

OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION  
2015 STATE TRACK AND FIELD TOURNAMENTS

## COACHES INFORMATION BULLETIN

Alternate members of a relay team that participate in the tournament will be reimbursed for the cost of the alternate member's admission. Please note that all tickets will be \$10.00 for all admissions on each day of the tournament.

### Friday and Saturday GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### ADMITTANCE PROCEDURES

Contestants and coaches must have an Admittance Pass for entrance to the stadium each day. Anyone leaving the stadium for the Discus and shot put events outside the stadium will be stamped for re-admittance to the stadium. You may get stamped at the ANY entrance gate.

#### Saturday Finals

Coaches will be required to obtain Admittance Passes for their Saturday final session admittance. These passes may be obtained beginning at 7:30 A.M. Saturday at the school admissions area located on the southeast side of the stadium. **These passes are also available for coaches and contestants no longer qualified for competition.**

#### PARKING

**On Friday**, there will be a **limited number of spaces for school vans** reserved **on the south side** of the stadium. Schools busses and vans will also be able to drop off participants near the participant entrance area on the southeast side. Please enter at the northwest entrance to the lot. **On Saturday, school vehicles will be directed to the ABB lot.** All others attending the tournaments should be directed to enter campus from the Ackerman Road entrance and park in the lots to the south of the Jesse Owens Stadium. On Saturday, there are high school graduations at the Value City Arena on Lane Avenue, which is south of Jesse Owens. It is advisable to avoid entering the area via Lane Avenue.

#### CONTESTANT PROCEDURES

##### Assigned Numbers and Uniforms

The complete track and field uniform consists of shoes, school-issued tops, bottoms or a one piece uniform. **Note: All members of relays who choose to wear visible shirts or undergarments that extend below the uniform tops and/or bottoms must wear the same, solid color undergarment.** Hats and caps are prohibited. Each uniform top must include the school assigned number permanently attached and visible on the back. **Any number changes must be completed on the "Number Change Form" and submitted a minimum of 10 minutes prior to the event. The completed form is to be presented to the Clerk of Course in the reporting area or to the Head Event Judge in the case of Field Events.** Temporary, pinned-on numbers are illegal. **REMINDER: The prohibition of wearing jewelry has been removed from the rules, however, the referee may ask a competitor to remove an accessory if it is not properly secured, if it poses a danger to the competitor, or if it could damage equipment. Competitors will be asked to remove inappropriate, vulgar or disrespectful accessories.**

##### Verification of Sporting Conduct And Legal Equipment & Uniforms

Please pick up a "Coach's Verification Form" at the check in booth prior to receiving your packet certifying that your athletes are **all legally attired and equipped, and will conduct themselves appropriately** in keeping with the ideals of sporting conduct and ethical behavior during these tournaments. **Please sign this form and return it at which time you will be distributed your admission packet. Note: REMEMBER: Each competitor is limited to participating in four events during this two-day state tournament**

##### Reporting Procedures

Report to the Clerk of the Course 10 minutes before the event is scheduled. The Reporting Area is located at the **NORTH END** of the track on the **EAST** side. Field event contestants report to field event judge 20 minutes before event is scheduled. **Weighing and gauging for the shot put and discus events shall begin one hour prior to the scheduled start time for the event. Contestants shall report to the competition areas, which are outside the stadium to the west.**

### Shoes and Spikes

Maximum spike length is gauged to 1/4". No event will be delayed for a contestant to obtain proper equipment. In the Shot Put and Discus, only flat-soled shoes will be permitted.

### Starting Blocks

**Starting blocks will be provided with the exception of the Moye blocks.** Contestants wishing to use Moye style blocks may provide their own Moye blocks. **No other starting blocks will be permitted other than those supplied by meet management.**

### Fully Automatic Timing and Printouts

Printouts of the finish will be available for viewing by a coach only upon request and only at the conclusion of each semifinal division on Friday. If, during the tournament, you believe that an athlete was incorrectly placed, contact Dale Gabor, Games Committee Chairperson, to request a review. **DO SO IMMEDIATELY.**

### Relay Check-In Form

- a) Relay Check-In Cards provided by the OHSAA shall be used.
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| 4x100 M - Pink | 4x400 M - White |
| 4x200 M - Blue | 4x800 M - Green |

The names and numbers of 4-6 athletes must be clearly printed on the form and must include the number, first and last name and grade in school of each athlete.

- b) The Relay Team (4, 5, or 6 individuals) officially becomes an entry when the Relay Check-In Form is handed to the Clerk for the Semifinal or Final Relay, whichever is first.
- c) Once the Relay Team is officially entered, there may be no additions or changes to the form.
- d) The Relay Check-In Form of qualifying teams for the Finals shall be provided to the Clerk who will check in individually the four who will compete in the Finals.

### Batons

Batons will be provided. No other batons may be used. **Batons must be returned after completion of the relays in the semifinals.** However, the teams may keep the batons after the finals on Saturday.

### Relay Markers

**Cut tennis balls will be provided as relay markers.** No other markers are permitted.

### Qualifying Relay Teams

All relay teams will be timed in the semifinal heats. The top 2 teams in each heat and the next 5 best times will advance to the finals. In case of a tie, Rule 5-8-4 will apply. Timing to one-thousandth of a second shall be used.

### AWARDS

**The first eight place winners in each event will receive awards.** The presentation of awards will be made on Friday or Saturday following the finals of the event. Photographs will be taken following the awards presentation. **It is imperative that the coach sends the place winner to the award stand area after the event is completed; however, athletes are never held in the awards area if they must leave to report to another event.** Awards area personnel are very experienced in this process, and all attempts will be made to fully accommodate the athletes. If awards are not obtained at the assigned time, they will be available later at the awards area - located in the infield of the stadium.

### MEDICAL FACILITIES

First aid stations for spectators are available under the stadium on the west side. A volunteer tournament physician and Licensed Athletic Trainers who are employees of The Ohio State University will be available near all venues. They are identified with OSU shirts and available to assist athletes. If your athlete becomes injured or ill, please contact an athletic trainer or the physician who will be stationed inside the track. Please do not report to the spectator first aid station without consulting with tournament medical personnel.

### APPEALS PROCEDURE

If a coach believes a rule has been misapplied or misinterpreted, an appeal may be filed with the Referee. Such appeal must be in writing. **Forms for an appeal may be obtained at the awards tent located on the infield. APPEALS ON JUDGEMENT DECISIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED.** The Referee will consider all written appeals. The decision of the Referee will be final. **PLEASE BRING THE APPEAL FORM BACK TO THE Awards tent AND THE REFEREE WILL BE SUMMONED.**

### FINISH LINE

There is one finish line for all track events: It is located at the south end of the west straight side.

## SPECIFIC EVENT INSTRUCTIONS

### **RELAY - 4x800 METERS**

EVENT 1 - girls  
2 - boys

USE GREEN RELAY  
CHECK-IN CARD

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The lead-off runner of each team must have a Relay Check-In Card (GREEN) to give to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in school of each team member and school name on the relay card and sign as required. The start will be staggered for two turns and run in lanes around the first two turns. Runners may break for the pole after passing the cut-balls at the northwest end of the straight side (a 2-turn stagger). The 2-3-4 runners will exchange California style at the southwest end of the straight side at the relay exchange zone area.  
BLUE TO BLUE. Start WHITE line. NO PRELIMINARIES - FINAL ONLY

### **33" HURDLES-100 METERS**

EVENT 3 - girls

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. SEMIFINALS AND FINALS will be run on the west side of the running track. The top 2 finishers in each semifinal heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. The start is located at the north end of the west straight side at the WHITE Line. Hurdles on YELLOW marks--weights on 33" slot and - 33" High.

### **39" HURDLES-110 METERS**

EVENT 4 - boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. SEMIFINALS AND FINALS will be run on the west side of the running track. The top 2 finishers in each semifinal heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. The start is located at the north end of the west straight side, WHITE line. Hurdles on BLUE marks 39" high, weights on 39" slot.

### **DASH - 100 METERS**

EVENT - 5 – girls

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. SEMIFINALS AND FINALS will be run on the west side of the track. The top 2 finishers in each semifinal heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. The start is located at the north end of the west straight side, WHITE line.

### **RELAY - 4X200 METERS**

EVENT 7 - girls  
EVENT 8 – boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The lead-off runner of each team must have a Relay Check-In Card (BLUE) to give to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in school of each team member and school name on Relay Check-In Card and sign as required. This start will be staggered for four turns, and each team must run in the assigned lane the entire distance of the race. Runners are cautioned to run in the assigned lane for the entire leg, to stay in the lane after handing the baton, and not to run on the line to the left. The race will start at the BLACK line on the track. The exchange between the first and second runners will be on the east side of the track, north end, between the BLACK TRIANGLES. The exchange between the second and third runners will be on the west side between the BLACK TRIANGLES. The exchange between the third and fourth runners will be on the east side between the YELLOW TRIANGLES. The top 2 teams in each semi-final heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. Rule 5-5-6 applies if there is a tie for. NO ATHLETIC TAPE IS PERMITTED TO BE USED ON THE TRACK FOR MARKING PURPOSES.

### **RUN - 1600 METERS**

EVENT 9 - girls  
10 boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The start will be staggered for one turn and runners must run within the assigned lane for one full curve. The runners may break for the pole as soon as they have one full running stride advantage and have passed the cut-balls. Start on the GREEN Line.

### **RELAY - 4X100 METERS**

EVENT 11 - girls  
12 - boys

USE PINK RELAY  
CHECK-IN CARD

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The lead-off runner of each team must have a Relay Check-In Card (PINK) to give to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in school of each team member and school name on the relay card and sign as required. The start will be staggered for two turns and each team will run in the assigned lane the entire distance of the race. Runners are cautioned to run in the assigned lane for the entire leg; to stay in the lane after handing the baton, and not to run on the line to the left. The race will start on the WHITE lines on the track. The exchange between the first and second runners will be on the south end, east side of the track between the YELLOW TRIANGLES. The exchange for the second and third runners will be on the north end, east side of the track between the YELLOW TRIANGLES. The exchange between the third and fourth runners will be on the north end, west side of the track between the YELLOW TRIANGLES. The top 2 teams in each semi-final heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the

finals. Rule 5-5-6 applies if there is a tie for the 8th qualifying place. NO ATHLETIC TAPE IS PERMITTED TO BE USED ON THE TRACK FOR MARKING PURPOSES.

**DASH - 400 METERS**

EVENT 13 - girls  
14 - boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The event will start at the WHITE lines. The start will be staggered for two turns and runners will run the entire race in the assigned lanes. Runners are cautioned to run in the assigned lane and not to run on the line to the left. The top 2 in each semi-final heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals.

**30" HURDLES - 300 METERS**

EVENT 15 - girls

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The event will start at the south end, east side of the track at the WHITE lines. The top 2 in each semifinal heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. Hurdles on BLACK marks - 30" High, weights on 30" slot.

**36" HURDLES - 300 METERS**

EVENT 16 - boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The event will start at the south end, east side of the track at the WHITE lines. The top 2 finishers in each semifinal heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. Hurdles on BLACK marks - 36" High, weights on 36" slot.

**RUN - 800 METERS**

EVENT 17 - girls  
18 - boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. This race will be staggered for two turns and run in lanes around the first two turns. Runners may break to the pole when they have one full running stride advantage and have passed the cut-balls at the north end, west side of the track. Start on the WHITE line.

**DASH - 200 METERS**

EVENT 19 - girls  
20 - boys

Report to the Clerk at north end, east side of the running track. This race will be run around the north curve. It will start on the WHITE lines at the north end, east side of the track. Runners must stay in the assigned lane the entire distance of the race. They must not run on the line to the left. The top 2 finishers in each semi-final heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals.

**RUN - 3200 METERS**

EVENT 21 - girls  
22 - boys

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The start will be staggered for one turn and runners must run within the assigned lane for one full curve. The runners may break for the pole after they have one full running stride advantage and have passed the cut-balls Start, GREEN lines.

**RELAY - 4X400 METERS**

EVENT 23 - girls  
24 - boys

USE WHITE RELAY  
CHECK-IN CARD

Report to the Clerk at the north end of the track, east side. The leadoff runner of each team must present a Relay Check-In Card (WHITE) to the Clerk. Please PRINT the number, full name and grade in school of each team member and school name and sign as indicated. The race will start at the BLUE line. The start will be staggered for **three** turns and the first runner for each team must run in the lane assigned. The number two runner must run in the assigned lane for the first turn and may break for the pole after crossing the **WHITE** break line at the start of the back straight away (southeast side). The last two legs will not be run in lanes, and the California style exchange will be used for the second and third exchange. The assigned umpires will give instructions regarding the exchanges including entry onto and leaving the track. The exchange zone is located on the west side of the track, BLUE to BLUE. The top 2 teams in each semi final heat along with the next 5 best times will qualify for the finals. Rule 5-5-6 applies if there is a tie for the 8th qualifying place.

**DISCUS THROW**

EVENT 25 - girls  
26 - boys

Report to the head discus judge at the discus pad located outside northwest side of the stadium. Discus implements must be supplied by the individual or be school-issued and will be weighed in at the site beginning one hour prior to the event. Once the implement is weighed and verified as legal, it may not be removed from the competition area until the conclusion of competition. Note: legal implements do not necessarily become "common implements." Permission to use an implement must be obtained from its owner. **The throwing sector shall be 34.92°.**

**HIGH JUMP**

EVENT 27 - girls  
28 - boys

Report to the head high jump judge at the high jump pit north end of the stadium infield. Only 1/4" or less gauged spikes permitted. Flat-soled shoes are also permitted. Use vinyl tape only for marking starting and checkpoints. It is recommended that competitors wear shoes with heel spikes.

## LONG JUMP

EVENT 29 - girls  
30 - boys

Report to the head long jump judge at the long jump pit on the east side of the track. Only 1/4" or less gauged spikes permitted. Flat-soled shoes are also permitted. As per NFHS Rule, a maximum of two colored blocks for marking starting and checkpoints off the runway will be provided. ATHLETIC TAPE IS NOT PERMITTED ON THE RUNWAY FOR MARKING PURPOSES.

## SHOT PUT

EVENT 31 – girls  
32 - boys

Report to the head shot put judge at the pad located outside the stadium after having the implement weighed at the tent located near both the shot put and discus areas. Weigh-ins begin one hour prior to the event. Note: legal implements do not necessarily become "common implements." Permission to use an implement must be obtained from its owner. Shot implements must be supplied by the individual or be school-issued and will be weighed in at the site. Once the implement is weighed and verified as legal, it may not be removed from the competition area until the conclusion of competition. **The throwing sector shall be 34.92°**

## POLE VAULT

EVENT 33 – girls  
34 – boys

Report to the pole vault judge who will be in charge of equipment check-in at the vaulting pit south end of the stadium infield at least one hour before competition is scheduled.

Only 1/4" or less gauged spikes permitted. Flat-soled shoes are also permitted. Colored blocks for marking starting and checkpoints off the runway will be provided. Coaches are required to submit the card verifying each vaulter's weight and the pole rating of each pole to be used for warm-ups and competition that is in the school packet. NO ATHLETIC TAPE MAY BE USED ON THE RUNWAY FOR MARKING PURPOSES.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- 1) Coaches, managers, and other school personnel are **not permitted at track level** once competition begins for the long jump, pole vault and high jump. All individuals connected with a competitor must be positioned in the stadium seats or in the designated coaches' areas.
- 2) **For coaches of high jump and pole vault -**  
There is a designated area at each event, trackside, where you may sit. In order to sit in this area you must wear the "coach pass" suspended around your neck. **One "coach pass" is provided per competing school** and is not valid for admission to the stadium. **(if a school has more than one competitor, only one "coach pass" is provided.)** The pass is valid only during the time your competitor is competing, and this is designated on the pass. You are not permitted anywhere else at track level once track and field competition begins except to move to or from the stadium seats.
- 3) In the **shot and discus**, coaches and other school personnel must be seated in the bleachers or behind the barriers. These restrictions also apply to spectators. **In addition, the shot put and discus areas shall be closed to all competitors prior to the beginning of competition each day (i.e., Prior to the arrival of officials and support personnel who will declare the areas open for warm-ups) and after the conclusion of competition for the day (i.e., All sessions have concluded and officials have left the areas).**
- 4) **No contestant may warm up or lounge on the infield grass.** The location of the athletes' "camp area" is in the Buckeye Field, the softball stadium. Those warming up on the track shall run in a counterclockwise direction only.
- 5) **Use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs in any form is prohibited at all times.**
- 6) Umpires will provide materials for relay team members to **mark checkpoints.**
- 7) **No chalk or athletic tape is permitted as a marking device.**
- 8) By games committee adoption the following rules apply:
  - a) **All competitors in track events who are wearing a two-piece uniform shall compete with their tops tucked into their uniform bottoms to facilitate the reading of hip numbers.**
  - b) **The following areas of competition are so designated as areas where competitors may not remove any portion of the team uniform, except shoes.**

- All areas proximate to field events
- The track infield area
- The track itself and all areas within the confines of the track

- 9) **Electronic devices and video reproduction** - Electronic devices may be used in unrestricted areas and the coaching boxes, providing the location does not interfere with the progress of the meet as determined by the meet referee. Coaching boxes and unrestricted areas will be identified by the meet referee, and this information will be given to coaches prior to the start of the event. Electronic devices shall not be used to transmit information to the competitor during the race or trial. A trial begins when an athlete is officially called "up". Unauthorized use of electronic or video devices will result in disqualification of the competitor from the event and disqualification of team personnel from the meet for unsportsmanlike conduct. Electronic devices such as cell phones and radios must be turned off or placed in a mode that will not distract another competitor or interfere with the competition.
- 10). **Lost and Found** – Report to the Track Management building at the Northeast end of the track.

## WHEELCHAIR COMPETITION

Saturday  
General Instructions

### ADMITTANCE PROCEDURES

Contestants and Coaches must have an Admittance Pass for entrance to the stadium. Passes must be presented anytime a competitor or coach leaves the facility and returns.

### PARKING

There will be a limited number of parking spaces reserved specifically for wheelchair racers and their coaches on the South side of the stadium. Wheelchair racers should be directed to enter campus from the Ackerman Road entrance and park in the lots to the South of Jesse Owens Stadium. On Saturday, there are high school graduations at the Value City Arena on Lane Avenue. It is advisable to avoid entering the area via Lane Avenue.

### CONTESTANT PROCEDURES

#### General Overview

\* There will be a boys and girls Wheelchair Division event scheduled. Meet management reserves the right to combine genders into one race if the number of entries is not adequate to fill the heat and/or the number of lanes on the track can accommodate the combined number of athletes entered. In a combined race, male and female athletes' times will be separated at the conclusion of the race and champions and placers will be recognized in separate awards ceremonies. In the Shot Put, meet organizers may include athletes in a flight with able-bodied athletes, but athletes will be placed and recognized for awards separately. In the 100m, 400m, and 800m, wheelchair athletes will compete in separate races from the footed athletes. These events are non-scoring towards the team championship awards.

#### Assigned Numbers and Uniforms

Wheelchair Division athletes must meet all OHSAA and NFHS uniform regulations, however, NFHS rule 4-4-4 states "Modification of the competitor's equipment or uniform (due to medical or religious reasons), pending approval, shall require a letter of authorization from the state association and shall be made available to the meet referee prior to the beginning of competition.

#### Equipment

Please pick up a "Coaches' Verification Form" at the check in booth prior to receiving your packet certifying that your athletes are in legal attire and that all equipment (track chair, wheels, helmets, and gloves) is legal. The ultimate responsibility for the maintenance of all equipment rests with the athlete, while the coach is ultimately responsible for assuring that all equipment is legal.

#### Reporting Procedures

Report to the Clerk of the Course a minimum of 10 minutes before the event is scheduled. The reporting area is located at the SOUTH END of the track on the East side. Field event contestants report to the field judge 20 minutes before the event is scheduled. Weighing and gauging for the shot put shall begin 1 hour prior to the scheduled start time for the event. Competitors in the shot put should report to a staging area at the Northwest corner of the stadium where they will be shuttled down to the throws area.

Awards	Top eight placers in each event will be recognized (or less, depending on participation). In a combined race, male and females athletes' times will be separated at the conclusion of the race and champions and placers will be recognized in separate awards ceremonies.
Medical Facilities	If an athlete becomes injured or ill, his/her coach should contact an athletic trainer or physician who will be stationed inside the track. Please do not report to the spectator first aid station without consulting with tournament medical personnel.
Restroom Facilities	Restroom facilities for wheelchair competitors are available near the entrance to the stadium by the South parking lot. In addition, all bathroom facilities inside the stadium are wheelchair accessible.