

OSSAA TRACK COACHES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

MAY 18, 2022, 2 PM ZOOM PLATFORM

Present: Scott Stevenson, McGuinness; Cheyenne Castillo, OCS; Travis Simms, Hobart; Nikki O'Brien, Indianoma; Tim Buben, Duncan; Kaleb Fischer, Weatherford; Jim Coleman, Chisholm; David Garmon, Hobart; Phillip Koons, Ringling; Matt Hart, OHSTCA; Randy Belicek, OSSAA State Rules Interpreter; Tim Palesano, OSSAA State Rules Interpreter/Referee; Mike Whaley, OSSAA Track Administrator. **Absent:** Mike Burdge, Sand Springs; Scott Wilkinson, Broken Arrow; Russ Radford, Clinton.

Action Items:

1. Allow teams to miss 5 instructional days during track season. **Approved, 9-0. Approved AD's, 17-0 on May 25.**
2. Track meets of 8 events or less be considered "half-meet" in the 8 meet limit with no loss of instruction time. **Approved, 9-0. Tabled by AD's on May 25.**

Discussion Items:

1. Committee discussed the elimination of the use of relay cards.
2. Committee discussed the addition of the following to the Track Manual to clarify the use of sub-varsity athletes.
Sub-varsity only athletes in track and field: Athletes that have sub-varsity only eligibility status (these are athletes that are **ineligible** for varsity competition due to a residency issue) **may not** participate in events designated to be varsity events. In track and field, sub-varsity only athletes may not compete in heats or flights that are varsity designated against varsity eligible athletes. The head coach and meet managers shall ensure that sub-varsity only athletes are not placed in heats or flights designated as varsity competition. (Violations for sub-varsity only athletes competing in varsity events could involve sanctions that disqualify all athletes from the school in the heat/flight and meet sit-out for the coach. Meet managers risk forfeiting approved sanctioning in future meets from OSSAA.)
3. Committee discussed starting the field events 30 minutes earlier and delaying the running events start by 30 minutes at the state meets.
4. Committee discussed using the protocol of recognizing 7th and 8th place finishers at the state meet by the PA but not requiring those athletes to come to the medal stand since medals are only presented to 1st through 6th place.
5. Committee had discussion about private schools' classification.
6. Committee had discussion to encourage meets to list schools with name and OSSAA classification to clarify each school for rating purposes.
7. Committee discussed that in timed final events at regionals the meet manager should use a "natural break" for heating purposes in events where two heats must be run but the heats are not full. This "natural break" to be clarified at the coaches meeting prior to the meet beginning for events.
8. Committee discussed that in events scheduled to be run as preliminary at regional meets, if only one heat is entered; that one heat is to be run in the finals.
9. Committee discussed that in the horizontal field events at the state meet, protocol should be to advance nine to the finals per NFHS Rule 6-2-19.
10. Committee discussed reasons to only take 8 maximum advancers to the finals at the state meet in the horizontal field events.
11. Committee discussed providing a coach's box for all events at the state meet.
12. Committee discussed changes in classification/divisions in track and field.
13. Committee discussed possible sites for the 2023 State Track Meets: Western Heights, Ardmore, Catoosa, Moore, Yukon, OBU, Choctaw, Plainview, Mustang.
14. Committee discussed returning to the format of A/2A, 3A/4A and 5A/6A at two-day state track meets.
15. Committee discussed taking the October ADM for Track Classification.

Survey items: None presented.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Whaley
OSSAA Track Administrator