

Track and Field Advisory Minutes August 23, 2026

Class B

- **Long Jump Pit Standards:** Very few long jump pits met the state standard with 43 qualifiers (Class B Girls). Kevin will add guidelines to the clinic slides.
- **Points of Emphasis (POE):** Kevin will include POE on sporting conduct in the clinic slides.
- **Relay Uniforms:** Clarification on relay uniform rules will be added to the clinic slides by Kevin.
- **Regional Weather:** Discussion held regarding regional weather protocols.

Class A

- **Relay Qualification Standards:** The advisory set a **September 10 deadline** to review relay qualification standards to align with provisional marks.
- **Provisional Standards for All Events:** Provisional standards apply across all events. For the 800m, this will consist of 12 competitors in the fast heat and a minimum of 8 in the slower heat.
- **Region Meet Entries (Top 40 vs. 5 Competitors per Team):** Regions may decide between two entry formats:
 - *Current System:* Each team is permitted up to 5 entries per event.
 - *Top 40 Championship Format:* Unlimited entries per team, provided the athlete ranks in the top 40.
- **Region Meet Schedule:** General review of the regional competition schedule.

Both Classes (A & B)

- **Qualification Standards Adjustments:** Reviewed in the Class A section. Class B will have no adjustments to qualification standards this year.
- **State Meet Review Cameras:** Evaluated implementing review cameras for state competition. Kevin will draft language for a 3-year NFHS trial using cameras across all events. The proposal will track the number of adjustments or error corrections made using video review.
- **Cutline & Minimum Measurements in Throws:** For large meets, a minimum measurement cutline may be used, but the first throw must always be measured. Kevin will add this recommendation to the clinic POE slides.
- **State Meet Field Event Weather Language:** Updated protocol guidelines:
 - *Prior to Start:* Establish clear contingency guidelines before competition begins.
 - *During Competition:* Finish the event with a delay whenever possible. If a full restart is required on the following day, the event resets to the beginning.
- **Regional Team Awards:** The advisory will request that NDHSAA reinstate trophies for the top three regional teams.
- **State Participant Plaques:** The advisory requests that NDHSAA supply championship and runner-up plaques for all rostered state qualifiers, eliminating the fixed-number cap that forced schools to purchase additional plaques out-of-pocket.

Proposed Regulation Changes

1. Class A qualification standards
 - a. To be set by September 8
2. Class A provisional standards for all events
 - a. Class B to have a minimum of 8 in the slower heat
3. Region Meet format
 - a. *Current System:* Each team is permitted up to 5 entries per event.

or

 - b. *Top 40 Championship Format:* Unlimited entries per team, provided the athlete ranks in the top 40.