

## LONGEST RUNNING BOYS' TRACK MEETS IN IOWA

(List is not inclusive; meets "older" than the ones listed should be emailed to [blegg@iahsaa.org](mailto:blegg@iahsaa.org))

Meet	Location	Started	2010
Gateway Classic	Clinton	1921	90th
Estherville Relays	Estherville	1922	89th
Harlan/Cyclone Relays	Harlan	1923	88th
Oskaloosa Relays	Oskaloosa	1928	83rd
Pocahontas Relays	Pocahontas	1935	76th
Jesse Day/Davenport Relays	Davenport	1935	76th
Valley Relays	Valley, WDM	1936	75th
Cardinal Relays	Clarinda	1937	74th
Galva-Holstein (Holstein Relays)	Holstein	1941	70th
East Sac Relays (Sac Relays)	Sac City	1943	68th
Ames Invitational	Ames	1947	64th
Bulldog Relays (Don Newell Classic)	Ottumwa	1949	62nd
Tiger Relays	Griswold	1950	61st
Raider Relays (Good Indians Relays)	Sac City	1950	61st
Tomahawk Relays	Cherokee	1952	59th
Bobcat Relays/Kenny Dean	Marshalltown	1954	57th
Mustang Relays	Bloomfield	1955	56th
Bronco Relays	Belmond	1956	55th
Spencer Relays	Spencer	1957	54th
Dodger Relays	Fort Dodge	1959	52nd
Cardinal Relays	Newton	1959	52nd
Fred Smith Hawk Relays	Ankeny	1959	52nd
Central Lyon Relays	Rock Rapids	1960	51st
Big Red Relays	Missouri Valley	1962	49th
Columbus Wildcat Relays	Columbus Junction	1962	49th
Panther Relays	Pekin	1964	47th

*Note: Some meets such as the Mustang Relays at Shenandoah (started in 1947) were discontinued for a few years in the late 1980s before being revived. The Bluejay Relays at Villisca was started in 1954 but dropped in 2003. The Crest Relays at Creston were started in 1945 and had a 45 year run ending in 1990 when Classes 3A and 2A voted to go to season qualifying for the state meet. Creston's Panther Relays has been run since 1974. Fort Madison Relays were started in 1930 and ran consecutively through 1994 (65 years), when several participating schools' went to regular season qualifying to the state meet.*

***Since this effort is a work in progress, we would appreciate information on other meets that are currently held that have been in existence for 40 yrs. or more. Some meets because of school consolidations, going co-ed or changing the name of a meet have changed or altered the name of the meet slightly, but have continued the tradition establish in years past***

***The University of Iowa held an "open state meet" starting in the mid 1890's through the 1920s. The 105th IHSAA State Track & Field Championships will be contested May 20-22. It started in 1906.***

## LONGEST RUNNING GIRLS' TRACK MEETS IN IOWA

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Meet	Location	Started	2010
Prairie, Gowrie/Ryan Relays	Gowrie	1960	51st
Blackhawkette Relays	Nishna Valley	1960	51st
Lady Reds Relays	Missouri Valley	1962	49th
Hawkette Relays	South Hamilton (Jewell)	1963	48th

Prairie (Gowrie)/Ryan Relays (started as the Vi-Queen Relays) and Blackhawkette Relays (Emerson-Nishna Valley – ran at Red Oak in the beginning) were started with the Anita Relays and Rockette Relays at Paton-Churdan all in 1960. The latter two and others started in the early 1960s have since been discontinued. We are looking for current meets that have been in existence for 35 or more years. The Iowa Girls' State Track & Field Meet was held for the first time in 1962 at Pleasantville, making the 2010 meet the 49th – ***likely the oldest high school sanctioned girls' state meet in the nation.***

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