



**Idaho High School Activities
Association
2025
Track Coaches Packet**

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2025 Track

Classification — based on grades 9-12

6A	1,400 and over	3A	349-175
5A	1,399-700	2A	174 and under
4A	699-350		

2025 Track Season

First day of practice	February 28
First Meet	March 12
Dist. completion date	May 10
State Meet	May 16-17
Site	6A/5A: Mountain View HS 4A/3A/2A: Middleton HS

Meet Limitations

Teams and individuals are limited to nine meets during the regular season, not to exceed two meets per week. A contestant who exceeds these limitations will become ineligible for district, state, or any further IHSAA sponsored track competition.

Number of Coaches/Support Personnel at State Tournament

All classifications will be limited to the listed number of coaches and three support personnel at the state meet. These will be admitted without an IHSAA card or tournament pass. Any coaches or support personnel exceeding that number must have either an IHSAA card or purchase tickets and will not be allowed field access.

1-3 participants:	2 coaches
4-6 participants:	3 coaches
7-9 participants:	4 coaches
10 & above participants:	5 coaches

Rules

All contests will be played under National Federation (NFHS) rules. Rules books/case books are to be picked up and signed for by a school representative at the district rules clinics.

Idaho Modifications -Track & Field Rules

Idaho meets are governed by the NFHS Track and Field Rules except as changed/modified by the Board of Directors. The following Idaho modifications must be observed by all Idaho high school track athletes:

1. An athlete may compete in a maximum of two track meets per week. An individual may participate in two successive days (counts as one meet), providing they do not exceed the four events. An individual who competes on successive days may compete in the same event on both days, providing they do not exceed the four event limit. Each entry counts as one.
2. No contestant shall be permitted to enter more than four of the individual track or field events.
3. No contestant shall be permitted to compete in more than four track or field events.
4. A contestant shall be allowed to participate in any four events.
5. The various relay events are to be considered as a team (school) event. Members of a relay team may be changed from district or regional meets to the state meet.
6. The boys 1600 M medley relay is run in this order: 200, 200, 400 and 800 meter legs. The girls 800 M medley relay is run in this order: 100, 100, 200, and 400.
7. An athlete may run in four relays, provided he/she does not enter any other event.

8. If a competitor exceeds participation limitations, all individual and team points earned by that competitor in any event shall be forfeited (NFHS Rule 4-2-2).
9. Idaho students may not compete in any track and field event other than the events listed below without the written consent of the IHSAA.
10. The number of relays in which an individual may compete at the state meet is determined by the number of individual events for which a person qualifies at the state meet. For example, if an individual qualifies in a) one individual event, he/she is eligible to compete in three relays; b) two individual events, he/she is eligible to compete in two relays; c) three individual events, he/she is eligible to compete in one relay; d) four individual events, he/she is not eligible to compete in any relays. An individual may not scratch an individual event and substitute a relay. If a person qualifies in three individual events, he/she may not scratch an individual event and compete in two relays. Should this occur, the individual will be disqualified from the track meet and all points and places earned will be forfeited (NFHS Rule 4-2-2).
11. At the state track meet, the two-alley start with waterfall shall be used to begin the 800, 1600 and 3200 meter runs unless determined otherwise by meet management.
12. Headbands must meet the following criteria: Must be white or a solid color; must be worn on the forehead and be a maximum of 2"; must be moisture-absorbing, nonabrasive and unadorned except for a logo. (Either one visible manufacturer's logo, trademark, reference or the school logo/mascot is permitted on the headband and shall be limited to 2 ¼ square inches and shall not exceed 2 ¼ inches in any dimension.) Only one item is permitted on the head.
13. All member schools are required to have on file a completed pole vault facility compliance form.

Representation

Note: Individuals who attain the state meet qualifying standard in a preliminary or final heat at district or regional competition qualify for state competition provided they also meet IHSAA hardship qualifications. Those who meet the qualifying standard in a preliminary heat at district or regional competition and have qualified for the final heat at the district or regional competition must compete in that final heat (Honest Effort Rule). A disqualification in the final heat will nullify a qualifying mark from a preliminary heat.

Individuals may qualify for the state track meet by meeting or bettering the eighth best qualifying time or mark made by individuals who have qualified for the state meet.

Sixteen (16) individuals per event/classification and eight (8) relays per classification will qualify for the state tournament. The representation per district and classification are as follows:

<u>6A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	2*	1*
	III	10*	4*
	IV-V-VI	3*	2*

* Next best mark statewide qualifies

<u>5A</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	2*	1
	III	3*	2
	IV	3*	2
	V	2	1
	VI	3*	2

*Next three best marks statewide qualify

4A	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I	1*	1
	III	4*	2
	IV	4	2
	V	3*	2
	VI	2*	1

* Next two best marks statewide qualify

3A	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	3*	1**
	III	4	1**
	IV-V	5*	1**
	VI	3*	1**

*Next best mark statewide qualifies ** Next four best marks qualify

2A	<u>District</u>	<u>Indiv. Events</u>	<u>Relays</u>
	I-II	5	2
	III	4	2
	IV	4	2
	V-VI	3	2

Note: In case of a tie in a relay, the IHSAA office will flip a coin to determine the representative.

Hardship Qualification for State Track

Possible "hardship" qualifiers qualifying for the state meet other than by district or regional competitions must meet the criteria in #1 and either #2 or #3:

1. Meet or surpass the state qualifying mark in their particular event(s) in a sanctioned meet (one with four or more schools), or with electronic timing during one of the nine regular season meets. This requires proof from Athletic.net.
2. Provide proof that they were physically unable to compete at their district/regional meet. Such proof must be a letter from a physician, chiropractor, nurse practitioner or any medical practitioner licensed by the state, stating the nature of the injury/illness that prevented the athlete from competing at the district/regional meet, and also stating the athlete is released to compete in the state meet. Such proof must be presented by the head coach or athletic director prior to the conclusion of the meet to the manager and **be approved** by the games committee of the respective district/regional meet so that the athlete's name may be included on the list of "Special Qualifiers".
3. Compete in the particular qualified event at their district/regional meet and fail to qualify by place or mark because of an incident beyond the athlete's control that the meet referee deems a hardship to the athlete in question. Example: An athlete in an obvious qualifying place that is fouled or interfered with and is unable to finish the event at all or not to finish in a qualifying place.

Track and Field Events

Running Events

<u>Boys</u>	<u>Girls</u>
110 Meter Hurdles	100 Meter Hurdles
300 Meter Hurdles	300 Meter Hurdles
100 Meter Dash	100 Meter Dash
200 Meter Dash	200 Meter Dash
400 Meter Dash	400 Meter Dash
800 Meter Run	800 Meter Run
1600 Meter Run	1600 Meter Run
3200 Meter Run	3200 Meter Run
4x100 Meter Relay	4x100 Meter Relay
4x200 Meter Relay	4x200 Meter Relay

4x400 Meter Relay	4x400 Meter Relay
1600 Meter Medley Relay (5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A only)	800 Meter Medley Relay (5A, 4A, 3A, and 2A only)
4x800 Meter Relay (6A only)	4x800 Meter Relay (6A only)

Field Events

Shot Put	Long Jump
Discus	Triple Jump
High Jump	Pole Vault
Javelin	

Wheelchair Athletes

1. Eligibility: All wheelchair athletes must meet the rules established by the IHSAA and individual school districts.
2. Wheelchair athletes may only compete for individual and team honors in the school classification and gender in which his/her school competes.
3. No wheelchair athlete shall be permitted to enter more than four individual wheelchair events.
4. Equipment
 - a. (Track) A wheelchair athlete shall compete in track events in a manually operated wheelchair that meets the following specifications:
 1. Shall have a minimum of three wheels.
 2. The diameter of the two largest wheels (including inflated tire) shall not exceed 28 inches. Other wheel/s diameters shall not exceed 20 inches (including the inflated tire).
 3. Only one push rim shall be attached to each large wheel.
 4. The chair's seat, including the cushion, shall not exceed 25 inches in height.
 - b. (Field) An athlete may throw from his/her wheelchair or a throwing frame. Both must comply with the following standards:
 1. The throwing frame sitting surface including the cushion must not exceed 75 cm. in height.
 2. If the frame has a holding bar, it must be fixed (no articulating joints).
 3. No part of the throwing frame or wheelchair may be outside the circumference of the circle.
 4. The size of the discus and shot for wheelchair participants shall be the same as for all other male and female participants.
 - c. A wheelchair athlete will **not** be permitted to compete at local, district, or state meets using unauthorized equipment.
5. Scoring Criteria (Regular Season, District & State Meets)
 - a. At least two wheelchair athletes from different schools must compete against one another in an event for team points to be awarded. If only one athlete compete in an event it will be as an exhibition only.
 - b. Events may be combined by gender and classification but scoring and awards will be separated out.
 - c. In the event that at least two wheelchair athletes from different schools compete against one another, a team trophy (if the meet provides trophies) for the combined scores of the wheelchair athlete/s and the able bodied athletes from the same school shall be awarded. Individual medals 1st through 6th place and two team trophies may be awarded.
 - d. Awarding of points:

Eight or more athletes:	10-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1
Seven athletes:	8-6-5-4-3-2-1
Six athletes:	6-5-4-3-2-1
Five athletes:	5-4-3-2-1

Four athletes: 4-3-2-1
 Three athletes: 3-2-1
 Two athletes: 2-1
 One athlete: Exhibition only

6. Qualifying for the IHSAA State Track Meet
- a. All wheelchair athletes must qualify to the IHSAA State Track Meet through the district meet.
 - b. Wheelchair athletes must meet or surpass the minimum standard in their particular event/s. If a competitor fails to meet the required standard in an event at the district meet, he/she will not be allowed to compete in that event at the IHSAA State Track Meet.
 - c. Qualifying standards:

	Girls	Boys
100 Meters	45.0	40.0
200 Meters	1:35.0	1:25.0
400 Meters	2:30.0	2:10.0
800 Meters	5:00.0	4:20.0
1600 Meters	9:30.0	8:30.0
3200 Meters	18:00.0	15:30.0
Shot Put	8-00	10-00
Discus Throw	10-00	15-00

Wheelchair Events

100 Meters	800 Meters	Shot Put
200 Meters	1600 Meters	Discus
400 Meters	3200 Meters	

Track & Field Rule Changes (2025)

By NFHS November 7, 2024

5-7-6: Adjusts the recall distance to within the first 50 meters.

Rationale: Starters oversee recalling races in track and field events. 50 meters is sufficient in calling a fair start. Athletes are accelerating and are up to racing speed well before the 100-meter mark. In addition, the current recall distance is problematic depending on the number of officials on the track and location of field events that may obstruct the view of the 100-meter distance around the entire curve.

5-10 and 11: Reorganizes Sections 10 and 11 for ease of use.

Rationale: Reorganization of Sections 10 and 11 concerning relay races and infractions. The change moves all infractions into Section 11 (Relay Infractions) for ease of use by official

5-13-3: Clarifies how to determine if an infraction occurred when an athlete leaves the track on a straightaway.

Rationale: Provides guidance to the meet referee as to when an athlete leaves the track on a straightaway and whether or not a competitor should be disqualified.

6-2-2f (NEW): Offers officials guidance when warning competitors their time limit is about to expire.

Rationale: This change gives athletes notification that their time limit is about to expire. Additionally, the change brings officiating practices in line with other rules codes while still giving the games committee options for using flags, signal clock or verbal signals.

6-2-2 CHART: Defines field event time limits for all competitors.

Rationale: The change to the table and additions of the notes helps clarify the time limits of all competitors throughout the entire competition in field events.

6-3-2 NOTES 1: Clarifies the starting height in a jump-off with athletes at varying heights.

Rationale: Aligns language in rules book with current situations and interpretations. Gives directions to officials and event judges for the starting height in a jump-off when athletes exit the event at varying heights due to passes. The jump-off will begin at the next height in the progression after the tying height.

6-8-2: Further defines an active flight and continuing flight.

Rationale: The change clarifies the definition of an active flight (five-alive) and continuing flight (straight through) for vertical jump competitions.

6-9-22: Establishes a standard placement of the high jump crossbar and standards.

Rationale: The change creates a standard distance for the placement of the high jump crossbar and standards.

2025 Editorial Changes

3-1-1c, 3-2-7, 3-2-8, 3-4-2, 4-3-1b, 6-10-6

2025 Points of Emphasis

1. Managing Vertical Jump Landing Systems: A Guide for Track and Field Officials
2. Excused Athletes
3. Time Limits in Vertical Jumps
4. False Starts



Required Student Mental Health & Suicide Prevention Online Instructions

Follow these instructions to access the free,
NFHS Online Student Mental Health & Suicide Prevention

- ✓ Go to the IHSAA website - www.idhsaa.org
- ✓ Click on the **SAFETY & WELLNESS** tab
- ✓ Select **SMHSP COURSE**
- ✓ Select state and click on **ORDER COURSE**
- ✓ Fill in required information to sign-in or create account
- ✓ Follow instructions to start course
- ✓ At the conclusion of the course, **PRINT / SAVE CERTIFICATE.**

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Required Concussion Course

Online Instructions

Idaho Concussion Training: When In Doubt – Sit Them Out

- ✓ Go to the IHSAA website - www.idhsaa.org
- ✓ Click on **OFFICIALS** on the tab
- ✓ Select **Concussion Course**
- ✓ Enter required information
- ✓ Click **BEGIN CERTIFICATION**
- ✓ Take the 15 question **Pre-Test**
- ✓ Watch the 20-minute **Training Video**
- ✓ Take the 15 question **Post-Test**
- ✓ Once passed, click **Congratulations! Redeem Your Certificate**
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GUIDELINES FOR HANDLING CONTESTS DURING **LIGHTNING DISTURBANCES**

The purpose of these guidelines is to provide a default policy to those responsible for making decisions concerning the suspension and restarting of contests based on the presence of lightning.

Proactive Planning

1. Assign staff to monitor local weather conditions before and during events.
2. Develop an evacuation plan, including identification of appropriate nearby shelters.
3. Develop criteria for suspension and resumption of play:
 - a. When thunder is heard, or a cloud-to-ground lightning bolt is seen, the thunderstorm is close enough to strike your location with lightning. Suspend play and take shelter immediately.
 - b. Thirty-minute rule: Once play has been suspended, wait at least 30 minutes after the last thunder is heard or flash of lightning is witnessed prior to resuming play.
 - c. Any subsequent thunder or lightning after the beginning of the 30-minute count reset the clock and another 30-minute count should begin.
4. Hold periodic reviews for appropriate personnel.

For more detailed information, refer to the *Guidelines for Lightning Safety* section contained in the NFHS Sports Medicine Handbook www.nfhs.org.