

CIAC State Class Championships 2021

Coaches Information and Reminders

General

- ❖ **Only student athlete qualifiers will be allowed in the meets with their coaches.** Any additional members of the team must enter as spectators.
- ❖ **NO Coaches and non-competing athletes will be allowed on the infield.** Athletes may warm up on the infield 1 event prior to their event. Coaches can help athletes get their marks and then the coaches must leave the infield. The only exception will be a coaches' box for the pole vault (for coaches only).
- ❖ Meet staff will direct coaches and spectators as to where they will be allowed during competition.
- ❖ *4.DPH recommends that masks continue to be used during outdoor athletic activities by all participants who are not fully vaccinated (i.e., any coaches, athletes, officials, spectators, etc. who are not at least 14 days past their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or their first dose of Johnson & Johnson vaccine) **when appropriate distancing cannot be reliably and consistently maintained (e.g., inside dugouts, bench areas, crowded spectator areas, etc.).***
Student athletes, coaches, officials, and spectators may follow their own district guidelines in term of wearing mask.
- ❖ Coaches meeting will be held prior to the start of the meet.

Competition Notes:

- ❖ **All field events in all State Championship Meets will now have a 10 minute check-out limit. Athletes should not check-out before necessary.** (Note: During the preliminary rounds of the field events, an athlete has the option to request to the judge to take more than one trial in succession. The judge has right to determine if this request would create an unfair advantage and deny the request.)
- ❖ **Reminder that the rule book now (as of 2020) states** that it is illegal to run backward or in the opposite direction (non-legal direction) on a horizontal jump, pole vault or javelin runway
- ❖ Contestants officially become competitors when they report to the clerk of course or field event judge for an event in which they are entered. Coaches are encouraged to continue to scratch any competitor before the meet to help expedite the flow of the meet
- ❖ A competitor shall not compete in more than three (3) events, including relays. An athlete shall not be entered in more than three (3) events, excluding relays. (For example, an athlete may be entered in the 4 x 800, 1600, 3200 and 4 x 400 but can only run or be a competitor in three (3) events.)
- ❖ An athlete who competes in three (3) events, even if he/she did not qualify in any of them, in a class meet is then "frozen" for those same three in the "State Open". They cannot compete as an alternate for any relay. Any athlete who competes in fewer than three (3) events in a Class Meet can compete in the Open as an alternate if listed as such on the Declaration sheet which was submitted at the "Class Meet".
- ❖ **Throwing Implements:** All throwing implements must pass inspection prior to the start of the meet. Athletes must have their implements weighted

Qualifying for the open

- ❖ Athletes will qualify for the state open by placing in the top five (5) in their class meet or by obtaining the special (automatic) standard for their event at the state class meet in the current year.
- ❖ The special standard will be set each year after the class meets have ended. The special standard will be determined by looking at the performance rankings for each event that includes the top five (5) qualifying performances from each of the class meets. The 12th place performance from the qualifiers becomes the automatic standard for that year. All athletes who meet that standard during the current year's class championship will advance to the open. Qualifiers who have met the standard will see their names posted online 24 hours after the conclusion of the last class championship meet.