

LONGEST RUNNING BOYS' TRACK MEETS IN IOWA

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

Meet	Location	Started	2009
Gateway Classic	Clinton	1921	89th
Estherville Relays	Estherville	1922	88th
Harlan/Cyclone Relays	Harlan	1923	87th
Oskaloosa Relays	Oskaloosa	1928	82nd
Pocahontas Relays	Pocahontas	1935	75th
Jesse Day/Davenport Relays	Davenport	1935	75th
Valley Relays	Valley, WDM	1936	74th
Cardinal Relays	Clarinda	1937	73rd
Galva-Holstein (Holstein Relays)	Holstein	1941	69th
East Sac Relays (Sac Relays)	Sac City	1943	67th
Ames Invitational	Ames	1947	63rd
Bulldog Relays (Don Newell Classic)	Ottumwa	1949	61st
Tiger Relays	Griswold	1950	60th
Raider Relays (Good Indians Relays)	Sac City	1950	60th
Tomahawk Relays	Cherokee	1952	58h
Bobcat Relays/Kenny Dean	Marshalltown	1954	59h
Mustang Relays	Bloomfield	1955	55h
Bronco Relays	Belmond	1956	54th
Spencer Relays	Spencer	1957	53rd
Dodger Relays	Fort Dodge	1959	51st
Cardinal Relays	Newton	1959	51st
Fred Smith Hawk Relays	Ankeny	1959	51st
Central Lyon Relays	Rock Rapids	1960	50th
Big Red Relays	Missouri Valley	1962	48th
Columbus Wildcat Relays	Columbus Junction	1962	49th
Panther Relays	Pekin	1964	46th

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.

The University of Iowa held an "open state meet" starting in the mid 1890's through the early 1920s. The 104th IHSAA State Track & Field Championships will be contested May 21-23. It started in 1906.

LONGEST RUNNING LOCALLY HELD GIRLS' TRACK MEETS IN IOWA

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Meet	Location	Started	2009
Prairie, Gowrie/Ryan Relays	Gowrie	1960	50th
Blackhawkette Relays	Nishna Valley	1960	50th
Lady Reds Relays	Missouri Valley	1962	48th
Hawkette Relays	South Hamilton (Jewell)	1963	47th

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 2009 meet the 48th – ***likely the oldest high school sanctioned girls' state meet in the nation.*** (04/02/09)