

4.073 IESA State Tournament Team Limitations

A member school will be permitted two entries in each individual event for boys and girls plus one entry in each relay for each boys and girls class in which it has entered the state series.

Schools must submit their track entries online using the Sectional Participant Information form. Schools that fail to submit their entries using the online Sectional Participant Information form are subject to sanctions that could include being ruled ineligible for the state series. All boys and girls who will be participating in the sectional meet shall have their names on the Sectional Participant Information Form. **No changes may be made to the Sectional Participant Information after 4:00 p.m. on the day of the seeding meeting.** Contestants shall be allowed to participate only in those events in which they are entered on the Sectional Participant Information. On the day of the sectional meet, there are no substitutions--only scratches.

Boys and girls track and field events shall be held separately, preferably with each class sectional and state competition being held on the same date at the same location. It is permissible for boys' sectional events to be held at different sites than girls sectional events on the same date if a majority of the schools participating in a sectional vote for a split.

It shall be the responsibility of the sectional track host to invite the coaches of the participating schools to a seeding meeting on Wednesday prior to the date of the sectional meet. The meeting may be held in person and/or virtually. Coaches should take a copy of the Sectional Participant Information to this meeting. The Sectional Host has the responsibility to seed the track meet based on the Sectional Participant Information. Coaches shall scratch names of those not participating. Teams without official entries at the seeding meeting shall be disqualified from sectional participation. The state meet shall be organized on the basis of sectional results. There shall be 10 Class 1A sectionals, 10 Class 2A sectionals, 10 Class 3A sectionals and 10 Class 4A sectionals.

It is mandatory for the head coach (or another school representative) to attend the Sectional Seeding Meeting either in person or virtually. If a head coach (or another school representative) is not in attendance at the seeding meeting, the Sectional Meet Manager should seed the athletes from the non-attending school and contact the IESA administrator at the IESA office immediately the following morning.

- Sectional managers may accept requests from schools to make exceptions for attendance at the Sectional Seeding Meeting. A letter requesting an exception for attendance must be sent to the Sectional Manager and signed by the school's principal or official representative prior to the beginning of the scheduled Seed Meeting.
- If the coach (or other school representative) fails to comply with these provisions, the coach and/or the competitors from that school may be sanctioned.
- It is the responsibility of the Head Coach to contact the Sectional Host immediately if for any reason they experience an emergency situation that would not allow them to get to the seeding meeting on time (flat tire, traffic accident, etc.). Sectional managers are encouraged to provide participating coaches with a phone number to be used in case of an emergency.

If a coach or school representative fails to attend the track and field seeding meeting, the following sanctions will be applied:

- • Non-attendance first meeting: School will be placed on probation.
- • Non-attendance second consecutive meeting: School will be able to participate in the track and field state series of the current year but will not be able to participate in the track and field state series of the following year unless the school pays a \$250.00 fee for reinstatement to the state series.
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