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Dear Track and Field Coaches, Administrators, and Officials-

For whatever reason, Mother Nature does not want our kids to experience outdoor track and field this spring. We know many of you are anxious to run for a variety of reasons. Eventually, the snow has to stop falling and the temperatures will rise so all track enthusiasts can enjoy a meet. We've had a handful of questions related to the weather and we hope to address as many of them as we can in this memo.

**ORDER OF EVENTS** - We have had a few calls about meets not running the prescribed order of events. The order of events for all meets is found on our websites. All regular season meets are required to use the posted order of events on the website and in the regular season manuals. We understand that you may choose to insert events that can be run under National Federation Rules, and that is permissible. However, the other events in a meet with events inserted should still be run in the order found on the websites.

**RESCHEDULING OF MEETS/ENTERING NEW MEETS** – We know many of you have lost multiple of meets due to the weather. If a meet you were originally contracted for was canceled or your school cannot attend the rescheduled meet for whatever reason, the meet does not count towards your 12 meet limitation. If a school is below the meet limitation for whatever reason, the squad can enter a meet it wasn't originally scheduled to participate in. The school does not need to contact the IHSAA or IGHSAU for the late scheduling of the meet. Some schools have asked about participating in indoor meets in the next week or so due to conditions throughout the state. If you have had an outdoor meet, these indoor meets would count as one of your 12 allotted meets. If you have not yet participated in an outdoor meet, the indoor meet would not count towards your allotment of 12.

**SCHOOLS SENDING SELECT HANDFUL OF STUDENTS TO MEETS** – To piggyback on the topic above, we know the Drake Relays entry deadline is quickly approaching. We also know that some of you are getting pressured into sending a partial squad to a meet for the sole purpose to qualify for the Drake Relays. While we would prefer that the entire squad participate as it counts as one of your team's 12 meets, there is nothing in our manual that prevents this from occurring. However, the students need to represent their school (they cannot run unattached), and the students must be accompanied by an authorized coach. A parent without a coaching authorization cannot take his/her child to a meet in order for the child to qualify for the Drake Relays.

**LEGAL SPIKES AT DRAKE STADIUM** – Since confirming with Drake about legal spikes prior to the rules meeting, the university has changed their stance on Christmas tree (compression) spikes. Christmas tree spikes are no longer legal at Drake Stadium. Only pyramid spikes no longer than ¼-inch are legal for both the Drake Relays and the State Meet. Both meets will have

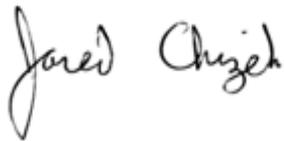
a spike check. We apologize for the previous information shared with each of you earlier in the season, and we are just recently told of the change.

**RELAY MARKERS FOR STATE QUALIFYING AND STATE MEET** – As stated in the rules meeting, athletes can only use tape to mark their steps on the track for both the state qualifying and state meet. Athletes cannot use tennis balls as their marker at these two meets. During the regular season, the host school can determine what they want athletes to use as a marker for relay events.

**STATE QUALIFYING MEET INFORMATION** – The state qualifying meets are scheduled for Thursday, May 10. We plan on releasing team assignments the first part of next week. The state qualifying meet manual and entry information will be posted later this month.

**WHEELCHAIR COMPETITORS** – If your team has a wheelchair competitor, please complete the form on either the IHSAA or IGHSAAU site and return it to the respective organization by Friday, April 13. We need to work with our medal vendor to order awards for the state qualifying meets, and we want to make sure we do not forget a competitor. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

We hope the weather starts cooperating soon, so our kids can have an enjoyable track season. If you have any questions or situations that come up throughout the season, don't hesitate to contact either one of us.



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