

2009 STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEET - GENERAL INFORMATION COACHES, PLEASE READ THIS INFORMATION

Enclosed in this packet should be all of the materials you need for the state meet. If you find anything missing from your packet, or have any questions, call David Anderson at the IHSAA office or Mike Dick at the IGHS AU office.

SCORING - We are scoring eight places. Relay scoring is 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1. Individual scoring is: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1. Wheelchair scoring is: 8-7-6-5-4-3. Results will be posted on the websites. No results will be posted in the field house.

SPIKES - Drake University allows 1/4" or shorter spikes on all Drake Stadium surfaces.

PARTICIPANT ADMISSION - Please be reminded that the only way participants (including coaches and managers) will be admitted to the stadium will be wearing their wrist band. **ONLY COMPETITORS IN FULL UNIFORM AND WEARING A HIP HUBBER WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE INFIELD.** Please see the enclosed sheet. Spectators: Admission charge will be \$8.00.

AWARDS - Medals will be awarded for eight places. Medals can be picked up at the tables on the upper concourse (very top level) of the southwest corner of the stadium. **Only coaches may pickup the medals, and only when all of your competition is completed.** Two trophies will be awarded in each class. There will be one trophy for the combined wheelchair champion.

CHECK IN and HIP NUMBERS - Make sure that all of your competitors check in with the clerks or their event judge well in advance of competition. Remember the public address announcer will not make calls for the meet. Coaches and competitors need to monitor meet progress to make sure that everyone is reported. The meet will run very close to the posted time schedule. **The public address announcer will not be heard in the field house.**

HIP NUMBERS - All individual running competitors and relay anchors will wear a hip number. This number is used by the finish-lynx system. **See the enclosed sheet regarding hip numbers.** In order to accommodate the use of hip numbers, jerseys must be tucked in and not covering the hip numbers.

RELAY SHEETS - A relay sheet is enclosed whether you qualified a relay or not. If you are running the same order as the district meet you do not need to do anything. **If you have changed running order since the district/regional, the enclosed form must be brought to the south door of the press box as soon as you arrive at the meet site. Changes from preliminary to final order must also be reported to south door of the press box.**

STADIUM ACCESS AND INFIELD RESTRICTIONS - Please see the enclosed sheet.

IHSAA and IGHS AU FIELD HEADQUARTERS - If you need to contact IHSAA or IGHS AU administrators, you can come to the awards area, upper concourse, very top level, southwest corner of the stadium. If the person you need to speak to is not there, they will be able to be reached by radio.

THROWING EVENTS - Throwers should report directly to their throwing areas. All implements will be weighed and inspected at the event site.

TRAVEL and PARKING - Enclosed is a map regarding parking. Please note travel to Drake Stadium and the congestion around the stadium will be a problem. Allow yourselves plenty of time in getting to the stadium. Please note where busses and vans may unload on the map.

MERCHANDISE - Both boys and girls apparel can be purchased in the Drake Field House, inside the southwest stadium entrance and on the concrete walkway on the north side of the track.

STADIUM ACCESS AND INFIELD RESTRICTIONS

STADIUM ACCESS - Since you received your packets by UPS, you will have the wrist bands you need to be admitted to the stadium. You may enter through any stadium entrance. Entrances will be open each day at 7:30 a.m.

FIELDHOUSE ACCESS - Fieldhouse access will only be available through the east doors of the field house. The tunnel to the track will be closed. The doors from the east concourse will be closed. **The public address announcer will not be heard in the field house.**

RUNNING SURFACE ACCESS - **No competitors or coaches are to come over the railing of the stadium at anytime.** All access to the running surface is through the northeast gate of the stadium. Once competition begins, access to the running surface will only be for athletes in uniform, wearing a hip number. The only exception will be relay runners in uniform who do not wear a hip number. Athletes will be responsible for their own sweat clothes and equipment. Items will **not** be boxed and taken to the northeast corner.

COACHES ARE RESTRICTED TO THE BLEACHER AREAS. Coaches who come onto the running surface or enter the infield area for any reason, including, but not limited to, instructing or coaching their athletes may cause the athlete to be disqualified from that event. This is in accordance with Rule 4-5-8(f). Don't be the coach who causes his/her student athlete to be disqualified because you are somewhere you do not belong. Coaches and fans may be in the shot and discus area, outside the marked off throwing area.

DISQUALIFICATIONS: If a team has a disqualification, the coach will be called to the front row of the center section on the south curve to meet with the referee. Please report promptly to that area if called.

RUNNING SURFACE WARMUP - Athletes will be allowed to warm up on the running surface prior to competition beginning. Once competition begins, only athletes in uniform, wearing a hip number will have access to the running surface for warmup. The only exception will be relay runners in uniform who do not wear a hip number. Warmups will only occur on the back stretch and will not be allowed south of the tunnel entrance. Once races begin, competitors will be asked to step off the track and will be allowed in the infield no farther west than the nearest (east side) hash marks. The only exception will be competitors concluding competition at the common finish line may transition back to the northeast corner by crossing the infield. There will be marshals assigned to the infield. Please comply with these restrictions.