

## IOWA'S OLDEST HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' TRACK MEETS

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

*Updated May 20,2019*

<b>Meet</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>2020*</b>
Gateway Classic	Clinton	1921	100th
Estherville Relays	Estherville	1922	99th
Harlan/Cyclone Relays	Harlan	1923	98th
Oskaloosa Relays	Oskaloosa	1928	93rd
Pocahontas Relays	Pocahontas	1935	86th
Jesse Day/Davenport Relays	Davenport	1935	86th
Valley Relays Valley, WDM	West Des Moines	1936	85th
Cardinal Relays	Clarinda	1937	84th
Galva-Holstein (Holstein Relays)	Holstein	1941	80th
East Sac Relays (Sac Relays)	Sac City	1943	78th
Ames Invitational	Ames	1947	74rd
Comet Relays	Charles City	1947	74rd
Bulldog Relays (Don Newell Classic)	Ottumwa	1949	72nd
Tiger Relays	Griswold	1950	71st
Raider Relays (Good Indians Relays)	Sac City	1950	71st
Tomahawk Relays	Cherokee	1952	69th
Bobcat Relays/Kenny Dean	Marshalltown	1954	67th
Mustang Relays	Bloomfield	1955	66th
Bronco Relays	Belmond	1956	65th
Spencer Relays	Spencer	1957	64th
Wildcat Relays	Carlisle	1958	63rd
Dodger Relays	Fort Dodge	1959	62nd
Cardinal Relays	Newton	1959	62nd
Fred Smith Hawk Relays	Ankeny	1959	62nd
Central Lyon Relays	Rock Rapids	1960	61st
Big Red Relays	Missouri Valley	1962	59th
Columbus Wildcat Relays	Columbus Junction	1962	59th
Ram Relays	Glenwood	1962	59th
Panther Relays	Pekin	1964	57th
Panther Relays	Knoxville	1966	55th
Hi Covey Relays	Ames	1970	51st

\* Years the meet was scheduled –some years weather caused interruptions or cancellations

Notes: Please report other meets of 45 years or more that are not listed above. Some meets like 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 when several participating schools' went to regular season qualifying to the state meet.

**Because of school consolidations, meets going co-ed or re-naming, a meet may have changed slightly but should not cause it to be removed from consideration.**

The University of Iowa held an "open invitational state meet" starting in the mid 1890's through the 1920s.

**The 115th IHSAA State Track & Field Championships, started in 1906, will be contested May 21-23, 2020 as part of the 16th Annual Iowa Track & Field Championships, which includes boys and girls divisions.**

## OLDEST HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' TRACK MEETS IN IOWA

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<b>Meet</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>2020*</b>
Prairie View/Vi-Queen/Ryan Relays	Gowrie	1960	60th
Lady Reds Relays	Missouri Valley	1962	58th
Hawkette Relays/Abel Relays	South Hamilton (Jewell)	1963	57 <sup>th</sup>

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*Notes: Prairie View (Gowrie)/Ryan Relays (started as the Vi-Queen Relays) and Blackhawkette Relays (Emerson-Nishna Valley - 1960 – ran at Red Oak in the beginning). Those meets were started along with the Anita-Wiota Relays and Rockette Relays at Paton-Churdan in 1960. The latter two and others started in the early 1960s have since been discontinued. **We continue to look for current meets that have been in existence for 40 or more years.***

*Some of the above meets may have been cancelled in some years due to weather.*

***The Iowa Girls' State Track & Field Meet was held for the first time in 1962 at Pleasantville, making the 2020 Championships the IGHSAA's 59th Annual State Meet, May 21-23. It is now part of the 16th Annual State and Field Championships which includes girls and boys divisions.***