



Dear Track and Field Coaches and Athletic Directors-

With cross country season officially behind us, we can turn our attention to the next outdoor sport both organizations sanction: track and field. The track and field advisory committee made many recommendations during their last advisory committee meeting, and six recommendations were approved by the IHSAA Board of Control and five by the IGHSAU Board of Directors.

- 1) To add the 800-meter wheelchair event to the order of events.
- 2) To increase the boys shuttle hurdle height to 36-inches.
- 3) To set a 1:00 pm deadline on the day of the state qualifying meet as the cutoff for coaches to protest a seed time.
- 4) To specifically state only 2nd place ties for automatic qualifying places shall be broken.
- 5) To require state qualifying sites to get a backup time for at least first place.
- 6) To increase the 15-minute break at the 3A and 4A state qualifying meets to 20 minutes.

At the current time, we are working on the exact placement of the 800-meter wheelchair in the order of events, and once we have determined the location of the event, we will post a new regular season event schedule online. For the state meet, the 800-meter wheelchair will be contested Friday afternoon between the conclusion of the morning session (4x400 meter relay) and the start of the afternoon session (girls 1600 meter medley relay).

Also, two more things to note. First, schools and officials will receive new rules books this winter. We hope to send those out by the end of January. Second, we do flip state meet schedules this year. 2A and 3A will compete in the morning and 1A and 4A will compete in the afternoon.

We will cover these recommendations in future emails, manuals, and rules meetings. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact either one of us.

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