

IESA TRACK & FIELD

2007 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS

June 6, 2007

The following members were present for the meeting: Coaches Tom Morse, LeRoy, Greg Moss, Kewanee Wethersfield, Bill Pavlich, Homer Glen Homer, Bob Robertson, Rantoul St. Malachy, and Cindy Quigley, Manteno; Official Carroll Hickenbottom, Blandinsville; Board Liaison Tony Ingold, East Peoria Central. Wendy Vogel, Metamora GS and Beth Pugh, Tuscola East Prairie, were not able to attend.

The IESA Track and Field Advisory Committee, in its meeting of June 6, 2007, make the following recommendations to the Board of Directors for their June 8 meeting:

1. To add the following to the State Meet Friday Schedule: **PASSED.**
 - a. Include a Parade of Athletes on Friday
 - b. Include an Oath of Athletes on Friday

Rationale: Both the Oath and Parade are well received by all who attend the meets. Currently, the Oath and Parade are only presented on Saturday prior to the beginning of the meet. The inclusion of these events in the Friday schedule will add a "state" feel to both days.

2. To make the following change to the State Track Meet time schedule. **PASSED.**

Friday Participant Admission Entrance	10:30 a.m.
Friday General Admission Entrance	11:00 a.m.
Friday Parade of Athletes/Oath	11:30 a.m.
Friday Field	12 noon
Friday Running	1:00 p.m.

Saturday Participant Entrance	7:30 a.m.
Saturday General Admission Entrance	8:00 a.m.
Saturday Parade of Athletes/Oath	8:15 a.m.
Saturday Field	9:00 a.m.
Saturday Running	9:00 a.m.

Rationale: The change involves an earlier start time for both the running and the field times on Friday. The earlier start times will allow for the inclusion of the awards presentations and will also allow for the addition of an event into the Friday line-up.

3. To make the following change to the State Track and Field Order of Events **PASSED.**
Friday Running

7G Low Hurdle Prelims; 8G, 7B, 8B to follow
7G Low Hurdle Semifinals; 8G, 7B, 8B to follow
7G 400 M. Dash Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow
7G 1600 M. Run Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow
7G 100 M. Dash Prelims; 7B, 8G, 8B to follow
Semifinals for 100 M. Dash to follow as needed

Saturday Running

7G Low Hurdle Finals; 8G Finals to follow

7B Low Hurdle Finals; 8B Finals to follow

7G 100 M. Dash Finals; 8G, 7B, 8B Finals to follow

7G 4X200 M. Relay Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow

7G 4X100 M. Relay Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow

LUNCH BREAK- 45 min. break in running events

7G 200 M. Dash Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow

7G 800 M. Run Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow

7G 4X400 M. Relay Finals; 7B, 8G, 8B Finals to follow

Rationale: The inclusion of the awards presentations during the meets has lengthened the meet and the Committee is working to shorten the overall meet time on Saturday. Moving an event to the Friday line-up will help the overall length of Saturday. The move of the 400 to Friday will involve the fewest conflicts for contestants in multiple events.

4. To make the following changes/additions to the Terms and Conditions

- a. To convert all sectional times to manual times. **PASSED.**

Rationale: This will be done for the purposes of seeding. All seed times will then be in the same format and will allow for the most accurate assignment of runners.

- b. Add policy: If a sectional is cancelled because no host can be secured, the host from the previous year will be moved to the closest sectional with a host. **TABLED.**

Rationale: The host from the previous year would not be penalized for no school's willingness to host the current year sectional.

- c. For sectional meets: Reseeding may occur after the pre-meet scratch meeting for all running events. Any lanes vacated during the course of the meet shall remain vacant.

PASSED.

Rationale: This provides guidance to sectional hosts as to when a race may be reseeded.

- d. For sectional meets: Semi-finals may be run in the 100 M Dash and the Hurdles at the sectional meets. **PASSED.**

Rationale: Hosts will follow the guidelines listed in the host instructions for when it is necessary to run semi-finals for these events. The unreliability of seed times necessitates the use of semi-final races.

- e. For sectional meets: The starter may ask for the formation of a Games Committee.

Rewording by the Board to the following: A Games Committee will be formed and implemented for all sectional meets. The Games Committee will be established at the sectional seed meeting and must consist of at least 3 members.

PASSED.

Rationale: In order to better manage the meet or any appeals, the starter may ask for the formation of a Games Committee.

- f. For Participant Entry Information: Participant times shall be submitted in tenths of seconds. Manual times should be rounded up to the slower tenth of a second. Fully automatic times shall be converted to manual time prior to submission. To convert FAT to manual times: $FAT - 0.24 = MT$ Then round the time up to the slower tenth of a second.

PASSED.

Rationale: This will be done for the purposes of seeding. All seed times will then be in the same format and will allow for the most accurate assignment of runners

5. To make the following changes to the Exceptions to National Federation Rules:
 - a. At the state track meets, the high jump shall be run in flights. **PASSED.**
Rationale: Currently, the event is run with all of the participants competing in the event at the same time. Running the event in separate flights will reduce the overall wait time for participants by reducing the number of active competitors. The number in each flight will be determined by the total number of competitors in the event.
6. The Committee would like the State Series Action Team to further discuss moving to three classes of track.
7. To adopt the following changes to the qualifying standards and pole vault starting heights. Please see attached. **PASSED.**

Committee Discussion

- Saturday afternoon warm-up time at the State Meet.
- Reviewed the seeding procedures used for advancement in the 100M/Hurdle semi-final and final races at the State Meet.
- Requiring sectional host schools to use Fully Automatic Timing
- Required Order of Events for Sectional Meets
- Moving the deadline for Participant Information
- Changing the allowances regarding Participant Information
- Changes to the Order of Events
- Additional Events
- Evaluation of the State Meets
- Additional runners for relays
- Changes in the list of runners for relays after the deadline and after the sectional meet

The date of the next meeting is June 4, 2008.