

2017 STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEET - GENERAL INFORMATION COACHES, PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

Enclosed in this packet should be all of the materials you need for the state meet. If you find anything missing from your packet, or have any questions, call Jared Chizek at the IHSAA office or John Overton at the IGHSAU office.

SCORING - We are scoring eight places. Relay and individual scoring is: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1. Wheelchair scoring is: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1. Results will be posted on the websites and on a board on the southwest corner of the stadium where they were posted for the Drake Relays.

SPIKES - Drake University allows 1/4" or shorter spikes on all Drake Stadium surfaces.

PARTICIPANT ADMISSION - Please be reminded that the only way participants (including coaches and managers) will be admitted to the stadium will be wearing their wrist band. **ONLY COMPETITORS IN FULL UNIFORM AND WEARING A HIP HUBBER WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE INFIELD.** Please see the enclosed sheet. Spectators: Admission charge will be \$10.00. **Cash or check only. No debit or credit cards will be accepted.** School Administrators may use their IHSAA/IGHSAU passes to enter from the northwest gate only. The pass is good for the administrator and one guest.

AWARDS - Medals will be awarded for eight places. Medals can be picked up at the tent located on the upper level of the southwest concourse. **Boys' coaches or athletes may pick up the medals at any time during the competition.** Girls' coaches will be able to pick up girls' awards when your school has completed competition. Three trophies will be awarded in each class including both a boys and girls wheelchair trophy.

CHECK IN and HIP NUMBERS - Make sure that all of your competitors check in with the clerks or their event judge well in advance of competition. Remember the public address announcer will not make calls for the meet. Coaches and competitors need to monitor meet progress to make sure that everyone is reported. The meet will run very close to the posted time schedule. **The public address announcer may not be heard in the field house.** Drake is working on this improvement.

HIP NUMBERS - All individual running competitors and relay anchors will wear a hip number. This number is used by the finish lynx system. **See the enclosed sheet regarding hip numbers.** In order to accommodate the use of hip numbers, jerseys must be tucked in and not covering the hip numbers.

RELAY SHEETS - A relay sheet is enclosed whether you qualified a relay or not. **The enclosed form must be brought to the south door of the press box as soon as you arrive at the meet site only if a relay order has changed from the qualifying meet. Changes from preliminary to final order must also be reported to south door of the press box.** Please submit this sheet, it is used by the public address announcer to give proper recognition to your athletes as they compete.

STADIUM ACCESS AND INFIELD RESTRICTIONS - Please see the enclosed sheet and read the included information.

IHSAA and IGHSAU FIELD HEADQUARTERS - If you need to contact IHSAA or IGHSAU administrators, you can come to the awards area, on the upper level of the southwest concourse. If the person you need to speak to is not there, they will be able to be reached by radio.

THROWING EVENTS - Throwers should report directly to their throwing areas. All implements will be weighed and inspected at the event site. The implement inspection station will be on the javelin runway.

TRAVEL and PARKING - Enclosed is a map regarding parking. Please note travel to Drake Stadium and the congestion around the stadium will be a problem. Allow yourselves plenty of time in getting to the stadium. Please note where busses and vans may unload on the map.

MERCHANDISE - Both boys and girls apparel can be purchased in the on the concrete walkway on the north side of the track.

STADIUM ACCESS AND INFIELD RESTRICTIONS

STADIUM ACCESS -Since you received your packets by UPS, you will have the wrist bands you need to be admitted to the stadium. You may enter through any stadium entrance. Entrances will be open each day at 7:30 a.m.

FIELDHOUSE ACCESS – Field house access will only be available through the east doors of the field house. The tunnel to the track will be closed. The doors from the east concourse will be closed. **The public address announcer may not be heard in the field house.** Drake is working on this improvement. **WITH THE FIELDHOUSE RENOVATION - DRAKE, LIKE AT THE RELAYS, WILL ONLY ALLOW WATER TO BE BROUGHT INTO THE FIELD HOUSE. ALL OTHER FOOD AND BEVERAGES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**

RUNNING SURFACE ACCESS - **No competitors or coaches are to come over the railing of the stadium at anytime.** All access to the running surface is through the northeast gate of the stadium. Once competition begins, access to the running surface will only be for athletes in uniform, wearing a hip number. The only exception will be relay runners in uniform who do not wear a hip number. Athletes will be responsible for their own sweat clothes and equipment. Items will **not** be boxed and taken to the northeast corner.

COACHES ARE RESTRICTED TO THE BLEACHER AREAS - Coaches who come onto the running surface or enter the infield area for any reason, including, but not limited to, instructing or coaching their athletes may cause the athlete to be disqualified from that event. This is in accordance with Rule 4-6-5f. Don't be the coach who causes his/her student athlete to be disqualified because you are somewhere you do not belong. Coaches and fans may be in the shot and discus area, outside the marked off throwing area.

DISQUALIFICATIONS - If a team has a disqualification, the coach will be called to the front row of the center section on the south curve to meet with the referee. Please report promptly to that area if called.

TRACK AND RUNWAY MARKS – Competitors will be allowed to place a maximum of two marks on the running surface and approach runways and areas.

RUNNING SURFACE WARMUP - Athletes will be allowed to warm up on the running surface prior to competition beginning. Once competition begins, only athletes in uniform, wearing a hip number will have access to the running surface for warm up. The only exception will be relay runners in uniform who do not wear a hip number. Warm ups will only occur on the back stretch and will not be allowed south of the tunnel entrance. Once races begin, competitors will be asked to step off the track and will be allowed in the infield no farther west than the nearest (east side) hash marks. The only exception will be competitors concluding competition at the common finish line may transition back to the northeast corner by crossing the infield. There will be marshals assigned to the infield. Please comply with these restrictions.