

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXV
Outdoor Track and Field
Boys and Girls

Sect. 1: Outdoor Track and Field shall be administered by the Outdoor Track Committee of the NHIAA and the rules of the National Federation will govern the sport when applicable.

Sect. 2: State Class Championships

- A. Only NHIAA member schools are entitled to enter the class championships.
- B. These will be organized, financed, and directed by the NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee.
- C. The results of these meets will be used to qualify for and to organize the Meet of Champions which will follow.
- D. If an athlete meets the Automatic Qualifying Standards, he/she may be entered in the class meet. The meet director will fill the field from all the entries meeting the Provisional Standards by the following formula: on an eight (8) lane track up to a maximum of sixteen (16) entries in the running events, and sixteen (16) entries plus ties in the field events unless it interferes with meet management; on a six (6) lane track up to a maximum of eighteen (18) entries in the running events and eighteen (18) entries plus ties in the field events, unless it interferes with meet management. If an athlete does not meet the Provisional Standards, he/she may not be entered. For an athlete to compete in the State Championships, he/she must have participated in at least one Outdoor Track meet during the regular season. (Refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual for Qualifying Standards.)
- E. Conversion of times for English distances to metric qualifying standards for track events is not allowed. All field event distances and heights will be measured in English units.
- F. All participants must meet the eligibility standards of the NHIAA.
- G. A school may not enter more than six (6) competitors in an event.
- H. A competitor may participate in no more than four (4) events.
- I. Point scoring will be 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1.
- J. Awards: Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each of the class meets, in addition, six (6) ribbons will be awarded to the top six finishers in the finals of *each* event, including relays, in each class for boys and girls.
- K. Class meets will be held the last Saturday of May every year.

Sect. 3: Meet of Champions

- A. A Meet of Champions will be held for both girls and boys.
- B. The top performers of the three classes will be invited to participate in the Meet of Champions, the number to be determined by the NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee based on the facilities available for the Meet of Champions. (Minimum entrants, plus ties: Class L-5; Class I-4; Class M-S-3.) In addition, the next four (4) best performers regardless of class will also qualify for the Meet of Champions. Athletes who do not qualify by means of their finish at the Class Meet, who have achieved the Qualifying Standard for the Meet of Champions in their event, will be eligible for the State Meet of Champions. The NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee shall be solely responsible for determining the proper seeding position of all entrants. Records from Class Meets over the last 5 years will be consulted in making recommendations for qualifying standards. (Refer to the Policies and Procedures Manual for Qualifying Standards.)
- C. The rules and events for the Meet of Champions will be the same as those used in the class meets.
- D. Awards: Official NHIAA place medals will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in each event, including relays for boys and girls.
- E. The responsibility for these meets will be the NHIAA's. This responsibility will include the expense of conducting the meets and awards.

- F. Relay teams will qualify for the Meet of Champions using the same procedures as individuals (Top five in Class L, four in Class I, and three in Class M-S, plus the next four fastest times from the Class Meets).
- G. The NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee reserves the right to accept petitions from a member school's principal on behalf of an athlete who would like to be considered for competition in the State Meet of Champions, but was unable to qualify under Section 3; B, due to exceptional circumstances. A Meet of Champions will be held on the first Saturday of June every year.

Sect. 4: State Records

State records will be considered when they occur in NHIAA sanctioned meets under the following conditions:

- Satisfy all provisions of Rule 10, National Federation Track and Field Rule Book;
- Performances at NHIAA Class Championship Meets, Meet of Champions, or New England Championship Meet in which there are three (3) watches on any one place; or any performance occurring at a meet with fully automatic timing (F.A.T.)

Any meet not fulfilling the above criteria may submit a request, in advance, to the Outdoor Track Committee to have performances considered for state record approval. Nominations for new state records must be submitted in writing (on the appropriate form) to the Outdoor Track Committee by the **third** weekend of June of the current season.

NOTE: National level competitions sanctioned by the National Federation and the NHIAA will be considered for State records.