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To: Athletic Director
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Subject: State Qualifying Meet Entries Now Open

Entries are now open for the 2026 State Qualifying Track and Field Meets scheduled for Thursday, May 14. The meets will begin with field events at 4:00 pm. Running events will begin at 4:45 pm. Information about the state qualifying meets can be found in the State Qualifying Meet Manual found on either of our websites.

Online Entries - All entries for the state qualifying meets will be done online. The entry deadline for all classes is 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 13. **The entries will close promptly at 10:00 am.** No additions can be made to the meet lineup after this time. Coaches should have their entries finalized no later than 9:00 am.

Coaches will utilize their Bound login credentials to set their state qualifying meet entries. When a coach logs into his/her account, he/she needs to click on either 2026 Boys State Qualifying Meet Track and Field Entries or 2026 Girls State Qualifying Meet Track and Field Entries. The entry link can be found one of two places: under the IHSAA or IGHSAA form section or on the top of your program page. Current rosters and performance marks are initially found on the screen to begin the entry process. The Bound entry process is supposed to automatically update your seed times, so any performance achieved after beginning the entry process will not need to be manually updated on the meet entry page. This may take a few minutes, so please be patient as the server refreshes. If you have any issues accessing the form, an incorrect seed time appears, or any other technical issues come up, please use the green chat box in the lower right-hand side of the Bound web site. You are required to enter relay personnel for the state qualifying meet. There are options for printing entries and saving without declaring. The online entry system will warn you if you have not entered all events. Make sure you print and review the verification page before submitting. **Do not press the "Declare List" button until you are certain your list is complete and accurate. Pay close attention to athletes with the same first or last name. Once you press "Declare List" you will no longer be able to change your entries and the governing bodies will assume your list is complete.** The entry process is very simple. The online entry system will be operative when you receive this email. All state qualifying meet seed times need to be verified through Bound. **Any time discrepancies (faster or slower than what is posted on Bound) will result in "No Time" seed time. No split times are allowed for individual event seed times.**

Final Scratches & Substitutions: There will not be a scratch meeting at the state qualifying meet. All scratches or substitutions must be sent by email to the Qualifying Meet host no later than 10:00 a.m. the day of the meet, Thursday, May 14. No substitutions will be allowed after 10:00 am, Thursday. With eight names now on the relay card, there are no longer emergency situations to consider. Scratches after that time will count as an event. Meet management will reseed an event and choose to combine heats based on scratches received and lane availability. Any substitute entry will receive a "No Time" seed time. The same eight names on the final relay entry at the state qualifying meet will be the only eight names allowed to

compete in that relay at the state meet. **Scratches at the state qualifying meet will count as an event. Scratches at the state meet also will count as an event.**

Excused Competitors: As each facility is different, each host school athletic director will determine the amount of time a field event competitor may be excused to go compete in a running event. Both organizations believe a period between 10 to 15 minutes is sufficient.

State Meet Qualifiers: In Class 4A, the top two place winners in each event, plus the next twelve (12) best performances statewide from qualifying meet place winners (1st-8th place) will advance to the state meet. Class 3A and Class 2A, the top two place winners in each event, plus the next eight (8) performances statewide from qualifying meet place winners (1st-8th 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 (1st-8th 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 used on the IHSAA BEDS Document, will be used as the tie breaker. In 2026, the last school name alphabetically will become the qualifier. There will be no more than 24 qualifiers in any event.

State Meet Information - After we have received the state qualifying meet results, we will post a list of the state meet qualifiers on our websites at www.iahsaa.org and www.ighsau.org. You must email immediately, if there are corrections in spelling or grades. With the short turnaround, there will be no guarantee regarding program information. Two important things we want to emphasize: **1. When a competitor qualifies for an individual event at the state meet and scratches that event, it does count as an event. 2. The only people eligible for a relay team at the state meet are the eight names listed on the relay card at 10:00 am, Thursday, May 14.** The packets for the state meet will be sent to all our schools as soon as they can be prepared and will be sent by UPS. There will be a wristband for each competitor, three for coaches, and one for a manager. There is nothing you need to do but come to Drake Stadium and enjoy the meet. Please check our websites for additional state meet information after the state qualifying meets.

As we near the state qualifying meet date, do not hesitate to contact either of our offices with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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