

# 2027 Track

## Classification: based on grades 9-12

|    |                |    |              |
|----|----------------|----|--------------|
| 6A | 1,400 and over | 3A | 349-175      |
| 5A | 1,399-700      | 2A | 174-90       |
| 4A | 699-350        | 1A | 89 and under |

## 2027 Track Season

|                       |                                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| First day of practice | February 26                                          |
| First Meet            | March 10                                             |
| Dist. completion date | May 15                                               |
| State Meet            | May 21-22                                            |
| Site                  | 6A/5A/1A: Mountain View HS<br>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.

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| 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 conducted under National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) rules. Rule books and case books must be picked up and signed for by a school representative at the district rules clinic.

## 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 1/4 square inches and shall not exceed 2 1/4 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

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             | 8*                   | 1**           |
|           | IV-V-VI         | 4*                   | 1**           |

\*Next two best marks statewide qualify \*\* Next five best times statewide qualify

| <u>5A</u> | <u>District</u> | <u>Indiv. Events</u> | <u>Relays</u> |
|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
|           | I-II            | 2*                   | 1**           |
|           | III             | 3*                   | 1**           |
|           | IV              | 3*                   | 1**           |
|           | V-VI            | 4*                   | 1**           |

\*Next four best marks statewide qualify \*\* Next four best times statewide qualify

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

\*Next three best marks statewide qualify \*\* Next three best times statewide qualify

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

\*Next three best marks statewide qualify \*\* Next three best times statewide qualify

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

\*Next two best marks statewide qualify \*\* Next four best times statewide qualify

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

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**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 for the state meet who did not qualify via district or regional competition must meet the criteria in (1) and either (2) or (3).

1. Meet or exceed the state qualifying standard in the event at a sanctioned meet with four or more schools, or at one of the nine regular season meets using fully automatic timing. Verification from Athletic.net is required.
2. Provide documentation showing the athlete was physically unable to compete at the district/regional meet. The documentation must be a letter from a physician, chiropractor, nurse practitioner, or other state licensed medical practitioner that identifies the nature of the injury or illness preventing competition and confirms the athlete is medically cleared to compete at the state meet. The head coach or athletic director must present the documentation to the meet manager before the conclusion of the district/regional meet. The district/regional games committee must approve the request before the athlete's name can be included on the list of Special Qualifiers.
3. The athlete must compete in the event at the district/regional meet and fail to qualify by place or mark because of an incident beyond the athlete's control that the meet referee determines created a hardship for the athlete. For example, an athlete in a clear qualifying position who is fouled or otherwise interfered with and is unable to finish the event or earn 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      | 800 Meter Medley Relay       |
| (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A only) | (5A, 4A, 3A, 2A and 1A 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 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 |          |