

# IESA Sectional Timer/Picker Instructions

## I. Pre-Meet Meetings

- All timers and pickers are assigned by the Head Timer to time each individual place.
- ***Times and places at the sectional meet will be made available to coaches and athletes when results are final. This information should not be distributed by finish line personnel.***

## II. Race Instructions

- **Time by Place not by Lane:** timers/pickers are always assigned to time a specific finish placer.
- **Start with Smoke and Stop with Torso:** Just prior to the start check your watch to make sure it is reset to zero. Start the watch on the smoke from the starter's pistol. Stop the watch when your assigned finisher's torso (the body not including the arms, legs or head) crosses the front edge of the finish line.
- **Pay attention to the entire race:** About 15 yards from the finish, check the general placements. Then, face the finish line. Count placers passing the line until your assigned place crosses the line. Immediately stop your watch as your placer's torso crosses the line.
- **Pick your Assigned Finish Placer:** Upon stopping your watch, focus on your assigned place finisher. Identify some unique features since several may be from the same school. Move out onto the track and identify the placer's last name and school.
- **Identify the correct time:** If the watch show's 1/100's of a second, all times will be recorded to the next highest 1/10 of a second. For example:  
11.81 is recorded as 11.9  
11.86 is recorded as 11.9  
11.90 is recorded as 11.9
- **Record Times and Placer's Name:** A recorder or Head Finish Line judge will gather timers to record finish placers and times.
  - If you watch fails to start correctly inform the head timer.
  - If you crouch at the finish line do not stand up until all competitors have finished.
  - Work as a team.
  - When there is a conflict in recording places and times, priority is given to the time/place recorded by the person assigned to the higher place. When times disagree for two people assigned to the same place then the slower of the two times is recorded.