

MEETING REPORT

Meeting: Girls/ Boys Track & Field Committee

Date: September 7, 2014 (Teleconference)

Topics Discussed:

- Review of 2014 State Meet at Cicero N. Syracuse HS
- 2015 National Federation Rule Changes & Highlights
 - A lot of "editorial" changes
- Jewelry Rule and NYSPHSAA
- 2015 State Meet @ SUNY Albany (June 12-13, 2015)
- 2015 Meet Procedures
- Mandatory use of Hytek System for all State Meet Entries
- Status of Wells/Doherty proposal regarding letting exceptional athletes into the meet even if they finish third at their Qualifier

Attendees:

Section I- Walter Hall; Matt Smith
Section 2- Mark Therrein; Dave Petersen
Section III- Julie Storms; Tom Wells
Section IV- Jim Cerra; Matt Sheehan; Rich Michalski
Section V- Lance Bush; Kevin Rosko
Section VI- Walt McLaughlin; Paul Ksionzyk
Section VII- Heith Ford; Peter Frenette
Section VIII- Mike Frazer
Section IX- Natasha Kennedy
Section X- John Tebo
Section XI- Robert Zayas- NYSPHSAA
Todd Nelson- NYSPHSAA
Tom McTaggart – Officials Assoc.
Dan Doherty – Girls Chairman

Action Items Approved/ Major Discussion:

- The NFHS has lifted its jewelry rule for the sport of Track & Field; however the NYSPHSAA "jewelry rule" prohibits jewelry in all sports with the exception of golf and bowling. The NYSPHSAA Safety Committee will review this rule at Sept. 30th Safety meeting; any proposals would be taken for approval of the Executive Committee meeting on Oct. 23.
 - If NYSPHSAA rule doesn't change, a "penalty" would have to be added to the NYSPHSAA Handbook, because the NFHS rule book no longer addresses a penalty.
 - Sections vote- unanimous approval of the committee to permit jewelry in the sport of track & field.
- Mandatory use of Hytek System for all state meet entries
 - Section IV had some concerns with the requirement, however all other sections were in favor of utilizing the Hytek system.
- All coaches will be **required** to have their Athletic Director submit their name to Todd Nelson (tnelson@nysphsaa.org) to gain complimentary entrance into the 2015 state track & field championships. No complimentary entrance will be provided for coaches not on the list.
- The following Sections expressed interest in hosting the 2017 State Meet: (4, 5, 6, & 10)
- The proposal to allow additional exceptional athletes into the Championships was again discussed. Sectional Chairs were urged to discuss this proposal with their Sectional Central and Executive Committees to garner their support on it.

Future Items For Consideration:

- June Meeting UAlbany Track @ 4:00 PM on June 11, 2015
- 2016 State Meet at Cicero N. Syracuse HS- June 10-11, 2016
- September 3, 2015 (Sunday) at 10:00 AM (Teleconference)