

PROTOCOL/PROCESS

TO APPEAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE TRACK MEET FOR AN ATHLETE THAT HAS MISSED THE REGIONAL QUALIFIER DUE TO A COVID RELATED ISSUE

Rationale: To provide an opportunity for an athlete that has missed the Regional qualifier due to a COVID related issue and has a time/mark that duplicates or exceeds the last qualifier in their event in the state meet.

Eligibility: This process is only available to athletes that were not able to participate in the Regional due to a COVID related issue. (**NOTE:** No appeals will be taken from athletes that missed the Regional for **ANY** other reason.)

Verification: The Superintendent shall verify by signature that the athlete was not able to participate due to a COVID related issue. The time/mark shall be verified by signature by the Head Track Coach and the Meet Manager where the time/mark was made.

Time/Mark: Only athletes with a time/mark that duplicates or exceeds the time/mark of the last state meet qualifier from the Regional meets shall be able to appeal. (Only FAT times may be used.)

Relays: If an athlete has missed the Regional Meet and the relay was **not** able to run at the Regional Meet due to the athlete's absence; an appeal for the relay to advance to state under this protocol may be made. (Verification by the head coach and meet manager would then include that the athlete performed on the relay that achieved the time given on the appeal form.)

State Meet Seeding: An athlete/relay that qualifies for the state meet through this protocol shall **NOT** be seeded at the state meet according to time/mark.

Timeline: The appeal shall be due by noon Tuesday prior to the state meet and after the list of all state meet qualifiers from the Regional meets has been determined.

Appeal Form: The Appeal Form is located on the Track page of the OSSAA website.