

2021 IESA TRACK AND FIELD ADVISORY MEETING

Minutes and Recommendations

June 9, 2021

The following members were present for the meeting: Nicole Schaeftbauer (IESA Associate Executive Director), Brett Miller (Canton Ingersoll, Coach), Scott Austin (Beecher, Coach), Diane Winekauf (Forreton, Coach), Gretchen Nelson (Mt. Morris Rahn, Coach), Ross Forlines (Findlay Okaw Valley, Principal), Jay Marshall (Antioch, Official), Tim VanSwol (Manteno, Coach) and Todd Ehlert (Geneseo, Coach).

The IESA Track and Field Advisory Committee, in its meeting on June 9, 2021, makes the following recommendations to the IESA Board of Directors for their June 18, 2021, meeting:

Recommendation 1- State Series

Current

Proposed

Sectional

All field event marks must be reported as metric distances actually achieved during the current Track and Field season.

At all Sectional meets, metric measurements shall be used in all field events.

The qualifying standards for the field events are metric measurements. The metric measurements will be used in determining qualifying marks for all field events. English conversions will not be used or considered to determine if a qualifying standard was met.

State

At the State meet, metric measurements shall be used in all field events.

Rationale

Metric measurement has become more of the standard for track and field. This will also be the measurement system that our athletes will be using when they reach high school

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III., A., 3, d.- New

VIII., A., 10.

XI. C- New

IESA By-Law

Admin Vote

3-0 in favor with the following administrative recommendation: To be implemented in 2022-23

Board Action

Died- No motion

Recommendation 6- Sectional Seed Meeting Format

Current

3. It is mandatory for the head coach (or another school representative) to attend the Sectional Seed Meeting. 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.

- a. 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.
- b. 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.
- c. 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.

- Proposed** 3. It is mandatory for the head coach (or another school representative) to attend the Sectional Seed Meeting. 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.
- a. **(NEW)** All Sectional seed meetings will be offered as in-person and virtual meetings. Attendees must communicate, in advance, to their host how they will be attending.
 - b. 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.
 - c. 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.
 - d. 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.

Rationale A by-product of the four-class system is increased travel for participating schools to their sectional site. While weekend travel to the meet site may not be an issue, mid-week travel to the seed meeting site impacts work and practice schedules. The hybrid meeting format would allow for coaches to hear all of the pertinent information from the host and sign-off on their sectional entries.

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Admin Vote 3-0 in favor

Board Action **Approved**

Recommendation 8- 100 M Dash and Hurdles at the Sectional

Current At the Sectional Meet, the 100 M Dash and the 100/110 Hurdles will be run as finals only regardless of the timing method.

At the State Meet, the 100 M Dash and the 100/110 Hurdles will be run with a preliminary round and a final round. Advancement from the preliminary round to the finals will be based on the following:

1. The winner of each heat will advance to the finals.
2. The remaining qualifying positions will be filled on the basis of time.

Proposed At the Sectional Meet, the 100 M Dash and the 100/110 Hurdles will be run in the following format:

1. FOR FAT timing: Races run as finals only.
2. FOR MANUAL timing: Races will be run as prelims/finals. The finals will be filled on the basis of time.

At the State Meet, the 100 M Dash and the 100/110 Hurdles will be run with a preliminary round and a final round. Advancement from the preliminary round to the finals will be based on the following:

1. The winner of each heat will advance to the finals.
2. The remaining qualifying positions will be filled on the basis of time.

Rationale The committee is recommending that the wording for preliminary rounds at the sectional level be updated to remove the possibility of ties while manually timing.

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Admin Vote 3-0 against

Board Action **Died- No motion**

Recommendation 9- Sectional Plaque

Current

Proposed Allow 2nd and 3rd place teams to purchase sectional plaques.

Rationale This would allow schools to continue to acknowledge this accomplishment without any cost to the IESA

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Admin Vote

Board Action Died- No motion

Points of Emphasis

1. Wristbands for state meet.
2. New sectional participant information deadline.
3. Submitting times for the seed meetings.
4. Use of the alley starts at the sectional and state meets. Encourage schools to use alley starts during the regular season.
5. Metric measurement.

Discussion Topics

1. Discussed the reduction in attempts during the finals of the long jump, shot put, and discus. No recommendation. The committee did not feel that the additional attempts significantly lengthened the sectional or state meet.
2. Discussed reducing the number of officials at the 1A/2A level. No recommendation.
3. Discussed allowing starting heights for pole vault and high jump to be determined by the teams participating at each sectional. No recommendation. The Committee will monitor the starting heights and the success of participating athletes during the 2022 season.
4. Discussed the sectional roster information deadline. No recommendation.
5. Discussed the format of the sectional seed meeting. No recommendation. Administrator will update the format information and checklist given to hosts regarding the seed meeting.
6. **Discussed sectional field event workers. Committee recommends that hosts pre-assign teams to field event and exchange zones at the sectional meets. If at least two different teams could be assigned to a field venue and exchange zone responsibility, that would be ideal. It is the expectation of the Committee that all schools provide qualified people to help facilitate the administration of the meet.** Administrator will work on short instructional videos for workers.
7. Discussed developing an evaluation tool regarding sectional hosts and officials. No recommendation.
8. Discussed the potential difficulty of finding hosts going forward. No recommendation.
9. Discussed the difference in participation composition (fewer full teams) between the various classes. No recommendation.

Next Advisory Committee Meeting Date

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 @ 10:00 am