

BY-LAW ARTICLE XXVII

Outdoor Track & Field

Boys and Girls

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

Sect. 2: State Divisional Championships

- A. Only NHIAA member schools are entitled to enter the divisional championships.
- B. The results of these meets will be used to qualify for and to organize the Meet of Champions which will follow.
- C. If an athlete meets the Automatic Qualifying Standards, he/she may be entered in the divisional 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 16 entries in the running events, and 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 18 entries in the running events and 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.)
- D. 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.
- E. All participants must meet the eligibility standards of the NHIAA.
- F. A competitor may participate in no more than four (4) events.
- G. Point scoring will be 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1.
- H. Awards: Official NHIAA championship and runner-up plaques will be awarded to the respective champion and runner-up teams in each of the divisional meets, in addition, six (6) ribbons will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in the finals of each event, including relays, in each division for boys and girls.
- I. Divisional meets will be held the last Saturday of May every year.

Sect. 3: Meet of Champions (CM 1.2016)

- A. A Meet of Champions will be held for both girls and boys.
- B. The top performers in each event in each Divisional Meet will qualify for the Meet of Champions according to the following formula: Top three in each division. In addition, the field will be filled with the next Fastest FAT performances from the season regardless of division. The field is determined by the number of lanes on the host track. Relay teams will qualify for the Meet of Champions using the same procedures as individuals. The NHIAA Outdoor Track Committee shall be solely responsible for determining the proper seeding position of all entrants. Results from Meet of Champions from the previous five (5) years will be consulted in making recommendations for qualifying standards. (Refer to the Outdoor Track 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 divisional meets.
- D. Relay teams will qualify for the Meet of Champions using the same procedures as individuals (Top five (5) in Division I; four (4) in Division II, and three (3) in Division III, plus the next four (4) fastest times from the divisional meets).
- E. 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.
- F. The Meet of Champions will be held on the first Saturday of June every year.
- G. Awards: Official NHIAA place medals will be awarded to the top six (6) finishers in each event, including relays for boys and girls.

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 Division 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.

Sect. 6: Divisional Alignment

Outdoor track shall be aligned into three (3) divisions based upon enrollments and petitions subject to the approval of the Classification Committee.

2016-17 Boys & Girls Outdoor Track Divisional Alignment

DIV. I (1100+)	DIV. II (600-1099)	DIV. III (1-619)
19 Schools	22 Schools	37 Schools
Pinkerton 3167	*Goffstown 1106	Bow 595
Nashua South 1875	Portsmouth 1098	Laconia 590
Nashua North 1748	Man. West 949	Kearsarge 566
Exeter 1741	Milford 857	Stevens 545
Concord 1714	Windham 851	Monadnock 531
Man. Central 1688	Pembroke 840	Fall Mountain 525
Man. Memorial 1583	Souhegan 828	Gilford 510
Londonderry 1579	Merrimack Valley 823	Campbell 509
Bedford 1484	Kennett 819	Prospect Mountain 503
Spaulding 1416	Hollis/Brookline 815	Winnisquam 492
Keene 1388	Kingswood 814	Raymond 447
Dover 1349	Con-Val 794	Berlin 443
Alvirne 1315	Oyster River 715	Conant 435
Timberlane 1240	Coe-Brown 702	Belmont 428
Merrimack 1231	Hanover 702	White Mountains 402
Salem 1215	John Stark 700	Franklin 388
Winnacunnet 1109	Plymouth 686	Hillsboro-Deering 387
*Bishop Guertin 743	Sanborn 686	Newfound 383
*Somersworth 482	Pelham 628	Bishop Brady 348
	Lebanon 609	Newport 346
	*St. Thomas 527	Mascenic 344
*Petition	*Trinity 398	Mascoma 340
		Inter-Lakes 333
		Epping 277
		Hopkinton 269
		Derryfield 263
		Hinsdale 257
		Newmarket 255
		Woodsville 228
		Ports. Christian at Dover 204
		Moultonborough 184
		Wilton-Lyndeborough 175
		Pittsfield (B) 157
		Sunapee 141
		Gorham (B) 137
		Concord Christian 83
		Mount Royal 56