

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION IOWA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC UNION



Media Update: May 11, 2021

State Track & Field Championships

Due to capacity restrictions at Drake Stadium and surrounding facilities, IHSAA and IGHSAU will limit the number of credentialed media members, update on-site protocols, and require registration for credentials in advance of the meet. All media members are encouraged to work with professional partners, affiliates, and colleagues to help reduce the number of physical attendees at Drake Stadium.

The IHSAA and IGHSAU will credential all media personnel in 2021: Newspapers, other print or web-based publications, television stations, and radio/audio outlets. Credentials will be issued on a daily basis for this event. One pass is good for one representative for one day. All of these outlets are subject to video rights and regulations from the lowa High School Sports Network. There will be no radio rights fees assessed at this year's meet.

IHSAA and IGHSAU credential registration will open at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 14 following State Qualifying Meets. The registration form will close at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, May 19. The form will be available through IHSAA's Media page.

At this time, media members will be permitted to conduct in-person interviews at Drake Stadium and will be able to access the track and infield (turf) for coverage needs. More specific meet protocols and maps for media members will be provided once the credentialing process has begun and plans are finalized with IHSAA, IGHSAU, and Drake University. Masks and social distancing are required of media members, just as they are of spectators. Credential quantities and access are subject to change at any time due to capacity restrictions and media requests.

School media representatives (yearbook, newspaper, etc.) will not be credentialed at this year's meet.

For newspapers, the IHSAA worked with the Iowa Newspaper Association to develop a credentialing breakdown for the State Wrestling Tournament based on newspaper circulation. That formula will be utilized again given similar member school qualification.

The following limitations will apply, unless otherwise authorized by the IHSAA and IGHSAU.

Radio/Audio: Up to two (2) representatives per day. Only one will be permitted to be working in booths at any time.

Television: Up to two (2) representatives per day. This includes videographers, interns, and any other personnel.

Internet Media: One (1) representative per day.

Other: One (1) representative per day.

Newspapers: The following allotment includes all personnel (reporters, photographers, editors, etc.):

- Up to three (3) representatives each day for: Des Moines Register, Cedar Rapids Gazette, Dubuque Telegraph Herald, Waterloo Courier, Burlington Hawk Eye, Quad City Times, Sioux City Journal.
- Up to two (2) representatives each day for: Fort Dodge Messenger, Mason City Globe Gazette, Iowa City Press-Citizen, Marshalltown Times Republican, Council Bluffs Daily Nonpareil, Ottumwa Courier, Clinton Herald, N'West Iowa Review, Ames Tribune, North Scott Press, Carroll Times Herald.
- One (1) representative each day for all other newspapers.

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