

# 2024 IESA TRACK AND FIELD ADVISORY MEETING

## Minutes and Recommendations

June 5, 2024

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Executive Director), Trisha Brown (Bradford, Coach), Brian Howell, (Erie, Athletic Director), Jay Marshall (Antioch, Official), Chris Hamaker (Bloomington St. Mary's, Coach), Brad Henz (ShaZam Racing), Philip Jerbi (Genoa Kingston, Athletic Director), Nicole Lincoln (Country Club Hills Southwood), and Todd Ehlert (Geneseo, Coach). Present via Zoom: David Keller (Coach, Arlington Heights Thomas), Tim Van Swol (Manteno, Coach), and Ross Forlines (Findlay Okaw Valley, Principal). Not present were Brian Spacher (East St. Louis Lincoln).

The IESA Track and Field Advisory Committee, in its meeting on June 5, 2024, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their June, 2024 meeting:

### Recommendation 1- Sectional Entries

#### Current

**On-line entry of Sectional Participant Information:** Each school entering the state series (whether entering a team or individuals) must submit its Sectional Participant Information **via the Athletic.net website**. 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. Sectional Participant information must be completed within the following time frame:

- a) **Class 1A/2A- Participant registration for schools begins April 1 and ends April 30 @ 3:00 p.m.**
- b) **Class 3A/4A- Participant registration for schools begins April 1 and ends May 7 @ 3:00 p.m.**
- 6.
7. Substitutions to the online Sectional Participant Information may be made at the seeding meeting.

Changes to Sectional Participant Information will be allowed at the sectional seeding meeting.

Any allowable changes or substitutions must be presented by the coach/school representative during the Sectional Seed Meeting.

Coaches may make changes to their entries, times, marks and personnel.

**Only eligible participants listed on the Sectional Participant roster may be substituted into events or added to open events.** Coaches may not add athletes to their roster after the Online Entries Deadline or at the Seed Meeting.

All changes must conform to the Individual Participant Limitations. No changes may be made to the Sectional Participant Information after the Seed Meeting.

***REVIEW ALL OF YOUR PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PRIOR TO THE SEEDING MEETING AND AT THE SEEDING MEETING. No changes may be made to the Sectional Participant Information after the seed meeting.*** Contestants shall be allowed to participate only in those events in which they are entered. On the day of the sectional meet, there are no substitutions—only scratches.

#### Proposed

**On-line entry of Sectional Participant Information:** Each school entering the state series (whether entering a team or individuals) must submit its Sectional Participant Information **via the Athletic.net website**. If a school does not submit its Sectional Participant Information by the deadlines, 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. Sectional Participant information must be

completed within the following time frame:

- a) Class 1A/2A- Participant entry for schools begins April 1 and ends April 30 (the Tuesday prior to the Seed meeting) @ 3:00 p.m.
- b) Changes may be made to Sectional Participant Information until 4:00 p.m. the day of the seed meeting.
- c) Class 3A/4A- Participant registration for schools begins April 1 and ends May 7 (the Tuesday prior to the Seed meeting) @ 3:00 p.m.
- d) Changes may be made to Sectional Participant Information until 4:00 p.m. the day of the seed meeting.

Substitutions to the online Sectional Participant Information may be made until 4:00 p.m. the day of the seed meeting. Coaches may make changes to their entries, times, marks and personnel. **Only eligible participants listed on the Sectional Participant roster may be substituted into events or added to open events.** Coaches may not add athletes to their roster after the Online Entries Deadline or at the Seed Meeting. All changes must conform to the Individual Participant Limitations.

No changes may be made to the Sectional Participant Information after 4:00 p.m. the day of the Seed Meeting. Changes to Sectional Participant Information will NOT be allowed at the sectional seeding meeting.

***REVIEW ALL OF YOUR PARTICIPANT INFORMATION PRIOR TO 4:00 PM THE DAY OF THE SEEDING MEETING.*** Contestants shall be allowed to participate only in those events in which they are entered. On the day of the sectional meet, there are no substitutions—only scratches.

**Rationale**

Roster information must be entered by 3 p.m. the day prior to the seed meeting. Changes may be made to roster information and sectional entries until 4:00 p.m. the day of the seed meeting. After 4:00 p.m. the day of the seed meeting, no changes may be made to sectional entries. This will cut down on the number of changes that must be made at the sectional seed meeting which will shorten the length of the meetings and make hosting a sectional a little easier.

**T & F T&C**

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**IESA By-Law**

**Admin Vote**

**Board Action** APPROVED

**Recommendation 2- State Meet**

**Current**

Each track school will receive 4 wristbands for their coaching staff to receive entrance to the State Track Meet. Wristbands must be worn throughout the entire two-day meet for admittance. Replacement wristbands will not be issued.

**Proposed**

Each track school will receive 6 wristbands for their coaching staff to receive entrance to the State Track Meet. Wristbands must be worn throughout the entire two-day meet for admittance. Replacement wristbands will not be issued.

**Rationale**

Will allow for the entry of assistant coaches.

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**IESA By-Law**

**Admin Vote**

**Board Action** APPROVED

### Recommendation 3- Terms and Conditions Clean-Up

<b>Current</b>	XIII. Exceptions F. Name /or numbers of identical color and design on the same place of all member's uniforms shall be ruled identical. L. When it is necessary to use manual backup times on missed heats in running events, they shall be immediately adjusted to fully-automatic (FAT) by the chief finish evaluator. O. At the state track meets, the Pole Vault shall be run "five alive".
<b>Proposed</b>	Eliminate F., L., and first sentence in O. Q. Update reference to shorts to say bottoms. Add any outer garment (t-shirts, sweatpants, tights, etc.) that is school-issued or school-approved becomes the official uniform. R. Ties for first place in the field events at both the Sectional and State meets will be broken. [6-3-2b-4b]
<b>Rationale</b>	Terms and Conditions clean-up
<b>T&amp;F T&amp;C</b>	XIII.
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Admin Vote</b>	
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

### Recommendation 4- Wheelchair Division

<b>Current</b>	None
<b>Proposed</b>	Incorporate the Girls and Boys wheelchair division for the 100 M race and Shot Put at the Sectional level with the top 2 athletes at each sectional qualifying for the state meet. Current competition rules will apply at the sectional level.
<b>Rationale</b>	Allows for competition and qualification at the sectional level. The wheelchair division will be non-scoring at both the sectional and state meets.
<b>T&amp;F T&amp;C</b>	New
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Admin Vote</b>	
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

### Recommendation 5- Standards

<b>Current</b>	
<b>Proposed</b>	Adopt proposed standard changes.
<b>Rationale</b>	To maintain a manageable number of qualifying athletes, the attached standard changes have been made.
<b>T&amp;F T&amp;C</b>	New
<b>IESA By-Law</b>	
<b>Admin Vote</b>	
<b>Board Action</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>

## Recommendation 6- State Officials Fees

**Current** Referee \$ 290.00  
Head Field Ref \$ 200.00  
Starter- Girls \$ 180.00  
Starter- Boys \$ 180.00  
Asst. Referee \$ 180.00  
Asst. Referee \$ 180.00  
Asst. Field Ref \$ 180.00  
Conflict Referee \$ 180.00

**Proposed** Referee \$ 300  
Head Field Ref \$ 260  
Starter- Girls \$ 240  
Starter- Boys \$ 240  
Asst. Referee \$ 240  
Asst. Referee \$ 240  
Asst. Field Ref \$ 240  
Conflict Referee \$ 240

**Rationale** Increases reflect the length of work days and work load

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**IESA By-Law**

**Admin Vote**

**Board Action** **APPROVED**

## Points of Emphasis

1. Use of alleys in the regular season.
2. Use of athletic.net during the regular season.
3. Entry of roster and entries on athletic.net for sectional meets.
4. Regular season format.
5. Use of athletes during the regular season.
6. Regular season officials compensation and shell provisions.

## Discussion Topics

1. Discussed allowing athletes to participate in both the 4x100 and 4x200 M relays. No recommendation.
2. Discussed regular season officials compensation. No recommendation.
3. Discussed the sectional and state order of events. No recommendation.
4. Discussed the addition of the triple jump. No recommendation. The Committee had concerns regarding the time this would add to the sectional meets, coaching experience and the physical impact on the athletes.
5. Discussed moving the pole vault to a non-scoring status. No recommendation.
6. Discussed several proposed changes to the sectional format and event order. No recommendation.
7. Discussed the size of sectionals. No recommendation. This is something that the Committee will continue to monitor and consider alternatives to controlling.
8. Discussed different formats for the state meet. No recommendation.
9. Discussed the difference in participation composition (fewer full teams) between the various classes. No recommendation.
10. Discussed sectional host sites. No recommendation. The Committee appreciates all schools who step-up to host sectional meets.
11. Discussed additional tents at the state meet. IESA will look into additional tents in staging.
12. Discussed the throw events at the state meet. IESA will look into assigning IHSA officials to the field event venues for more of a dedicated time, providing more instruction, and measuring options.
13. Discussed the various qualification options. No recommendation.

14. Discussed award procedures at the state meet. IESA will look into an additional awards stand. The Committee agrees that the award presentations should not take place while races are being conducted.
15. Discussed moving the 800 and 1600 to a Waterfall start. No recommendation. The Committee feels that the larger fields necessitate alley starts.
16. Discussed video review. No recommendation.
17. Discussed various classification options. No recommendation.
18. Discussed the addition of several events- Turbo Javelin, 2400M, 3200 M Relay, 1600M Medley Relay. No recommendation.

**Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date**

Wednesday, June, 2025 @ 10:00 am