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Dear Track and Field Coaches, Athletic Directors and Officials-

We hope you have had a great start to your season. Looking at QuikStats, we have had some outstanding performances already this season, and we can't wait to see what the performances look like once we get outdoors. We have just a few items to bring to your attention as we move closer to the first outdoor meets.

<u>Rules Meeting</u> – The online rules meeting is now opened. A link to the meeting will appear on both the IHSAA and IGHSAU web sites. All head coaches and officials are required to view the meeting by the March 31 deadline. Head coaches not meeting this requirement will not be allowed to coach his/her team at the state qualifying and state track and field meets. Officials not viewing the rules meeting or completing the online exam by the March 31 deadline will not be allowed to start any meets this spring.

<u>QuikStats</u> – QuikStats is now open for track and field and schools can now go in and enter their schedule and roster. Any student who was entered into the web site last year will still be in the system and his/her grade has been updated. You will only have to enter the names of those individuals who were not part of your team during the 2015 season.

<u>Track & Field Manual</u> – The 2016 Track and Field Manual was shipped as part of the Spring Sports Manual Thursday, March 10 from the IHSAA office and is now posted online and can be found at http://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/16 Track-Field-Manual.pdf. Regular season participation rules and regulations can be found in the manual. Don't hesitate to contact either office if you have a question regarding any item found in the manual. We will post sate qualifying meet information as we get further along in the outdoor season.

<u>Scholarship Rule</u> – Track and field is unique when it comes to the Scholarship Rule. Even though the first day of track and field competition was February 15, students who failed a class in a prior grading period, do not start their 30 day period of ineligibility until March 14. Those students will become eligible again on April 13 at 12:01 AM.

<u>Wheelchair Competitors</u> – If you have a wheelchair competitor that plans on entering the state qualifying meet, please complete the appropriate form and send it to the appropriate organization. Schools with boy wheelchair competitors need to complete the following form: http://www.iahsaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/16-Wheelchair-Entry.pdf while schools with girl wheelchair competitors need to complete the form found under this link: http://ighsau.org/2016/02/01/2016-wheelchair-entry-due-april-1-2016/. We are asking these forms be completed and returned by Friday, April 1.

<u>Classifications</u> – Preliminary classifications are now posted on both the IHSAA and IGHSAU web site under their respective Track and Field pages. Please review your school's information to make sure it is correct,

particularly if you are part of a cooperative sharing agreement. Again, classifications become final at 5:00 pm today.

Again, if you have any questions that come up throughout the season, don't hesitate to contact either organization.

Sincerely,

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