

# IESA TRACK & FIELD

## 2010 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

June 8, 2010

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Terry Heise, Pleasant Plains, Vince Perillo, Manhattan, Seth Mingus, East Peoria Central, Beth Pugh, Tuscola, Paul Peacock, Lexington, and Administrator, Tim Green, Normal Chiddix; Official Carroll Hickenbottom, Blandinsville; Board Liaison Tony Ingold, East Peoria Central. Coach, Adam Lang, Mundelein Fremont was not able to attend.

The IESA Track and Field Advisory Committee, in its meeting of June 8, 2010, make the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 18 meeting:

\*To make the following changes/additions to the Terms and Conditions

1. All pole vault contestants shall be assigned in order of their sectional qualification, with the person with the best height or distance being last in order. At the state track meets, the pole vault will be run "five-alive". Each contestant will be granted a maximum of three trials at any one height. The bar will be raised 6" at a time until the designated height is reached. For all jumps attempted after the designated height has been achieved, the bar will be raised 3" at a time until one contestant remains. The designated heights for all classes are as follows:

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|-----|-------|------|-------|
| 7AG | 7'0"  | 7AAG | 8'6"  |
| 7AB | 9'3"  | 7AAB | 9'6"  |
| 8AG | 7'3"  | 8AAG | 8'6"  |
| 8AB | 10'3" | 8AAB | 10'6" |

*Rationale: The recommendation will help conduct the event at the state meet in a timelier manner. The recommendation does not impact the total number of participants or the opening heights of competition. It will reduce the total number of jumps taken which is nearly 2 to 3 times more than the high jumpers. It will also reduce the wait time of the competitors.*

2. Each school entering the state series (whether entering a team or individuals) must submit its Sectional Participant Information via the Internet through the IESA Member School Center to the IESA Office. If a school does not submit its Sectional Participant Information by the deadline, coaches and participants from that school are subject to sanctions, which could include but not be limited to being ruled ineligible to compete in the State Series.

*Rationale: This will allow the administrator of the activity the ability to sanction any school that does not submit their information online by the deadline. Schools who do not submit their information by the deadline produce a considerable strain on host schools and the IESA office. Of the 492 schools participating in the activity this year, only one school did not meet the deadline.*

3. To create a field for relay alternates. A student listed as an alternate for a relay would not count that event toward their individual limitations until the student actually participated in the relay.

*Rationale: Current policy counts the event toward the individual limitations for all students listed as a part of the relay- whether or not they actually participate. This policy limits coaches in their ability to construct competitive teams. With the recommendation, a student could be listed as an alternate for several relays; however, this would not supersede the individual limitations. Athletes would still be limited to 4 events and event combinations would still be in place.*

*The current policy monitors coach's entry of athletes into the sectional and state meet. Athlete event combinations are checked automatically by the online entry system and double-checked by the IESA administrator. This ensures that all athletes are entered appropriately going in to the sectional. Hosts then only have to spot-check changes. If the policy is changed, there will be no way to monitor the entry of athletes in advance. Hosts will need to monitor athlete entry the day of the meet.*

\*To adopt the following changes to the qualifying standards.

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|-----------------------|--------|
| 7A Boys 110 Hurdles   | 18.3   |
| 8A Boys 110 Hurdles   | 17.2   |
| 7AA Boys 200m Dash    | 25.7   |
| 7A Boys 4x200 Relay   | 1:56   |
| 8A Boys 4x200 Relay   | 1:48.5 |
| 7AA Girls 100 Hurdles | 17.4   |
| 7A Girls 100m Dash    | 13.6   |
| 7AA Girls 800m Dash   | 2:35   |
| 8AA Girls 800m Dash   | 2:33   |
| 7AA 1600m Run         | 5:45   |
| 8AA 1600m Run         | 5:40   |

To make the following additions to Track and Field Policy (These do not require Board Action):

1. To add to the host instructions that hosts should only provide participating teams with their roster information the night of the seed meeting. Heat and flight information will only be provided after the seed meeting.

The Committee continued their discussion on the possible expansion of track to three classes.

1. The Committee discussed several options for three classes of track. Calendar restraints do not allow for an additional state track weekend to be included in the track and field season. The discussion then focused on implementing 3 classes in two weekends. The Committee would like feedback from the Board of Directors regarding their philosophy on the future of track and field. Please see attached "option" sheet.

Points of Emphasis

- Coaches should review all relay rules. NFHS Rules 5-9 and 5-10
- 1/4" pyramid spikes
- Sectional Participant Information deadline
- Submitting seed times
- Attendance at seed meeting
- Games Committee formation and function

#### Committee Discussion

- Pole vault starting heights and qualifying standards
- Order of Events for the Sectional and State Meet
- The addition of a Team Track and Field State Meet
- Adding triple jump, 4x800 M Relay
- Conduct of the state high jump
- Changes to the Individual Participant Limitations
- Attendance at seed meetings
- 100/Hurdle prelim/semi/finals advancement
- Non-boundary schools
- Possibility of changes made to Sectional Rosters after the seed meeting, allowing no changes to Sectional Rosters after deadline
- Warm-up times for field event athletes at the State Meet
- Warm-up areas for participants
- Allowing coaches onto the field at the State Meet
- Parking at the State Meet
- Opening the admission gate earlier at the State Meet
- Awards ceremony at the State Meet

Carroll Hickenbottom and Beth Pugh were thanked for their service to the Committee and to the participating members of the activity

The date of the next meeting is June 8, 2011.

### **3 Classes of Track**

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#### **Current Format**

- Class A weekend followed by Class AA weekend
- 7th and 8th grade boys and girls divisions (4 meets being run per weekend)
- Top 2 sectional finishers in each event plus anyone meeting qualifying standard
- 19 sectionals, 14 events per division, average 2.3 qualifiers per event, 612 per division, 2,448 total qualifiers per weekend

#### **Option 1**

- Girls weekend followed by Boys weekend
- 7th and 8th Grade divisions (6 meets being run per weekend)
- Top 2 sectional finishers in each event, no additional qualifiers
- 19 sectionals, 14 events per division, 2 qualifiers per event, 532 qualifiers per division, 3,192 total qualifiers for each weekend

#### **Option 2**

- Girls weekend followed by Boys weekend
- 8th grade division only (3 meets being run per weekend)
- Top 2 sectional finishers in each event plus anyone meeting qualifying standard
- 19 sectionals, 14 events per division, average 2.3 qualifiers per event, 612 per division, 1,836 total qualifiers per weekend

#### **Option 3**

- Class 1A weekend followed by 2A/3A weekend
- 8th grade boys and girls divisions only (2 meets being run on first weekend, 4 meets being run on the second weekend)
- Different class split- 50%, 25%, 25% (roughly 250 schools=1A, 125= 2A and 125= 3A)
- Top 2 sectional finishers in each event plus anyone meeting qualifying standard
- 19 sectionals, 14 events per division, average 2.3 qualifiers per event, 612 per division, 1,224 on first weekend, 2,448 on second weekend

#### **Option 4**

- Class 1A weekend followed by 2A/3A weekend
- 7th and 8th grade boys and girls divisions (4 meets being run on first weekend, 8 meets being run on second weekend)
- Top sectional finisher in each event, no additional qualifiers
- Different class split- 50%, 25%, 25% (roughly 250 schools=1A, 125= 2A and 125= 3A)
- 19 sectionals, 14 events per division, 1 qualifier per event, 266 per division, 1,064 on first weekend, 2,128 on second weekend

#### **Option 5**

- Keep current system
- Cap total number of schools entering the activity at 520 schools

#### **Option 6**

- Keep current system

- Top sectional finisher in each event plus anyone meeting qualifying standard
- Cap total number of schools entering the activity at 520 schools
- 19 sectionals, 14 events per division, average 1.3 qualifiers per event, 346 per division, 1,384 per weekend