	<u>Passes</u>
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

Relay team alternates shall not be admitted free.

d) Board Members

- 1) District Board Members have received through the OHSAA and HomeTown Ticketing for admittance.
- 2) Board of Directors Members have received passes from the OHSAA and HomeTown Ticketing for admittance.

6. **Records - Reference: National Federation Track and Field Rule 9. National Federation Track and Field Rule 10 specifies provisions for establishing and recognizing records.**

6.1 Ohio high School Athletic Association Record application forms, which can be found at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/tf/TFRecordForm.pdf> are available for your use for record consideration. It is imperative that these forms be used and completed.

6.2 Regional Track and Field Records

The best performance in each event, whether in the semifinals, trials or finals will constitute the Regional Record for that event. No special application is necessary, but provision must be made to compile these records and submit a copy to the OHSAA office.

6.3 State Interscholastic Records

The OHSAA maintains an active file of State Records in Track and Field by Division I, II, III Boys and Girls. All provisions of Rule 9 of the National Federation Track and Field Rules must be followed for record consideration. Applications for record consideration must be filed within six months of the performance.

It is the responsibility of the manager to be sure that performances that tie or exceed accepted records are documented and filed with the OHSAA office on the proper form. Be sure that you have the needed equipment available in the event a contestant's performance exceeds a listed record.

The Ohio State Interscholastic Track and Field Records are located on the OHSAA web site at <http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/records/tfrecrd.htm>. Rule 10 specifies provisions that must be certified.

6.4 OHSAA State and regional Records are posted and formatted for import into Hy-Tek Meet Manager at <http://www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/tf/records/index.htm>

7. **Tournament Officials - Reference: National Federation Track and Field - Rule 3.**

- 7.1 It is imperative that qualified, competent officials be used at all officiating positions in Regional Tournaments. Every effort will be made by Tournament Managers to obtain the best track and field officials available.

The Referee, Clerks, Starters, Head Field Judge and Head Umpire will be assigned from the OHSAA Office. The Tournament Manager will be responsible for assigning all other officials and for paying all officials according to the schedule.

All officials shall be OHSAA registered Class 1 officials unless there are not enough available. Second priority shall be nonregistered officials. In no case shall nonregistered officials be assigned ahead of registered officials. All key and head positions shall be filled by registered Class 1 officials. **All persons who are making officiating decisions in field events and running events must be 18 years of age or older and no longer enrolled in high school. This includes those officials who mark the landing spot of the shot and discus.**

7.2 Games Committee

- 7.21 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 Head Clerk, the Head Field Judge and the Referee who will chair and conduct all meetings of the Games Committee. The coaches on the Games Committee will be appointed by each respective tournament manager.

- 7.22 **It is the prerogative of the manager to decide if a Games Committee meeting is necessary. It is possible to meet with the referee and then conduct all other games committee business electronically.**

- 7.23 The Games Committee will be responsible for all provisions of National Federation Track and Field Rule 3-2-3.

- 7.24 Games Committee - The Games Committee will serve in an advisory capacity, subject to the call of the Referee. **Note: Ohio does not use Juries of Appeals.** The decision of the Referee shall be final except in the case of an ineligible athlete.

7.3 Tournament Referee

- 7.31 The authority of the Referee is contained in National Federation Rule 3-4.

7.32 Additional Duties and Responsibilities

- 7.321 Chairman of Games Committee Meeting on Sunday prior to the tournaments as well as any called meetings.
- 7.322 Shall serve as the final authority in determining places using the FAT systems that are authorized.
- 7.323 Shall not observe any type of video device except that which is authorized and approved.

7.4 Regional Officials Fees

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8. Running Events - Reference: National Federation Track and Field-Rule 5.

8.1 Starting Lines and Staggers

In order that there be uniformity, the starting lines and staggers, as stated below, will be used in tournament competition.

8.11 400 meters, dash - two turns stagger, in lanes the entire race.

8.12 800 meters, dash - two turns stagger, break at the start of the second straightaway.

Two competitors in each lane, random draw as assigned by Hy-Tek.

8.13 1600 meters, run - one turn stagger, two or three competitors in each lane, random draw.

8.14 3200 meters, run - one turn stagger, two or three competitors in each lane, random draw.

8.15 4x100 meters, relay - two turns stagger, in lanes the entire race.

8.16 4x200 meters, relay - four turns stagger, in lanes the entire race.

8.17 4x400 meters, relay – three turns stagger

8.18 4x800 meters, relay - two turns stagger, two runners per lane, in lanes around two turns, break at start of second straightaway. Random draw.

BE SURE THAT THERE ARE CORRECT MARKINGS ON THE TRACK!

8.2 Seeding and Lane Assignments

National Federation Track and Field Rule 5-6 will be the basis for seeding competitors and forming heats. Results of District competition will be used in seeding and forming heats, which is done electronically via Hy-Tek.

a) **800m, 1600m, 3200m, 4x800m relay** - starting line assignments shall be determined by an **open draw** utilizing the Hy-Tek software management system and approved by the Games Committee.

b) In **all other track events** except the 800m, 1600m, 3200m runs and 4x800m relay - the **runners shall be assigned to the lanes based upon their seeded position** and using the following order:

<u>Seed</u>	<u>Lane</u>
1	4
2	5
3	6
4	3
5	2
6	7
7	8
8	1

8.3 Finals

Lane assignments for track events in which semifinals were run shall be assigned by the Hy-Tek system and approved by the Games Committee using the same procedures for assignments in the semifinals.

8.4 Relay Teams and Relay Check-In Form

- a) Relay Check-In forms provided by the OHSAA shall be used.
4x100m - Pink 4x400m- White
4x200m - Blue 4x800m - Green

The name and number of each relay team member must be listed on the form.

- b) The relay team (4, 5, or 6 individuals), officially becomes an entry when the Relay Check-In Form is handed to the Clerk of Course for the semifinal or final relay, whichever is first. (5-9-2) The four individuals become competitors when they have reported to the clerk. (4-1-2)
- c) Once the relay team is officially entered, there may be no additions, deletions or changes to the form.
- d) Clerk Procedure - check off names of four individuals who will compete. Mark through name spaces left blank.
- e) The Relay Check-In Form of qualifying teams for the finals shall be provided to the clerk who will determine individually the four who will compete in the finals.
- f) It is necessary for only one Relay Check-In Form to be completed for each relay in a given tournament. This procedure facilitates checking relay team members, but does require individual reporting for each competitor.

8.5 Semifinal Heats

In all running events in which semi-finals are held, the top 2 in each heat and the next best 4 times will advance to the finals

9. Throwing Events - Discus, Shot Put – National Federation Track and Field Rule 6.

- 9.1 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 at the site and meet the minimum standards found in NF Rules 6-4-2 and 6-5-2. Per NFHS Rule, athletes may not use implements that are less than the minimum specifications or exceed the maximum specifications (i.e. college implements) during practice since only NFHS legal and approved implements are acceptable. **Once weighed, gauged and marked as legal, the implements shall not be released to the contestants until they begin their competition. There is no requirement that equipment be shared. Each athlete is responsible for bringing his or her own legal implement. Only legal implements shall be used in both warm-up and competition.**
- 9.2 All legal trials shall be measured and recorded. Accurate measuring tapes are essential.
- 9.3 National Federation Rule 6 will apply without modification.
- 9.4 **There shall be two flights of eight each in the preliminary trials.** The Hy-tech software system shall randomly determine the order of competition and shall be approved by the Games Committee.

See page 40 of the Track and Field Manual for additional recommendations on implements during COVID:

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10. Jumping Events

High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump-Reference National Federation Track and Field Rule 7.

- 10.1 Provisions of National Federation Track and Field Rule 7 apply. Equipment for accurate measurement is essential.

- 10.2 Long Jump
There shall be two flights of eight each in the preliminary trials. The Hy-tech software system shall randomly determine the order of competition and shall be approved by the Games Committee.
- 10.3 High Jump, Pole Vault
The continuing flight procedure in Rule 7-4-10 and 7-5-16 with five participants active at a time shall be utilized. The Hy-tech software system shall randomly determine the order of competition and shall be approved by the Games Committee.
11. **Disqualification** - National Federation Track and Field Rule 4-5 applies. Violation Report Forms shall be completed by the officials and countersigned by the Referee whenever disqualification occurs. **Completed Violation Report Forms and Appeal Forms shall be forwarded to the OHSAA with all final results.**
12. **Videotape or other electronic reproduction and its use** –Video replay or television monitoring equipment , other than the official finish line equipment approved by the games committee prior to the start of competition, shall not be used to make decisions related to the meet. **Use of wireless communication devices, that is, official communication equipment, is allowed. Electronic devices may be used in unrestricted areas and coaching boxes, provided the location does not interfere with progress of the meet as determined by the meet referee – NFHS rule 3-2-8. Electronic devices shall not be used to transmit information to the competitor during the race or trial ; Electronic devices shall not be used for any review of an official’s decision.** The manager shall make clear to all coaches and competitors those areas of the competition venue where these devices are permitted or disallowed. In addition, the manager shall also designate those areas in which it is illegal for a competitor to remove his or her uniform. **N.B. 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.**

DISTRICT ENTRY & SCRATCH/SUBSTITUTION FORMS, WEB DATA AND QUALIFIER INFORMATION

Note: Similar information and additional details were emailed to district tournament managers and/or their computer support persons on April 15, 2021.

As a District Manager, you or your data manager will have already received this information from the OHSAA's data and entry administrators, Gary Baumgartner and Terry Young. This represents a hard copy of that important information. Thanks in advance for all you do.

Please note:

- The OHSAA requires the use of **Hy-Tek Meet Manager** for all District and Regional Track Tournaments! All qualifier data will be exported from **Hy-Tek Meet Manager** and transferred electronically to the next level! Nothing will be transferred manually!
- Results for all tournaments must be posted on the website and all qualifier data will be transferred electronically from district to regional and regional to state.
- **No hard copies of anything need to be passed on to the next level.**

Entry Requirements:

- Entries must be submitted online at www.baumspage.com.
- A properly completed electronic entry must include the name and grade of the individual entries in all events except relays.
- Entries must be submitted before the online entry window closes. Late entries will not be accepted without payment of a **\$50 Late Entry Fee**.

Please discuss the options with your computer support people and the district board to determine the deadline that will work best for your tournament site. **If one deadline for all sites in your district were agreeable, that would be great. If not, any deadline determined is workable as long as the deadline is communicated to all participating schools!** The entry windows for all district tournaments will open at 8:00 AM on **Sunday, April 18**, and will close precisely at the time you determine.

Please review the following and respond as necessary.

- 1. All regulations are established by the OHSAA! The entry deadline determined by the district tournament manager must be approved by the district athletic board and published on the website.**
- 2. The URLs on www.baumspage.com for all District Tournament sites are active now.**
 - The tournament dates listed are whatever is listed on the district board site assignments.
 - The online entry window will open on **Sunday, April 18** at 8:00 AM.
 - **The entry window will close precisely at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 16 or whatever time you determine.**
 - Coaches may **submit rosters early and return anytime to submit changes** until the entry window closes.

- The **Online Scratch/Substitution Form** is only available after the **Online Entry Window** closes and can only be accessed by logging in to the account.
3. **Please review and correct the dates, starting times, and entry deadlines for your District Tournament(s)!**
 - Contact Gary Baumgartner or Terry Young if you need help.
 4. **Please download and edit the [OnlineRoster-OHSAADistricts.doc](#).**
 - **Entries must be submitted** using the **Online Entry Form** at www.baumspage.com before **5:00 PM on Friday, May 14, 2021** or at a later time and date if established by the district athletic board
 - Change the **5:00 PM on Monday, May 17 entry deadline** to match your deadline.
 - Some **Entry Requirements** are listed in the top section of the **Online Entry Instructions**
 - A contestant shall not compete in more than four individual events including relays
 - If a contestant is entered 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.
 - **The Entry Window will close precisely at that designated time and date!**
 - If the completed entry is not submitted by the designated time, the entry will not be accepted without payment of a \$50 late fee and approval by the OHSA!
 5. **Scratches/Substitutions** must be submitted using the **Online Scratch/Substitution Form before noon the first day the events are contested.** Substitutions for events starting on Saturday must be made when the coach checks-in on Saturday.
 - The **Scratch/Substitution** window will close precisely at noon!

Additional Information

1. **Managers or the assigned computer support person will need to login and download the entry data after the Entry Window Closes.**
 - There will be one import file per gender that that will import directly into Hy-Tek.
 - The **Scratches/Substitutions** that are submitted online will be downloaded as a text file.
 - The changes are done manually after the tournament is seeded.
2. **Baumspage assists the OHSA with the posting and updating of State records.**
 - The current OHSA State Records by Division are posted at <https://www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/tf/records/>.
 - Please use them in your district or regional tournament database, please download and import the appropriate **Hy-Tek.tcl** record files for your division.
 - If records are broken during your tournament, please complete the paperwork in the **OHSA Track & Field Record Application** and return to Tim Stried: tstreid@ohsaa.org ASAP!
 - Feel free to call if you have questions or need help
3. **Posting Pre and Post Tournament Data on the Web:**
 - There are links from www.baumspage.com/track to each district and each tournament site
 - Managers and assigned delegates can login and post whatever is appropriate.
 - Use **Manager | Track | Upload Files/Results**

- Meet schedules, coach's instructions, maps, and the initial **Heat/Flight Assignments** are optional.
- The final session **MeetProg.htm** should be posted.
- **Complete results of all district tournaments** should be posted by the manager/computer support person after they conclude each day.
 - Post the **Flat HTML** file called: **results.htm** after you finish. *See Help Page for details.
 - For consistency use first and last name and list the events in event number order.
 - Please include boys and girls in one file.

4. Exporting and Transferring Qualifier Data:

- Please attach and send the regional qualifier data to the regional manager/computer designee as soon as possible after you finish your tournament,
- The regional manager/computer designee will contact you with specific e-mail addresses and phone numbers.
 - Please follow-up to confirm that your data was received and that there were no errors.
- **The Export and Transfer will include 4 files generated in Hy-Tek:** *See [Help Page](#) for details.
 1. The final **Backup File** of your tournament database after everything is complete.
 - Hy-Tek automatically names it: **TfmmBkup {Tournament Name}-##.zip**
 2. The **Roster / Teams** file with all the **Athletes and Teams** in the database.
 - Hy-Tek names it: **TCL01-##.TCL** or something similar with the numbers assigned as the file is generated.
 3. The **Advancer** file with top 4 in each event and relays including relay names
 - Hy-Tek names it: **TCL01-##.TCL** or something similar with the numbers assigned as the file is generated.
 - Be sure all ties for 4th place are broken according to OHSAA procedures.
 - See **Sections 11 and 12** of [2021 OHSAA Tournament Regulations](#) for details.
 4. The **Complete Results** of the meet for all individuals and relays in each event and team scores.
 - Include complete results of all events **Roster / Teams** file with all the **Athletes and Teams**
 - List the **athletes with first name & last name. Make sure athletes and team names are Upper/Lower Case.**
 - **Include both Boys and Girls results in the same file**
 - Use **Both | All Rounds | Select All | Flat HTML | Team Points | Top How Many** (leave blank) | **Relay Names: 4 | Event # Order | Compiled**
*Records are optional!
 - **Hy-Tek** names it: **Results.htm**. You do not have to change the name! Just identify your site in the e-mail!
- **Work directly with the regional manager/computer support designee. If you have problems, call Gary Baumgartner 513-594-6154 or Terry Young 740-517-0195.**

2021 OHSAA TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

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

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

*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,

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.

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;

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
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.

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 ¾". 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).

2021 REGIONAL SITES, DATES, MANAGERS & REPRESENTATION

(Last Updated 4/8/21)

DIVISION I

- REGION 1 **YOUNGSTOWN** - Austintown-Fitch High School, 4560 Falcon Drive, Youngstown 44515. Tournament Director: Ken Jakubec, 5060 Argonne Dr., Youngstown 44515. Telephone: H: 330-792-2417; C: 330-651-0329; Fax: 330-792-0720; E-Mail: jakubec1947@att.net
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 4:30 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running).
Friday, May 28, 4:30 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running).
Representation: Boys – Northeast 16; Girls – Northeast 16
Boys Qualifiers from: Youngstown, Painesville, Nardon, North Canton
Girls Qualifiers from: Youngstown, Painesville, Nardon, North Canton
- REGION 2 **AMHERST** - Steele High School, 450 Washington St., Amherst 44001. Tournament Director: Dave Zvara, 450 Washington St., Amherst 44001. Telephone: H: 440-988-2791; B: 440-988-1420; C: 440-935-3475; Fax: 440-988-5087; E-Mail: david_zvara@amherstk12.org
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 2:30 P.M. (Field Events), 5:00 (Running)
Friday, May 28, 2:30 P.M. (Field Events), 5:00 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Northeast 8; Northwest 8; Girls – Northeast 8, Northwest 8
Boys Qualifiers from: Amherst, Brunswick, Toledo, Findlay
Girls Qualifiers from: Amherst, Brunswick, Toledo, Findlay
- REGION 3 **PICKERINGTON** – Pickerington High School North, 7800 Refugee Rd, Pickerington, 43147. Tournament Director: Colin Beemiller B: 614-830-2732; C: 614-403-2498 Fax: 614-833-3661; E-Mail: colin_beemiller@plsd.us
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 4:30 P.M. (Field Events), 6:00 P.M. (Running)
Friday, May 28, 4:30 P.M. (Field Events), 6:00 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Central 12; East/Southeast 4; Girls – Central 12, East/Southeast 4
Boys Qualifiers from: Hilliard Darby 1, Hilliard Darby 2, Hilliard Darby 3, Marietta
Girls Qualifiers from: Hilliard Darby 1, Hilliard Darby 2, Hilliard Darby 3, Marietta
- REGION 4 **HUBER HEIGHTS** – Wayne High School, 5400 Chambersburg Road, Huber Heights, 45424
Athletic Administrator: Nate Baker - Telephone: 937-237-4130; E-Mail: nathaniel.baker@myhhcs.org
Tournament Director: Scott Amburgey, (C) 937-344-7983; E-Mail: george.amburgey@roadrunner.com
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 5:00 P.M. (Field Events), 6:30 P.M. (Running)
Friday, May 28, 5:00 P.M. (Field Events), 6:30 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Southwest 16; Girls – Southwest 16
Boys Qualifiers from: Troy, Bellbrook, Mason, Hamilton Ross
Girls Qualifiers from: Troy, Bellbrook, Mason, Hamilton Ross

DIVISION II

- REGION 5 **YOUNGSTOWN** - Austintown-Fitch High School, 4560 Falcon Drive, Youngstown 44515. Tournament Director: Rob Conklin, 194 Carter Circle, Boardman, 44512. Telephone: H: 330-726-9489; C: 330-501-4456; Fax: 330-797-3944; E-Mail: rconklin@austintownschoools.org
Dates: Thursday, May 27 4:30 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running)
Saturday, May 29, 11:00 A.M. (Field Events), 12:00 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Northeast 16; Girls – Northeast 16
Boys Qualifiers from: Lakeview, Orrville, Perry, Salem
Girls Qualifiers from: Lakeview, Orrville, Perry, Salem
- REGION 6 **LEXINGTON** - Lexington High School, 103 Clever Lane, Lexington, 44904. Tournament Director: John Harris, 3361 State Route 546, Lexington, 44904
Telephone: H: 419-884-2446; B: 419-884-2101; C: 419-564-1181; Fax: 419-884-2340; E-Mail: harris.john@lexington.k12.oh.us
Dates: Thursday, May 27, 4:00 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running)
Saturday, May 29, 11:00 A.M. (Field Events), 12:30 (Running)
Representation: Boys – Central 8, Northwest 8; Girls – Central 4, Northeast 4, Northwest 8
Boys Qualifiers from: Westerville North 1, Westerville North 2, Oak Harbor, Ontario
Girls Qualifiers from: Westerville North, Bedford, Oak Harbor, Ontario
- REGION 7 **CHILlicothe** – Southeastern High School – 2003 Lancaster Road; Chillicothe, 45601; Telephone: (B) 740-774-2003; Tournament Director: Leonard Steyer, 2003 Lancaster Road, Chillicothe, 45601; Telephone C: 740-701-6346; Telephone: B: 740-774-2003; Fax: 740-774-1692; E-Mail: steyer@sepanthers.org
Dates: Thursday, May 27, 4:00 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running)
Saturday, May 29, 11:00 A.M. (Field Events), 12:30 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – East 8, Southeast 8; Girls –East 8, Southeast 8
Boys Qualifiers from: Meadowbrook, West Holmes, Meigs, Washington Court House
Girls Qualifiers from: Meadowbrook, West Holmes, Meigs, Washington Court House
- REGION 8 **PIQUA**- Piqua High School, 1 Indian Trail, Piqua, 45356
Tournament Director: Roger Bowen, 4307 E. St. Rt. 55, Casstown, 45312
Telephone: H: 937-339-9954; C: 937-608-0951;
E-Mail: rogertbowen@aol.com
Dates: Thursday, May 27 5:00 P.M. (Field Events), 6:30 P.M. (Running)
Saturday, May 29, 11:00 A.M. (Field Events), 12:30 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Northwest 4, Southwest 12; Girls –Northwest 4, Southwest 12
Boys Qualifiers from: Defiance, Graham, New Richmond, Piqua
Girls Qualifiers from: Defiance, Graham, New Richmond, Piqua

DIVISION III

- REGION 9 **MASSILLON** – Perry High School, 3737 13th Street SW, Massillon, 44646; Tournament Director: J.P. Sexton
Telephone: C: 330-418-4564; Fax: 330-478-6182; AD: Rick Rembielak C: 330-786-7335
E-Mail: jp.sexton@perrylocal.org and rick.rembielak@perrylocal.org
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 4:30 P.M. (Field Events), 6:00 P.M. (Running)
Friday, May 28, 4:30 P.M (Field Events), 6:00 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Northeast 12, East 4; Girls – Northeast 12, East 4
Boys Qualifiers from: Norwayne, Cuyahoga Heights, Springfield, Newcomerstown
Girls Qualifiers from: Norwayne, Cuyahoga Heights, Springfield, Newcomerstown
- REGION 10 **TIFFIN** – Columbian High School, 300 S. Monroe Street, Tiffin, 44883. Tournament Director: Brian Cole
Telephone: C: 419-979-8950 AD: Dan Hartsel Daniel C: 419-619-9586
E-Mail: brian@osstusa.com E-Mail: daniel_hartsel@tiffincityschools.org
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 4:00 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running)
Friday, May 28, 5:00 P.M. (Field Events), 6:30 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Northwest 16; Girls – Northwest 16
Boys Qualifiers from: Findlay, Gibsonburg 1, Gibsonburg 2, Ayersville
Girls Qualifiers from: Findlay, Gibsonburg, Ayersville, Colonel Crawford
- REGION 11 **CHILLICOTHE** – Southeastern High School – 2003 Lancaster Road; Chillicothe, 45601; Telephone:
(B) 740 – 774-2003; Tournament Director: Leonard Steyer, 2003 Lancaster Road, Chillicothe, 45601; Telephone
C 740-701- 6346; Telephone: B: 740-774-2003; Fax: 740-774-1692; E-Mail: steyer@sepanthers.org
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 4:00 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running)
Friday, May 28, 4:00 P.M. (Field Events), 5:30 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Central 4; Southeast 8; Northwest 4; Girls – Central 8; Southeast 8
Boys Qualifiers from: Granville, Nelsonville York, (McDermott) Northwest, Colonel Crawford
Girls Qualifiers from: Granville 1, Granville 2, Nelsonville York, (McDermott) Northwest
- REGION 12 **TROY** - Troy High School, 151 W. Staunton Road, Troy, 45373
Tournament Director: Charles Gase, 895 Johnston Drive, Sidney 45365
Telephone: H: 937-492-7213, E-mail: charliegase@gmail.com
Dates: Wednesday, May 26, 4:30 P. M. (Field Events), 6:00 P.M. (Running)
Friday, May 28, 5:00 P.M. (Field Events), 6:30 P.M. (Running)
Representation: Boys – Northwest 4, Southwest 12; Girls – Northwest 4, Southwest 12
Boys Qualifiers from: Spencerville, Piqua, Northmont, New Richmond
Girls Qualifiers from: Spencerville, Piqua, Northmont, New Richmond

LIGHTNING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER

These guidelines provide a default policy to those responsible or sharing duties for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of practices and contests based on the presence of lightning or thunder. The preferred sources from which to request such a policy for your facility would include the nearest office of the National Weather Service.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during practices and contests.
 2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby safer areas, and determine the amount of time needed to get everyone to the designated safer area:
 - a.) A designated safer place is a substantial building with plumbing and wiring where people live or work, such as a school, gymnasium or library. An alternate safer place from the threat of lightning is a fully enclosed (not convertible or soft top) metal car or school bus.
 3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a.) When thunder is heard or lightning is seen*, the leading edge of the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play for at least 30 minutes and vacate the outdoor activity to the previously designated safer location immediately.
 - b.) 30-minute rule. Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or lightning is witnessed* prior to resuming play.
 - c.) Any subsequent thunder or lightning* after the beginning of the 30-minute count will reset the clock and another 30- minute count should begin.
 - d.) When lightning-detection devices or mobile phone apps are available, this technology could be used to assist in making a decision to suspend play if a lightning strike is noted to be within 10 miles of the event location. However, you should never depend on the reliability of these devices and, thus, hearing thunder or seeing lightning* should always take precedence over information from a mobile app or lightning-detection device.
- *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.**
4. Review the lightning safety policy annually with all administrators, coaches and game personnel and train all personnel.
 5. Inform student-athletes and their parents of the lightning policy at the start of the season.

CONCUSSION REGULATIONS

It is important for all individuals involved in interscholastic athletics to recognize the potential for catastrophic injury and even death from concussions. Thus, it is extremely important that each coach, administrator, contest official and medical support personnel review their responsibilities in protecting students. Further both students and parents have responsibilities in this area as well.

Note: It has always been the ultimate responsibility of the coaching staff, in all sports, to ensure that students are only put into practice or contests if they are physically capable of performing. However, all individuals involved in the conduct of interscholastic competition have responsibilities in this endeavor.

In January 2011, the OHSAA Board of Directors adopted a sports regulation which incorporated the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) playing rules related to concussion recognition and management. On April 26, 2013, legislation adopted by Ohio's General Assembly on concussion and head injuries in youth sports became effective. On February 14, 2013, the OHSAA Board of Directors mandated that these regulations become effective on April 26, 2013, for the remainder of the spring sports season and thereafter. This OHSAA regulation, as amended to incorporate this recent legislation, now reads:

Any student, while practicing for or competing in an interscholastic contest, who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with having sustained a concussion or head injury (such as loss of consciousness, headache, dizziness, confusion or balance problems) shall be immediately removed from the practice or contest by either of the following:

- 1.) The individual who is serving as the student's coach during that practice or competition.
- 2.) An individual who is serving as a contest official or referee during that practice or competition.

Return to Play Protocol

If a student is removed from practice or competition due to a suspected concussion or head injury, the coach or referee who removes the student shall not permit the student, **ON THE SAME DAY THE STUDENT IS REMOVED**, to return to that practice or competition or to participate in any other practice or competition for which the coach or contest official is responsible. Thereafter, which means no earlier than the next day, the coach or contest officials shall not permit the student to return to practice or competition until both of the following conditions are satisfied:

- 1.) The student's condition is assessed by either of the following:
 - a. A physician, who is a person authorized under Chapter 4731 of the Ohio Revised Code (OCR) to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathic medicine or surgery (M.D. or D.O.)
 - b. Any other licensed health care provider that the school district board of education or other governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school, authorizes to assess the student who has been removed from practice or competition.
- 2.) The student receives **written authorization** that it is safe for the student to return to practice

or

competition from a physician or other licensed health care provider authorized to grant the clearance. Click here <http://ohsaa.org/medicine/AuthorizationToReenter.pdf> to retrieve the OHSAA's Medical Authorization to Return To Play (RTP) form.

A school district board of education or governing authority of a chartered or non-chartered nonpublic school may authorize a licensed health care provider who is NOT a PHYSICIAN to make an assessment and grant authorization for a student to return to participation ONLY if the provider is acting in accordance with one of the following as applicable to the provider's authority to practice in Ohio:

- 1.) In consultation with a physician;
- 2.) Pursuant to the referral of a physician;
- 3.) In collaboration with a physician, or
- 4.) Under the supervision of a physician.

Note: A physician or other licensed health care provider who makes an assessment or grants clearance for a student to return to participation may be a volunteer.

Coaches Requirements

All coaches, paid and volunteer, must possess a current Department of Education-issued Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit. When renewing this permit, the coach will be required to complete an online concussion education course as stipulated in the section entitled **Approved Online Concussion Education Course**. This course is valid for three years.

Contest Officials Requirements

New legislation signed into law by the Governor provides that no school “shall permit” an individual to referee interscholastic athletic contests unless the individual holds a Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or has successfully completed within the last three years a training program in concussion recognition. Therefore, all OHSAA licensed officials shall possess either a current Department of Education-issued Pupil Activity Program/Coaching Permit or show evidence of completing an approved online concussion education course as stipulated in the section entitled Approved Online Concussion Education Courses. This course is valid for three years from the date of completion.

Student and Parent Requirements

All students and their parents or legal guardians shall review and sign the “Concussion Information Sheet” which has been developed by the Ohio Department of Health and which shall be distributed by OHSAA member schools to all students and their parents prior to each sports season. Students and parents shall review and sign this form each year and should keep a copy of the form. In addition, parents and students are encouraged to complete an approved concussion education course.

NFHS Suggested Medical Clearance Return to Play Protocol

- 1.) No exertional activity until asymptomatic.
- 2.) When the athlete appears clear, begin low-impact activity such as walking, stationary bike, etc.
- 3.) Initiate aerobic activity fundamental to specific sport such as running or skating and may also begin progressive strength training activities.
- 4.) Begin non-contact skill drills specific to sport such as dribbling, fielding, batting, etc.
- 5.) Full contact in practice setting.
- 6.) Game play/competition.
 - Athlete must remain asymptomatic to progress to the next level. (It is often suggested that an athlete not be allowed to progress more than one level per day.)
 - If symptoms recur, athlete must return to previous level and should be reevaluated by an appropriate health care professional.
 - Medical check should occur before contact. (Final written clearance from the medical professional shall be obtained before the athlete engages in any unrestricted or full contact activity.)

OHSAA Concussion Authorization to Reenter Form

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/Sports-Medicine/AuthorizationToReenter.pdf>

OHSAA Concussion Report Form

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports-Medicine/OHSAAConcussionReport.pdf>

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROCEDURES

Though most schools have a Certified Athletic Trainer present at Varsity contests ***and*** all coaches are required to maintain a valid Pupil Activity Certificate through the Ohio Department of Education that includes a Sports' First Aid component, it is important to keep up to date on the remote risk that blood borne infectious diseases can be transmitted during basketball practice and contests. For example, Hepatitis B can be present in blood as well as other bodily fluids. Procedures for reducing the potential transmission of these infectious diseases should include, but should not be limited to the following:

1. The bleeding must be stopped, the open wound covered and if there is an excessive amount of blood on the uniform, it must be changed before the athlete may participate.
2. Routine use of gloves or other precautions to prevent skin and mucous-membrane exposure when contact with blood and other body fluids is anticipated.
3. Immediately wash hands and other skin surfaces if contaminated (in contact) with blood or other body fluids. Wash hands immediately after removing gloves.
4. Clean all contaminated surfaces and equipment with an appropriate disinfectant before competition resumes.
5. Practice proper disposal procedures to prevent injuries caused by needles, scalpels and other sharp instruments or devices.
6. Although saliva has not been implicated in HIV transmission, to minimize the need for emergency mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, mouthpieces, resuscitation bags, or other ventilation devices should be available for use.
7. Athletic trainers/coaches with bleeding or oozing skin conditions should refrain from all direct athletic care until the condition resolves.
8. Contaminated towels should be properly disposed of/disinfected.
9. Follow acceptable guidelines in the immediate control of bleeding and when handling dressings, mouthguards and other articles containing body fluids.

For more information, go to the OHSAA's website at: <https://www.ohsaa.org/communicablediseases>

EMERGENCY/CRISIS MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

The following is provided to help managers with a systematic approach to establish proper security for the specific nature of each event. With the appropriate security, the event will be conducted in a friendly environment that minimizes risk. The staff and management will be prepared to prevent, anticipate and handle problems. A basic checklist below should be adjusted accordingly for the nature of each event.

1. **Review Changes** – during pre-planning, review any changes to be made from the previous events.
2. **Head of Security** – prepare to meet with the head of security for the event and host management. Written materials outlining needs, location hours to work and responsibilities should be prepared.
3. **Usher Assignments** – during meetings with site reps and security, review the number of security officers and their locations. Review usher assignments and any supervisory responsibilities. Provide, in writing, specific policies you have which would prohibit specific actions. Be certain to plan carefully for entrance and exit to the playing area.
Prepare contact information for specific problems and emergencies. Access to immediate communication via cell phones and/or remote devices is invaluable.
Discuss crowd management and foot traffic flow in and out of the field.
4. **Written Emergency Plan** – review the facility plan for emergency situation and adjust as needed for your event. Steps should be outlined in advance as to the procedures to be followed in the event of an emergency (i.e. weather, structure, catastrophic injury, etc.) Public address announcements, security personnel assistance, etc. need to be discussed in advance.
5. **Who Needs to Know** – host administration should work with any sponsoring organization to determine a core group of
Individuals that would need to be involved if a major decision regarding the event needs to be made. Representatives of the officiating crew, host administration, security, etc. may need to be involved. A few key reminders:
 - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all coaches competing at your tournament
 - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of all Athletic Administrators of teams competing in your tournament
 - Obtain the Cell Phone numbers of the District Athletic Board Secretary at the Sectional/District level
 - Obtain the Cell Phone number of the District Board member(s) overseeing your tournament at the sectional/district level; OHSAA Director if a Regional or State Tournament
 - Obtain contact information for major media outlets for helping convey messages of cancellations
6. **Public Relations-** In case of emergency or potential evacuation, PA announcements should be prepared to address fans. Following any such occurrence, the media should be provided with a statement regarding the situation and its handling from the tournament manager, District Athletic Board member or OHSAA Director.
7. **Contingency Plan** – Have all plans in place in the event a contest cannot be played. Back-up sites, alternate dates, additional equipment are all factors to take into consideration.
8. **Entry/Exit Plan** – Crisis management plans for sites should include a clear understanding by any administrators and/or tournament management of all entries and exits. The public address announcer should be familiar with these as well.
9. **Parking & Traffic Flow** – many issues arise from parking and traffic flow problems. Eliminate many of these problems by addressing parking and traffic flow issues prior to the contest. Take into consideration the potential size of crowd, whether charges for parking exist, etc. If parking charges are enforced, provide proper receipts, have experienced people making change and directing traffic. This may require involvement from your local law enforcement agency.
10. **Crowd Expectations** – carefully study match-ups, communicate with competing administrators to anticipate size of crowds. Secure the proper security, ushers, ticket sellers/takers to eliminate security issues that may develop as a result. It is important to relay this information to the various individuals employed at your tournament site. **KEEP FANS OFF THE FIELD BEFORE, DURING and AFTER the contest! Prevent “tunnels” made by fans for introductions.**

11. Wrap-Up and Debriefing – At the conclusion of your tournament, solicit feedback and compile from the various individuals that worked at your tournament. This will go a long way toward improving problem areas for future tournaments.

Location of Closest Working Telephone: _____ **IF locked, keys to Telephone are located:**

Is 911 Service Available? YES NO **Alternate Emergency Response Number:**

Exact Address of Tournament Site: _____

Entry location for Emergency Vehicle: _____

Normal Response Time for Emergency Vehicle is: _____

Location of AED: _____

Designated Health Care Provider for this tournament is: _____

Contact Number: _____

Closest Health Care Facility: _____ **Travel Time:** _____

Closest Trauma Facility: _____ **Travel Time:** _____

NAME OF DESIGNATED PERSON ROLE

	Attends to injured athlete(s) or spectator(s) and controls immediate scene.
	Telephones 911 or other pre-determined emergency number, maintains procedures for calling 911.
	Supervises team and/or other athletes
	Meets medical personnel at gate and guides them to injured person(s), maintains all necessary keys to critical entry points
	Calls Parents/Guardians/School Personnel if necessary
	Accompanies injured person(s) to hospital
	Telephones security

COACHES VERIFICATION FORM

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
4080 Roselea Place, Columbus, Ohio 43214
Ph: 614-267-2502
Fax: 614-267-1677
Web site: www.ohsaa.org

OHSAA TRACK AND FIELD COACH'S VERIFICATION OF SPORTING CONDUCT/LEGAL EQUIPMENT AND UNIFORMS

FOR USE IN OHSAA TOURNAMENTS

CITY AND SCHOOL NAME _____

DIVISION _____ BOYS _____ GIRLS _____

HEAD COACH'S NAME _____

OHSAA standards require contest officials to enforce all NFHS rules relating to sporting conduct, ethical behavior and legal uniforms and equipment. Acts that intend to demean opposing competitors, team members, spectators and officials are not in keeping with the ideals of interscholastic athletics and will not be tolerated. Let this competition reflect mutual respect!

NFHS track and field and cross-country rules require the referee to meet with the head coach and captains to explain the expectations of good sporting conduct throughout this competition. In addition, the head coach is responsible for verifying to the referee/starter that all competitors are properly equipped (legal uniforms, including no dangerous jewelry, legal equipment) in compliance with NFHS rules.

In all OHSAA tournament competition and in any multi-team or invitational competition that would make it difficult for the referee to meet personally with all coaches and captains, all coaches shall agree to the following:

COACH'S VERIFICATION

I certify to the tournament referee that all contestants under my supervision are legally equipped, attired in legal uniforms and free of all dangerous jewelry in accordance with NFHS rules. I further certify that all student-athletes and other team personnel have been advised of their responsibilities relative to good sporting conduct during this competition. **In addition, I understand and accept responsibility for adhering to the OHSAA participation limitation of four events per individual athlete per tournament contest.**

Coach's Signature _____

Date: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO THE AREA AS DIRECTED BY TOURNAMENT PERSONNEL

OHSAA TRACK AND FIELD APPEAL FORM

Directions to Coaches: Complete this form in writing if you feel that a rule has been misapplied or misinterpreted and present to the Tournament Referee for consideration. Judgment decisions may not be appealed and will not be considered. Please circle appropriate categories.

Date _____ Tournament (circle one): District Regional State

Division: I II III Boys Girls

School Name _____

Name of Contestants _____

Rule in question _____ Page in Rules Book _____

In concise form state the nature of your appeal and the basis for it.

Certification: I certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Position _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REFEREE

Disposition: Briefly explain action taken. If NONE, so indicate and why.

Signature of Referee _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

H: _____ B: _____ E-mail: _____

ATHLETE SPELLING CHANGE FORM / CHANGE IN RELAY FORM

ATTENTION COACH – Please review the Official State Tournament Souvenir Program to verify that the spelling of your athlete(s) name(s) is correct. The name that appears in the program will also appear on the published results. Please also use this form in the event there is a change in the relay team participants who will be participating in the finals from those who were in the semifinals.

If there is an error in the spelling of your athlete(s) name(s) or you have a change in the relay team participants who will be participating in the finals from those who were in the semifinals, this change must be properly reported on this form **a minimum of 10minutes prior to the competition in the event.**

Present the completed and signed form to the Clerk of Course in the Reporting Area or to the Head Event Judge in a field event.

THE ATHLETE(S) WHOSE NAME(S) IS LISTED BELOW HAS A SPELLING CORRECTION

Name of School _____ Gender _____ Division _____

Correct Name of Student	Event	Incorrect Name of Student

THE ATHLETE(S) WHOSE NAME(S) IS LISTED BELOW IS A REPLACEMENT IN A RELAY

Name of School _____ Gender _____ Division _____

Name of Replacement Student in Relay	Event	Name of Student Being Replaced in Relay

Signature of Coach _____ Date _____ Time _____

Printed Name of Coach _____

Approved by _____ Date _____ Time _____

TOURNAMENT PARTICIPATION FORM (FOR DISTRICT MANAGERS)

The OHSAA Board of Directors semi-annually sets up the representation from each district based upon the number of teams actually participating in the tournaments. Please list the school and the number of participants that actually participated in the tournament.

Tournament Date: _____ **District:** _____
Tournament Location: _____ **Circle one: BOYS GIRLS**
Tournament Manager: _____ **Division:** _____

Schools Represented by Teams (9 or more)

	School (alpha order)	#		School (cont'd.)	#
1	_____	_____	10	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	11	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	12	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	13	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	14	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	15	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	16	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	17	_____	_____
9	_____	_____	18	_____	_____

Schools Represented by Individuals (less than 9)

	School (alpha order)	#		School (cont'd.)	#
1	_____	_____	6	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	7	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	8	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	9	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	10	_____	_____

Schools That Were Registered and DID NOT PARTICIPATE

1	_____		3	_____	
2	_____		4	_____	

Please return to Brenda Murray at the OHSAA in any of the following manners:
 As soon as the tournament has concluded:
 Fax - (614) 267-1677, or E-Mail – bmurray@ohsaa.org

MEDIA INFORMATION

Please take time to read the OHSAA Media Regulations to review your responsibility in hosting the media during your tournament contest. For questions including those related to rights fees rates for broadcasting or streaming, contact OHSAA Director of Media Relations Tim Stried at tstried@ohsaa.org.

OHSAA Media Regulations are available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/OHSAA-Media-Regulations.pdf>

OHSAA Tournament Photography Regulations are available here:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/Portals/0/News/Media/PhotographyRegulations.pdf>

OHSAA Tournament Broadcasting and Streaming Rights Fees Rates are available here:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/News/Media/TournamentBroadcastRates.pdf>

TRACK & FIELD RECORDS

Ohio State Track & Field Records:

<https://www.ohsaa.org/sports/staterecords/tf>

Ohio State Track & Field Record Form:

<http://www.ohsaa.org/sports/tf/TFRecordForm.pdf>

OHSAA Regional Track & Field Records:

<https://www.baumspage.com/ohsaa/tf/records/public/index.htm>

PUBLIC ADDRESS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome and Opening Remarks

The Board of Directors, Executive Director and staff of the Ohio High School Athletic Association, along with the staff here _____, extend to each of you a cordial welcome to this OHSAA tournament event.

The officials assigned to this tournament have been selected and assigned according to procedures adopted by the Board of Directors. Their experience and their integrity qualify them for their important part in this interscholastic track and field tournament.

The student-athletes participating in this tournament thank you for your tremendous support throughout the season. All in attendance should reflect an attitude of positive sporting behavior so that this competition can be the best educational experience possible for the student-athletes participating.

National Anthem

Ladies and gentlemen, we live in a great country with freedoms like no other. To honor America and in respect for ALL who have served this great country to defend our freedoms, you are invited to stand and join in singing our National Anthem.

