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State Track & Field Pre-Meet Information for Schools

Meet Location: Eastern Illinois University

Meet Dates: Girls – May 17-19 Boys – May 24-26

This information was put together to allow schools & officials to familiarize themselves with procedures and information prior to the state track meets. We hope your experience is enjoyable.

Meet Communication:

Please be advised, in case of inclement weather, a decision could be made to change the Track & Field State Final schedule. Please follow @IhsaWeather on Twitter. This courtesy will be the primary method for informing everyone of weather related changes. The IHSA is not responsible if a coach does not follow @IhsaWeather or use Twitter.

IHSA State Final Merchandise:

Minerva Promotions is the only Official IHSA Vendor for State Final Merchandise. They will be located in the Merchandise booths located east and west of O'Brien Field. Their hours of operation are: Thursday and Friday from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and on Saturday until conclusion of the finals. Coupons will be enclosed in the Team School Packet. You can view and pre-purchase State Track Merchandise that will be sold at the venue by using the following link: <http://www.minervapromotions.com>.

Team/Qualifier Packet Information:

Team packets will be available for pick-up near the main entrance for O'Brien Field at the following times:

Wednesday (prior to the State Finals) from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (day of 1A prelims) from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Friday (day of 2A & 3A prelims) from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Any unclaimed school packets after Friday at 1:00 p.m. can be picked up at the EIU main ticket window.

Correction of Misspelled Names or Yr. in School: If there is an error in the spelling of a name or year in school of a competitor in the State Final program, coach should notify the IHSA Staff at the Team Packet Distribution Window. Written changes can also be given to the Clerk of Course/Head Event Judge.



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Bib Numbers: (included in the Team Packet) must be worn by athletes to gain access to the fan seating area during an ongoing meet. Track Competitors will not be permitted to enter at the Southeast gate -- they will be required to go around and enter through the Clerks Tent/Staging area.

Coaches Wristband: Only coaches who were eligible and listed on the On-line List of Participants will be issued a wristband at Packet Pick-up and sign for it according to the Coaches Wristband Formula located in the Track & Field Terms and Conditions. Coaches must show their Coaches Wristband in order to be admitted to the main seating area on the west side. Coaches will not be permitted to enter the Southeast gate, hospitality or infield. The Coaches Wristband is for stadium seating only.

Note: Coaches who are listed on the IHSA List of Participants, but who did not receive a wristband due to restrictions on the number of allowable coaches' wristbands for their team, may purchase a wristband for the weekend for \$20.00 (equivalent to ticket price for attending the preliminaries and finals) in lieu of standing in line to purchase the tickets. Wristband purchase is available at the packet pick-up window. Coaches who opt to do this must be on the list of coaches for his/her team, and he/she must sign for the wristband.

Practice at O'Brien Field:

Schools may use the track and field facilities at O'Brien Field for practice and warm-up. Practice sessions are not the responsibility of the IHSA or of EIU. Athletic trainers will not be available for practice. Athletes and coaches use the facilities to practice at their own risk. Coaches will be responsible for the safety of their athletes/staff. Coaches must be aware of the weather and react according to IHSA severe weather safety guidelines. (If it roars, go indoors!). EIU will close track facilities and practice will not be allowed if severe weather is in the area. Bib numbers do not have to be worn for practice when the meet is not in progress. Practice times are as follows:

Wednesday (prior to the State Finals) from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday (day of 1A prelims) from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. & following the 1A prelims – 7:00 p.m.

Friday (day of 2A & 3A prelims) from 6:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. & following the 3A prelims – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday (day of finals for all classes) from 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.