

## 2021 State Track & Field Qualifying Meet Manual

### Co-Ed State Qualifying Meets

All Classes—Thursday, May 13 4:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, May 20-22**

Co-Ed State Meet

### STATE QUALIFYING MEET – ALL CLASSES COACHES’ INFORMATION

1. All state qualifying meets will be co-educational meets.
2. The 2021 qualifying meets will be held for all classes on Thursday, May 13, 2021. The rain date for all qualifying meets will be the following day excluding, Sunday. All qualifying meets will start at 4 pm. There will be a 45-minute break between the boys’ 4x800 and the boys’ shuttle hurdle relay and a 20-minute break between the boys’ 800 meter run and the girls’ 200 meter dash for class 4A and 3A. If the rain date is used, meet management will determine the starting time.
3. Both the Board of Directors of the IGHS AU and the Board of Control of the IHSAA have determined that races at the State Qualifying meets will run to the common finish. Races will not be reversed to gain a wind advantage even if fully automatic timing is available for the reversed race.
4. Only two contestants may compete in an individual event from a member school. One relay from each school may compete.
5. **Scoring: eight places will score at the qualifying meet.** Qualifying meet scoring shall be 10, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 for relay events and individual events. **All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ties must be broken in Class 2A, 3A and 4A. Only 1<sup>st</sup> place ties must be broken in Class 1A.**
6. **Awards:** Medals for first eight places in all events. Qualifying meet team champions will be sent or presented with a qualifying champion banner.
7. Both the state qualifying meet and state meet do not utilize a jury of appeals. The meet referee’s decision is final.

### ORDER OF EVENTS

There is no required time limit between events. Long Jump and Discus—boys first. High Jump and Shot Put—girls first. Note: if the facility allows, both boys and girls may not compete simultaneously. All field events will begin at 4:00 PM. All running events are finals (no running prelims). Girls will run first, followed by the boys, **except for the shuttle hurdle relay**. Running events will begin at 4:30 PM.

#### **All Classes (4:30 start)**

800m Sprint Medley Relay

800 Meter Wheelchair

3000/3200 Meter Run

4×800 Meter Relay

#### **45-Minute Break (All Classes)**

Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Boys first)

100 Meter Dash

100 Meter Wheelchair

1600 Distance Medley Relay

400 Meter Dash

400 Meter Wheelchair

4×200 Meter Relay

100/110 Meter Hurdles  
800 Meter Run  
**Mandatory 20-minute break (Class 4A & 3A Only)**  
200 Meter Dash  
200 Meter Wheelchair  
400 Meter Hurdles  
1500/1600 Meter Run  
4×100 Meter Relay  
4×400 Meter Relay

### **FINISH LINE**

Meet management is required to have a backup (handheld) time for at least first place only in case of a malfunction with the timing system. If the camera(s) of the timing system was to experience technical difficulties, the host school would then be required to videotape the finish line. Viewing shall be accessible to the starters/referees and meet officials only. No finish string shall be used.

### **STATE QUALIFYING MEET INFORMATION**

Entry information will be emailed to your school from the IHSAA and IGHS AU. A Qualifying Meet Manual will be posted on the website. Qualifying meet entries will be submitted online. Information for submitting qualifying meet entries will be emailed to member schools the week of Monday, May 3. **The deadline for Qualifying Meet entries and declarations will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 12. All scratches or substitutions must be sent by email to the Qualifying Meet host no later than 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meet, Thursday, May 13. No substitutions will be allowed after that time. Scratches after that time will count as an event. Emergency situations will be considered and can only be approved by the IGHS AU or IHSAA.** Hosts are required to send all participating schools heat and lane assignments as close to 10:00 a.m. as possible once final substitutions and scratches are made. All times and efforts will be performances in established meets and should be recorded in metric times or converted metric times for the running events and standard measurements for the field events. All entries shall be submitted as FAT times. **All state qualifying meet seed times need to be verified through Varsity Bound. Any time discrepancies (faster or slower than what is posted on Varsity Bound) will result in “No Time” seed time. No split times are allowed for individual event seed times. Coaches have until 1:00 p.m. the day of the meet to protest a seed time. After this deadline, heat and lane assignments become final.**

Upon receipt of the entries, all entries will be ranked from first to last in each event according to performances. Heats and sections as well as lane assignments will be drawn from this information. The IGHS AU and IHSAA will oversee the ranking of the entries and placement of athletes into heat sections, lanes and flights. **Meet managers shall reseed an event prior to the start of the meet if scratches or substitutions are made in a particular event. Any substitute entry will receive a “No Time” seed time.**

- 1) Field events will be in flights. Throwing order will be as stated in the Track and Field Rules Book.

- 2) In events run in sections against time, the last section will contain the best performers, the prior sections the next best contestants, etc. All sections will be initially seeded with a minimum of three competitors/relay teams in each section (minimum of two for shuttle hurdle relay).
- 3) Since all events are finals, sections will be filled by entry performances. The final section of each event will have the best entry performances.
- 4) The highest ranked contestant will be placed in the lane in the center of the track. Lanes will be filled by alternating either side of the number-one ranked athlete. This will be (4-5-3-6-2-7-1-8) according to the number of individuals or teams in the heat.

Relay personnel may be changed after the meet has begun. Substitutes must come from the six names on the original relay entry.

Scratches at the state qualifying meet will count as an event. Scratches at the state meet also will count as an event.

Each school will be given copies of the heat and lane assignments prior to the start of the meet.

#### **ADDITIONAL UNIFORM RESTRICTIONS**

- 1) Any visible undergarments worn under the top and other visible apparel worn under the bottom must be unadorned and of a single solid color, but not necessarily the same length nor color.
- 2) Hair devices made of soft material and no more than 3 inches wide may be worn in the hair or on or around the head. Bobby pins, flat clips, hair ribbons, extensions, and flat barrettes, unadorned and no longer than 2 inches, are also allowed. Items may only display one manufacture's logo or school name or logo. Such logo must be no more than 2 1/4 square inches, with no dimension greater than 2 1/4 inches.
- 3) Single, solid-colored wristbands are allowed. Such items must be unadorned, meaning they may only display one manufacture's logo or school name or logo. Such logo must be no more than 2 1/4 square inches, with no dimension greater than 2 1/4 inches.
- 4) For additional uniform rules, please refer to the NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country Rule Book (Rule 4, Section 3).

#### **RELAY CARDS**

In relay events, no more than six individuals may be listed on the relay entry form, but only those who actually participate will be charged with an event. Any substitutions must come from those names on the relay entry form (Rule 5-10-2 Page 38). Any team who qualifies for the State Meet shall be limited to the same six runners whose names are listed on the State Qualifying relay form. The actual runners must come from those six names but can run in any order.

#### **WHEELCHAIR EVENTS**

In both boys and girls competition the events shall be 100 Meters, 200 Meters, 400 Meters, 800 Meters and the Shot Put.

#### **FIELD EVENTS PRELIMINARIES AND FINALS**

Competitors shall provide own implement. All field event implements shall be weighed and marked. They shall remain with meet management until the event is completed. Due to COVID-19, implements will not become community property. We are asking hosts to have an extra implement available for athletes in case a participating schools' implements fail inspection in

order for all athletes to compete. If an implement is shared amongst athletes, the implement should be sanitized after each use. **Shot and discus shall use the 34.92 degree throwing sector.**

In the finals, competition shall be in reverse order of qualifying performance from preliminaries. Eight competitors shall qualify for the finals. All competitors tying for the last position shall be finalists. If flights are used, proper warm-up shall be allowed prior to the start of next flight. For the long jump and throwing events, each competitor will attempt one trial at a time through the flight order, similar to that format used at the state track and field meet. If a competitor needs to be excused to participate in another event during either the -preliminary or final round, please reference Rule 6, Section 2, Article 3.

All field events, except the high jump, require every good throw or jump to be measured. If a tie should result in any final placing, refer to the competitor's second best attempt. It may be necessary to refer to the competitor's third best attempt to break a tie. All 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place ties must be broken in Class 2A, 3A and 4A. Only 1<sup>st</sup> place ties must be broken in Class 1A.

Every competitor in the shot put, long jump, and discus are to be given three trials, which will serve as preliminary competition; and the best performances in each event will be placed in final competition through the use of three additional trials. Each competitor's best throw or jump, whether it be in the preliminaries or finals, shall be the one used to determine the competitor's final placing.

Competitors are allowed to place two marks on the long jump runway and high jump pad to mark their starting location.

When the meet starter/referee arrives on-site (30-60 minutes prior to starting time), the starter shall locate the administrator (event manager) in charge for the event. If no administrator is available, the host coach shall be deemed in charge. If a problem arises during the meet, the official shall notify the event manager of the problem and inform the event manager of the remedy needed (could include asking the direct supervision of the area, warning issued by the event manager, or ejection from the area).

**GIRLS:** The starting height in the high jump is **4'6"**. The bar is raised two inches each time to five feet, and then one inch at a time. All measurements shall be to the lesser inch.

**BOYS:** The starting height in the high jump for Class 4A/3A is **5'6"** and **5'4"** for Classes 1A/2A. The bar is raised two inches each time to six feet and then one inch after six feet. **Starting heights may be adjusted by Meet Manager in cases of inclement weather/poor jumping conditions.**

### **RUNNING EVENTS FINAL SECTIONS**

All races shall be run in sections. The number of sections to run will depend on the number of entries. The competitors having the slowest times are placed in the first section, and the competitors having the fastest times are placed in the last section. All sections will be initially seeded with a minimum of three competitors/relay teams in each section (minimum of two for shuttle hurdle relay). All timing should be to the hundredths of a second. When the FAT system

allows, all ties for place finishes shall be broken by time recorded to one one-thousandth of a second.

### **TRACK MARKINGS AND LANE STAGGERS**

All events that run around the track are to be run with the appropriate staggers.

The 800 Meter Run and 4×800 Meter Relay may use a one-curve stagger or waterfall start.

Waterfall or double-waterfall starts may be used at the state qualifying meet in the 1500/3000 meter runs as determined by the meet manager.

The running event which requires a one-turn stagger:

200 Meter Dash—Must be run around a curve.

The running events requiring a two-turn stagger:

400 Meter Dash—Must be run in lanes all the way.

4×100 Meter Relay—All four runners in assigned lanes.

400 Meter Hurdles—Must be run in lanes all the way.

The running events requiring a three-turn stagger:

800-meter sprint medley

1600-meter distance medley

4×400 meter relay

The four-turn stagger is used in the following:

4×200 Meter Relay—All four runners in assigned lanes.

### **SHUTTLE HURDLE RELAY**

- 1) In all shuttle hurdle relay races there shall be a “break line” one meter in front of the starting line.
- 2) For the girls shuttle hurdle relay, each hurdle shall run a total of 102.5 meters. The distance from the starting line to the first hurdle and from the last hurdle to the finish line shall each be 13 meters and distance between the hurdles set at 8.5 meters. Hurdle height shall be 33 inches.
- 3) For the boys shuttle hurdle relay, each hurdle shall run a total of 109.7 meters. The distance from the starting line to the first hurdle and from the last hurdle to the finish line shall each be 13.72 meters and distance between the hurdles set at 9.14 meters. Hurdle height shall be 36 inches.
- 4) Odd numbered lanes should be assigned to the 1st and 3rd runners and even numbered lanes to the 2nd and 4th runners.
- 5) The outgoing runner must be positioned behind her/his starting line and she/he must be motionless immediately prior to her/his “start”. She/he cannot “start” until the incoming runner has broken the plane of the break line with her/his torso, meaning each outgoing runner must have a discernable pause between her/his “set” and her/his “start”. A “rolling start” is illegal.
- 6) NFHS Rule 5, Section 14 applies to all contestants in the event.
- 7) If a relay team puts themselves at an advantage or other relay team at a disadvantage due to displacing a hurdle that cannot be corrected in a timely manner, the offending relay team shall be disqualified.

### **DISQUALIFICATION OF RELAY TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS FOR COMPETING IN TOO MANY EVENTS**

An athlete may compete in a total of four events. If an athlete competes in excess, all individual points, team points, and places earned by that competitor in the meet shall be forfeited and the competitor disqualified from further competition in that meet. If the competitor participated in a

relay event, the relay(s) points and places earned by the team shall be forfeited. A scratch after the 10:00 AM deadline on Thursday, May 13 counts as an event.

### **NOTIFICATION OF DISQUALIFICATION**

All disqualifications need to be communicated by the meet referee to the head coach. If a disqualification occurs, the head coach needs to be called to a designated area, as determined by the meet manager, to be notified of the disqualification by either the meet referee or his/her designee.

### **DISTRIBUTION OF MEET RESULTS**

Meet managers need to distribute a copy of results to all head coaches prior the participating schools leaving the meet site. All head coaches are expected to review the results for accuracy and to bring any errors to the attention of the meet manager. Having errors corrected the night of the meet makes determining the state qualifiers much easier and prevents placing the wrong individual or relay in the state track and field meet.

### **STATE MEET QUALIFIERS**

In class 4A, top two place winners in each event, plus the next twelve (12) best performances statewide from qualifying meet place winners (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place) will advance to the state meet. Class 3A and 2A, the top two place winners in each event, plus the next eight (8) performances statewide from qualifying meet place winners (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place) will advance to the state meet. In Class 1A, the top place winner in each event, plus the next fourteen (14) best performances statewide from qualifying meet place winners (1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> place) will advance to the state meet. If there are ties, the highest qualifying meet place winner will be the qualifier. If the tie still remains, the school name, as printed in the IHSAA Directory, will be used as the tie breaker. In 2021, the first school name alphabetically will become the qualifier. In 2022, the last school alphabetically will become the qualifier. There will be no more than 24 qualifiers in any event.

### **COACHES CONDUCT**

There will be no coaching boxes at the State Qualifying Meet. If a field event venue is inside the track, coaches can accompany and coach their athletes at the venue. Coaches are not to be coaching their running athletes inside the track. Once a coach's athlete(s) is done competing at a field event, the coach shall leave the infield area. Once the meet has begun, coaches shall not be in the infield area.

### **ADMISSION**

Admission is \$6.00 for K-12 students and adults. There will be no charge for a child who is not yet in school.

### **TRACK COMPLIMENTARY ADMISSIONS**

- 1) Any superintendent, principal, or athletic director who present their current IHSAA identification card will be admitted free along with one accompanied guest.
- 2) Any bona fide member of the press, radio, and television media attending in the official capacity of reporter or photographer. (This does not include representative of school paper or year book.)
- 3) One team bus driver.

### **SPECTATOR CONDUCT**

All spectators at state-sponsored meets shall wear shoes.

With the understanding that a track and field meet is held as a part of the educational institution, the Board of Directors of the Iowa Girls' High School Athletic Union and the Board of Control of the Iowa High School Athletic Association has adopted the following policies. It is the expectation that the host site enforces these rules regarding unacceptable behaviors.

**Disrespectful conduct, including profanity, obscene gestures or comments, offensive remarks of a sexual nature, or other actions that demean individuals or the event.**

**Penalty—EJECTION**

**Throwing articles onto the contest area. Penalty—EJECTION**

**Entering the contest area in protest or celebration. Penalty—EJECTION**

**Physical confrontation involving contest officials, coaches/directors, contestants, or spectators. Penalty—EJECTION**

**Spectator interference with the event. Penalty—EJECTION**

**Jumping up and down on the bleachers. Penalty—WARNING/EJECTION**

**Use of artificial noisemakers, signs, or banners. Penalty—WARNING/EJECTION**

**Chants or cheers directed at the opponent. Penalty—WARNING/EJECTION**

Host management is responsible for all spectators, regardless which school the spectator is supporting. Any necessary communication or action taken shall come from the event manager in charge.

#### **ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO POLICY**

No alcohol or tobacco is to be sold or consumed on the grounds of any state tournament venue leased or provided to the Athletic Union for the purpose of conducting a state championship. Section 123.46 of the Iowa Code states: A person shall not possess or consume alcoholic liquors, wine, or beer on public school property or while attending a public or private, school-related function. A person shall not be intoxicated or simulate intoxication in a public place. A person violating this subsection is guilty of simple misdemeanor.

#### **PETS/ANIMALS PROHIBITED**

Except as otherwise stated herein, no pets are permitted at events sanctioned by the Iowa High School Athletic Association. Any person found with a pet will be asked to remove the pet from the premises. Failure to comply will result in the person being asked to leave the premises. However, this policy shall comply with the provisions of Iowa code 216c. as such, a person with a disability or a person training an assistive animal has the right to be accompanied by a service dog or an assistive animal, under control. The person is liable for damage done to any premises or facility by a service dog or assistive animal. A "service dog" means a dog specially trained at a recognized training facility to assist a person with a disability, whether described as a service dog, guide dog, hearing dog, support dog, independence dog, or otherwise. An "assisted animal" means a simian or other animal specially trained or in the process of being trained under the auspices of a recognized training facility to assist a person with a disability.