



# Iowa High School Track & Field Championships

May 21-23, 2026

## MEDIA INFORMATION



### MEDIA ACCESS

- **Check-In:** Check-in gate will be at the Media Pass gate at the NW corner (Clark St. & 28<sup>th</sup> St.) of Drake Stadium. Every entry will require security screening through VIP/Media. Media members are permitted to enter with bags containing work-related equipment. Equipment wagons and carts are not permitted unless approved via prior request to IHSAA.
- **NEW – Entry & Exit:** To better assist Drake Stadium and event staff, set times for venue entry and exit have been set.
  - **Entry:** 7:15 a.m. each day. Spectator entry is 7:30 a.m.
  - **Exit:** 9:30 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, then 7 p.m. on Saturday. If the event is delayed at any point, the exit time will be 60 minutes following the conclusion of the final event, whichever is later.
- **Credentials:**
  - **Registration Required:** Advance pass registration is required for this event. The form will close at 12 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19. Those not on the approved pass list at the NW entry will not be permitted media credentials.
  - **Physical Pass:** Media members should display the IHSAA's 2025-26 credential, if they have it. All other media members will receive a daily credential upon entry. Advance registration is required regardless.
- **Student & School Coverage:** Schools may select either one adult OR one student to serve as their school media representative at the state meet. Access is complimentary. Representatives must follow all professional media protocols.
- **Regulations:** Credentials have been issued to media members for the sole purpose of providing access to individuals with legitimate working functions for bona fide news outlets. Your application for and entry with a state tournament credential indicates your compliance with IHSAA and IGHSAU rules and regulations.

### MEDIA WORKSPACE

- Please do not occupy seated workspace within the stadium if you will be leaving your personal items unattended for extended periods of time. We recommend bringing your own labeled power strip for consistent access to electrical outlets.
- **Press Box:** Space is available in the 42-seat newspaper box. Not all outlets can be placed, so please be courteous and considerate with seating. All seats are unassigned and first come, first serve.
- **Radio Booths:** Booth space will be assigned with 3-5 members per booth. Radio rights are free for this year's meet.
- **Southwest Tunnel:** Space is available with tables, chairs, and benches in the tunnel at Drake Stadium's southwest corner. The tunnel is accessible through a marked door on the concourse.

### TRACK & INFIELD ENTRY

- Drake Stadium's infield is available for media members to shoot images and conduct interviews. Do not go over fences between stadium seating and the track. Be aware of events and your surroundings when entering and exiting the infield. Media members should return to workspaces once infield interviews are completed.
- The infield is accessible from ground-level entrances in the NE and NW corners. Please follow security guidelines at all entrances.
- Photographers may work from available space outside the track boundary lines near Turn 1 and Turn 3.
- Access from the SW corner staircase is available. The landing should be kept open prior to race starts.
- Please follow workspace instructions from meet officials to avoid any disruption to the meet. Any media member who restricts an event in progress, a competing athlete or official, or interferes with the finish line area will be dismissed from the stadium.

### EVENT RESULTS

- Shortly after each event, results will be posted on Drake Stadium's video board. Once they are ruled final, they will appear through live updates on IHSAA and IGHSAU websites. Results will NOT be printed in the press box.

### STATE MEET MEDIA RIGHTS

- **Media Policy Manual:** IHSAA re-acquired its media rights (video, audio, event, marketing) ahead of the 2025-26 athletic year. Please review updated policies and practices for video and audio through Media Policy Manual (Ex: Max two minutes of video content from any one game; photographers may not independently sell photos; etc.). **Live streaming is prohibited.**
- More info: <https://www.iahhsaa.org/manuals/media/>

### PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- By attending this state championship event with an IHSAA & IGHSAU credential, you are agreeing to abide by professional journalism practices. Cheering is not permitted. Credentials and access may not be shared with coaches, parents, friends, children, etc. Photographers may not show participants or officials images while an event is still in progress. Thank you.