

WHEELCHAIR TRACK & FIELD QUICK FACTS — 2017-18

First year of State Series: 2012-2013

Classification: Wheelchair Division

First Year of Combined Championships: 2015-2016

Schools Entered in:

Girls Track & Field	Boys Track & Field
2017 Series: 3	2017 Series: 9
2016 Series: 4	2016 Series: 3
2015 Series: 5	2015 Series: 2
2014 Series: 2	2014 Series: 1
2013 Series: 2	2013 Series: No Entries

Levels of Competition:

Sectionals - Wednesday-Friday, May 9, 10 or 11 (Girls) or Wednesday-Friday May 16, 17 or 18.

State Final - Saturday, May 19 (Girls) or Saturday, May 26 (Boys) at O'Brien Stadium, Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

Advancement: First and second place winners in each event, including relay teams, from each of the Sectional meets shall advance to the State final meet.

Athletes with Disabilities Wheelchair Track & Field Qualifying Standards:

Event	Girls	Boys
Shot Put:	4-0	6-0
Discus Throw:	8-0	15-0
100 M. Dash:	:45.00	:40.00
200 M. Dash:	1:35	1:25
400 M. Dash:	3:15	3:00
800 M. Run:	6:30	6:00

Note: Field events are listed in English measurements.

In the Wheelchair Division the following modifications will apply.

Students will be allowed to compete in throwing events from their wheelchair or from a throwing-specific chair ("field chair"). The field chair must comply with the Track Chair Track and Field USA or the International Paralympic Committee rules, or must comply with the following standards:

The field chair sitting surface including the cushion must not exceed 75 cm in height

If the field chair has a holding bar, it must be fixed (no articulating joints)

No part of the field chair may be outside the circumference of the circle

For shot put and discus, the wheelchair or field chair must remain stationary during the competition. The athlete may have an individual hold the chair during the throw to prevent movement. The wheelchair or field chair may be anchored with straps to stakes in the ground. The stakes and straps may be in or outside the throwing circle. The athletes may use non-elastic straps to anchor them into the chair. Athletes may compete with one or both feet on or off the ground. If the athlete competes with a foot

on the ground, the foot must be inside the circle and the athlete's buttocks may not rise off the seat of the chair until the implement leaves their hand.

The size and weight of the discus and shot for the Wheelchair Division shall be the same as used for all other female or male participants.

The **400-Meter Dash, 200-Meter Dash**, shall be in lanes all the way. The start will be from staggered positions figured for one, two and four turns, respectively.

The **800-Meter Run** will be in alleys. Seeding will be non-serpentine from the outside in.

The **100-Meter** will be in straight lanes and finishing in the same lane started in.

Athletes in the Wheelchair Division, must compete in a manually operated wheelchair and must propel themselves. Students may use a wheelchair or track (racing) chair for competition. It is recommended that athletes use a track (racing wheelchair) for racing events. If a track chair is used, it must meet the following specifications:

- A wheel chair has a maximum of four wheels.
- The diameter of the two largest wheels (including inflated tire) does not exceed 28 inches
- For a track chair, the third wheel's diameter does not exceed 20 inches (including inflated tire)

and is not smaller than 10 inches.

Only one push rim shall be attached to each large wheel.

- The chairs seat, including cushion, shall not exceed 25 inches in height.
- The athlete, when in a racing chair (on or off the track) shall wear an approved bicycle or wheelchair racing helmet.
- The hub of the wheelchair's front wheels must be completely behind the vertical plane of the starting line at the beginning of the race.
- If an unsafe situation or mechanical failure should occur during the race, a competitor may be assisted back into his/her chair by a bystander in order to continue racing, if requested by the athlete. No forward assistance or momentum should be provided.
- The finish is determined by the hub of the front wheels breaking the vertical plane of the finish line.
- If not specifically mentioned in this document the chair shall comply with Wheelchair Track & Field USA (WTFUSA)/International Paralympic Committee (IPC) rules.

Team points will be awarded to competitors in the Wheelchair Division only if the criteria for conducting a combined championship are met. This would allow for a combined team championship to be conducted (see criteria below in item 3). Schools entering only individuals in the Able Body Division will not score team points. Team points will only be awarded to schools that are entered as a team and have competed a minimum of 6 times during the current season.

Combined Championship:

a. The Combined State Championship will consist of schools, regardless of class, with athletes competing in the Track and Field State Championship along with students competing in the Wheelchair Division. A Combined State Championship will be awarded if the following conditions are met:

- During the 2017-18 season, there must be at least six participants in the Wheelchair Division advancing to the State meet;
- During the 2018-19 season, there must be at least eight participants in the Wheelchair Division advancing to the State meet.

b. If the condition is met, athletes in the Wheelchair Division may be eligible to earn points toward the Combined State Championship as follows:

- There must be at least three competitors entering an event in the Wheelchair Division.

- Students in the Wheelchair Division may compete in up to four events, but may only earn points in two events. Each student's top two results will be eligible to count for the Combined State Championship score.

- Points awarded in the Wheelchair Division will be based on the number of participants as provided in the following chart:

# of Comp.	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th
2	4	3							
3	6	4	3						
4	7	5	4	3					
5	8	6	5	4	3				
6	9	7	6	5	4	3			
7	9	7	6	5	4	3	2		
8	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	
9	10	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

c. Any school with a student competing in the Track and Field State Championship along with students competing in the Wheelchair Division will be eligible for the Combined State Championship. The six contest requirement (Section III.D) will not apply to participants in the Wheelchair Division.

d. The score applied to determine the Combined State Championship will be the total of all points for students competing in the Track and Field State Championship with students competing in the Wheelchair Division. Team Medallions and Trophies will be presented to the first, second and third place teams at the State Final meet for the Combined State Championship.

e. The Combined State Championship is an officially recognized IHSA State Championship.

f. Whether or not a Combined State Championship is awarded, students with disabilities will be eligible for Individual awards.