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We hope everyone has had a great start to the season. Judging from QuikStats, we have had some outstanding performances through the early part of the season. Hopefully spring is here to stay, and cold temperatures and snow interfere with the upcoming weeks of the season.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES** – Both offices have received numerous emails and phone calls regarding the use of electronic devices during competition. Remember, the rule regarding the use of electronic devices changed last year. Coaches are allowed to use electronic devices during competition as they coach their student-athletes. Pictures and videos of performances can be viewed from unrestricted areas, but an athlete may not view the photo/video when competing in a race or during a trial. The video or photo can be taken by a coach, teammate, manager, parent or spectators, but the individual shooting the video or photo must be outside of the competition area. For example, there are two teammates competing in the high jump. The two take an iPad to the competition area with them. They video each other's jumps and then look at the jumps between attempts. The two cannot shoot or view the video in an area where only competitors and officials are allowed. The competitors would have to move to an area where there are no restrictions as to who can be in that area. Another example would be the long jump and high jump at the state meet where coaches are restricted to the stands. A coach can shoot a video of the performance from the stands and the student can come to the rail to view the video. The student does not have to leave the track and come into the stands to view the video. The starter/referee may ask the student to move to a different location if he/she being on the track interferes with the start of a race or a race in progress. When it comes to field events, a competitor may view electronic images until he/she is called for his/her trial. At that point, a trial is in progress and the use of electronic devices is no longer allowed. Again, an athlete may view the photo/video in an unrestricted area as long as not competing in a race or during a trial.

**MANUFACTURER'S LOGOS** – We continue to have an issue with uniforms having too many logos on them. The rule regarding manufacturer's logos on the uniform has not changed. A single manufacturer's logo/trademark/reference, no more than 2 ¼ square inches with no dimension more than 2 ¼ inches is permitted on the uniform top and bottom. You are allowed one logo on both the top and bottom. If your school's uniform is a one-piece speed suit, only one logo may be on the uniform. The largest problem we are having this season when it comes to manufacturer's logos is on the waistband of track bottoms. Uniforms that have several Under Armour logos going around the entire waistband are illegal. The same thing goes for those who say NIKE NIKE NIKE NIKE NIKE around the waistband. A new uniform we have been working with this spring is the Adidas TechFit. The bottoms have an Adidas logo on the leg of the uniform, an Adidas logo on the waistband and TechFit in block lettering on the waistband. After conferring with the National Federation, this uniform bottom technically has 3 manufacturer's logos on it: the two distinct Adidas logos and then the trademark TechFit. If you have uniforms or undergarments with multiple logos, you are going to have to find a way to make the uniform legal with only having one logo showing. Please when you are ordering new

uniforms in the off season, do not hesitate to contact either office, so you do not need to reorder uniforms because they are illegal for whatever reason.

**COMBINING VARSITY/SUB-VARSITY DIVISIONS** – As meet management, you have the prerogative to combine sections of varsity and sub-varsity events for whatever reason. We as the state organizations do not have an issue with this, unless one of the sub-varsity competitors is ineligible to compete at the varsity level due to either the General Transfer Rule or Open Enrollment. While students ineligible under these two rules may participate at the junior varsity level, they cannot compete against varsity athletes. It is our interpretation that even though the sub-varsity athletes may not be competing for the same points and awards as the varsity division athletes, they are still competing with and against varsity athletes in this situation as they are running directly with varsity athletes. Meet managers, if possible please inform participating schools that you are going to combine sections of varsity and sub-varsity athletes in advance of the meet. These schools can then plan accordingly if they need to scratch an athlete in an event due to the General Transfer Rule or Open Enrollment.

**WHEELCHAIR TRACK & FIELD** – Both the IHSAA and the IGHSAA offer wheelchair events in track and field. Both organizations need to know how many wheelchair students will be participating in 2015. The forms are found in the track and field section of both web sites. For girls, please go to [www.ighsaa.org](http://www.ighsaa.org) to print and complete the form. For boys, please go to [www.iahhsaa.org](http://www.iahhsaa.org) and print and complete the form. We ask that you complete and submit the form by April 17. The appropriate email addresses are found under the signatures on this correspondence. We have also revised our wheelchair track and field rules for the 2015 season. Please review the new rules if you have a wheelchair athlete or will have a wheelchair athlete participate in one of your meets this spring.

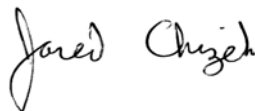
**STATE QUALIFYING MEETS & STATE MEET** – The State Qualifying Meets will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015. The State Qualifying Meet sites are posted on our web sites. Specific school assignments will be posted the week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. The State Meet will be held Thursday-Saturday, May 21-23, 2015. Remember, the State Meet schedule does change this year. Class 2A and Class 3A will compete in the morning and Class 1A and Class 4A will compete in the afternoon.

There will be more information provided to you as the season progresses. Coaches and officials please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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