



AGENDA

Florida High School Athletic Association Track & Field Advisory Committee Meeting

May 24, 2022 – 10:00 AM

- I. Introduction and Purpose
- II. Review Procedures, Agenda and Expense Vouchers
- III. Review 2021 Minutes
- IV. Review 2022 Season
- V. Old Business
 - a. Javelin
 - b. Officials
- VI. New Business
 - a. District Entry Limitations
 - b. Policy 10 – Five Meets
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 - d. Region Qualifying Procedure
 - e. Preliminary Rounds
- VII. Open Agenda – Discussion Only
 - a. Gainesville Indoor Track Presentation – Scott Peters
 - b. 400m Hurdles – 2023 NEW
 - c. 2023 Dates
 - d. 2023 Region Meet Applications
 - e. 2023 State Series Entry Adjustments
 - f. Policy 10 – Minimum Contest Requirement
- VIII. Adjournment



MINUTES

Florida High School Athletic Association Track & Field Advisory Committee Meeting

June 7, 2021 – 10:00 AM

I. Introduction and Purpose

Attendance – All members were present for the meeting.

- a. Nathan Stanley
- b. Scott McDaniel
- c. Ken Brauman
- d. David Halliday
- e. Jay Getty
- f. Ryan Mitchell
- g. Jeremiah Whitfield
- h. Alejandro (Alex) Armenteros
- i. Kyle LoJacono

II. Review Procedures, Agenda and Expense Vouchers

III. Review 2020 Minutes

a. Review 2021 Season

The committee expressed their satisfaction with the conduct of the state championship finals. Particularly, members of the committee felt the format enabled athletes to perform at a high level and provided stability for coaches' planning. Athletes were considered fresh for their events and the meet was very spectator-friendly. Regarding the district and region rounds of competition, the group felt the series went well overall but there were some concerns about the numbers of officials available albeit there was a shortage due to COVID-19.

District entry procedures eligibility issues were also discussed. Ed Thompson presented the plan to better clarify state series entries and modifications. Coaches were also found to be using ineligible athletes during the state series. These athletes were deemed ineligible due to competing in more than four events or utilizing athletes in relays not listed in relay pools. FHSA will be moving forward into 2022 with these issues as points of emphasis.

Clarification was provided by FHSAA regarding the data used for at-large advancement. Per the request of the committee, clarification will be placed into the 2022 FHSAA Track & Field Manual stating that running events data to the .001 second will be used to determine at-large qualifiers. Further, FHSAA will also be providing a detailed definition of FAT (Fully Automatic Timing) for ranking, seeding, and advancement purposes in the manual.

IV. Old Business

The committee approved an extension of the 300m Hurdles to 400m on its second read. Provided endorsement from ADAC, the 400m Hurdles will become an official event in 2023.

V. New Business

Six items were approved by the committee to take effect in 2022. Two of those items are related to athlete safety. The use of inhalants such as smelling salts by athletes will be prohibited. Track is following the lead of the FHSAA Weightlifting Committee in adopting the similar language for addressing the use of inhalants by athletes to enhance performance. The group also adopted the proposal from the Officials Advisory Committee to require javelins to be transported using a case capped at both ends. Application of these two new rules will be done from a sportsmanship and safety perspective.

Also starting in 2022, athletes will no longer be required to have their uniform tops tucked into their shorts. The committee believes this provides officials an opportunity to focus on officiating events rather than on policing uniform infractions. The committee approved a measure to amend team scoring in the state series for the Para-Athlete Division. Team awards in the Para-Athlete Division will be awarded when seven or more schools compete in the division. The group felt this measure would aid in the growth of the Para-Athlete Division. Two adjustments made in 2021 due to COVID-19 were unanimously approved to be made permanent: the 3 plus 1 entry procedure and the region to state advancement will both remain in place but with caveats. The entry standards will be inclusive of a rolling 4-year average of the 8th-place mark across all regions in each event per class and the advancement from region to state will include the top 2 in each event plus the next number determined by the number of lanes on the state finals venue track where all lanes will be filled over two heats of competition. For example, if the event were to be held at UNF, up to ten at-large participants in each event may qualify for the state finals. If the event were held at a venue with an eight-lane track, then up to eight participants may qualify on an at-large basis.



The committee also endorsed the 2021 state series format going forward for using a finals-only format for all region and state meets. The sentiment was that the format used in 2021 enhanced athlete performance, coaching opportunities, meet efficiency, and made state series meets more spectator-friendly. The group did express a desire to present the proposal to the coaches at FACA for feedback in January. Ed Thompson agreed to bring it to that group in January for further vetting, but it was also noted that this could delay the publication of the state series meets event schedules.

Finally, the committee unanimously endorsed a proposal to allow javelins to go without rubber tips starting in 2024 and to require schools to hire at least one official at meets with seven or more schools participating. The group noted that the threshold of seven was appropriate because it's in line with placing eight in each event and would be commiserate with an "invitational" size event.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM.



Track & Field Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: 5/24/2021

Sport/Category: Track & Field	
Rule Reference(s): Amend FHSAA Modification of NFHS Rule 6-8	Agenda Item Type: Action
Item: Remove Requirement for Javelins to have rubber tips starting in 2024	
Background Information: With two additional years of competition, athletes, coaches and officials will be sufficiently schooled in the safety procedures for the event to safely remove the rubber tips from the javelins. Other states have followed similar time schedules to remove the rubber tips from the implements after the event was first introduced.	
Recommendation: Starting with the 2024 track & field season Remove the FHSAA modification to NFHS Javelin Rule 6-8 that requires javelins have a rubber or an equivalent soft plastic tip. Rubber tips shall be optional.	
Rationale: The primary reason that rubber tips are placed on the javelins is for safety reasons when the event is first introduced into competition. The javelin was introduced in Florida in 2018 and was an exhibition event in the 2019 State Championship. It was scheduled to become a scored event in 2020 (the season that wasn't). 2021 was the first full season that the javelin was a scored event. During the 2021 season there were no reported injuries or accidents attributed to the javelin event. With another year of competition the javelin will be as safe to contest without a rubber tip as other throwing events.	
Alternative to Recommendation:	
Data Source:	

Committees Voting Summary:

Sport Committee (1 st)	(8-0) Endorsed
ADAC (1 st)	(13-0) Endorsed
Sport Committee (2 nd)	
ADAC (2 nd)	

Committee Member Name:	Lionel Bonck
Member School Name:	Central Florida Track & Field Officials Association
Role:	Non-member submission



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Site: Robert W. Hughes FHSAA Building, Gainesville

Date: 5/24/2021

Sport/Category: Track & Field	
Rule Reference(s): AP 4.14.1 NEW	Agenda Item Type: Action
Item: Use of Officials Required for Meets with 7+ Schools	
<p>Background Information: Prior to 2021, regular season track meets were conducted without officials being required. It is currently an option to use officials. Bylaw 8.9.1 now requires that registered officials must be used if officials are hired (USATF and non-FHSAA officials may not be hired to officiate). Because FHSAA registers officials and because the application of the sport's rules have been inconsistent during the regular season, officials should be required at regular season meets going forward. Every other major FHSAA sport requires the use of officials during the regular season.</p>	
<p>Recommendation: At least one FHSAA-registered official shall be required at meets with seven or more schools participating.</p>	
<p>Rationale: Meets with seven or more schools are considered large, invitational-type meets and are the minimum size for eight scoring places according to the NFHS Rules. Schools and athletes should be exposed to the application of the rules throughout the season and not have their first exposure to them in the state series. This will benefit coaches and athletes in the post-season.</p>	
Alternative to Recommendation:	
<p>Data Source: 2016-21 State Series Data</p>	

Committees Voting Summary:

Sport Committee (1 st)	(7-0) Endorsed
ADAC (1 st)	(11-1) Endorsed
Sport Committee (2 nd)	
ADAC (2 nd)	

Committee Member Name:	Jay Getty
Member School Name:	Hagerty (Oviedo)
Role:	FACA Representative



Track & Field Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: FHSAA Office – Gainesville, FL

Date: May 24, 2022

Rule Reference(s): District Entry Limitation - 3 plus 4th Qualifier	Agenda Item Type: Action
Item: Change the current format of 3 +1 for district meets to the previous 4 entries per event.	
Background Information: Based upon the input from the coaches in attendance at the FACA 2022 State Track and Field Clinic in January in Daytona Beach, the school representation on the submission was in overwhelming support of reverted back to the previous format, 35-1. As the FACA representative, I did not cast a vote.	
Recommendation: Please see Background Information.	
Rationale: The impact of the additional participant to does not severely alter the meet administration of the event.	
Alternative to Recommendation: None.	
Data Source: FACA Clinic 2022 - January, Daytona Beach	

Committees Voting Summary:

TRAC	
ADAC	
TRAC	
ADAC	

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):
This will increase the size of district meets likely adding extra flights and heats/sections to events. The meets will take more time to conduct.

Jay Getty

Name of Committee Member

Hagerty High School

FACA Representative

Role



Track & Field Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: FHSAA Office – Gainesville, FL

Date: May 24, 2022

Rule Reference(s): 10.3.1.4 Individual Participation	Agenda Item Type: Action
Item: Participation Requirement - 5 Meets	
Background Information: Based on the nature of the sport, track and field is primarily a varsity only sport with entry limitations between 2-3 at meets per event. With this limitation, the opportunities to participate are limited. For sports with minimal JV events, a reduction by one contest from 5 to 4 benefits the student athlete in the sports of track, wrestling, and swimming for example.	
Recommendation: Reduce the minimum contest requirement from 5 to 4 for sports that do not support a junior varsity level.	
Rationale: Increase athlete eligibility for participation in the state series.	
Alternative to Recommendation: Maintain current rule.	
Data Source: Coaches Input - Regular Season and Post Season 2022.	

Committees Voting Summary:

TRAC	
ADAC	
TRAC	
ADAC	

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):
 The minimum contest requirement is roughly 40% of the allowable number of contests in each sport. Sub-varsity meets currently count toward meeting the requirement. If schools are struggling to meet the requirement, an alternative suggestion would be to reduce the number of allowable contests for track & field.

Jay Getty

Hagerty High School
 FACA Representative

Name of Committee Member

Role



Track & Field Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: FHSAA Office – Gainesville, FL

Date: May 24, 2022

Rule Reference(s): 10.3.1.4 Individual Participation	Agenda Item Type: Action
Item: Participation Requirement - 5 Meets	
Background Information: Due to the overlap of sport seasons, winter sport athletes participating in wrestling and basketball that participate in the FHSAA State Finals miss a significant portion of the track season while representing their school in an FHSAA event. Participation at the highest level (Final Four/State Championships) should not impede the athlete from meeting the minimum participation requirement in the next sport.	
Recommendation: Reduce the minimum contest requirement based on the number of meets that the athlete could have participated in based on their involvement in the state series at the regional and state finals levels. This reduction would be no greater than 2 meets.	
Rationale: Currently, athletes are penalized for their participation in other sports based upon their success in the FHSAA state series.	
Alternative to Recommendation: Reduce the participation requirement by one based on documented participation in the state finals of a preceding sport.	
Data Source: Current discussions at the sport level and AD level in previous FHSAA meetings and events.	

Committees Voting Summary:

TRAC	
ADAC	
TRAC	
ADAC	

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Jay Getty

Name of Committee Member

Hagerty High School
FACA Representative

Role



Track & Field Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: FHSAA Office – Gainesville, FL

Date: May 24, 2022

<p>Rule Reference(s): 4.14.2.2.4 Advancement of Teams and Individuals</p>	<p>Agenda Item Type: Action</p>
<p>Item: State Series Qualifying from District to State</p>	
<p>Background Information: Current Rule 4.14.2.2.4 Advancement of Teams and Individuals (a) District Meet to Regional Meet. The first four placing individuals or relay teams in each district meet shall advance to the regional meet to which they are assigned. All ties which would result in more than four qualifiers in an event advancing to the regional meet must be broken by a run-off for running events or by NFHS Rule 6-3 for field events. Points for fourth place ties will be distributed according to NFHS Rules 5-8 and 6-3 as the tie-breaking procedure is for advancement only.</p>	
<p>Recommendation: Proposed CHANGE to 4.14.2.2.4 Advancement of Teams and Individuals:</p> <p>a) The District Champion in each event at the district championship meet automatically qualifies for the regional championship meet.</p> <p>b) The remaining regional qualifiers will be determined from a region by region ranking descending order list on TFFRS https://florida.tffrs.org/</p> <p>c) These qualifiers will be known as at-large bids.</p> <p>d) The top-12 at-large (or top-20) qualifiers from the region ranking descending order list shall advance to the region meet.</p> <p>e) At-large qualifiers will be announced via TFFRS Florida.</p> <p>f) The regional rankings will be based on sanctioned and “certified” FHSAA select meets throughout the regular season.</p> <p>a. A sanctioned and “certified” FHSAA select meet would include:</p> <p>i. FAT timing by an FHSAA certified timer</p> <p>ii. Wind gauges (including horizontals)</p> <p>iii. Certified FHSAA Officials at Field events for certification of results.</p> <p>b. Only Marks from a sanctioned and “certified” FHSAA select meet will be included in these regional rankings.</p> <p>c. In the case of a tie that would lead to more at-large bids than available, the tie will be broken utilizing appropriate NFHS tie-breaking procedures for the respective event. If the tie cannot be broken, then all those tied that would lead to more at-large bids than available will not advance and there will be fewer at-large bids given in that particular event. Complete results, including all attempts, shall be recorded by the official timer</p> <p>d. Declaration of Non-Consideration. There may be a situation in which an athlete/coach does not want to be considered to receive an at-large bid. The coach must complete the “Declaration of Non-Consideration” form that will be available on www.fhssa.com and. https://florida.tffrs.org/. This form must be submitted to the FHSAA within 24-hours of the conclusion of the meet. If this form is not received within 24-hours of the official conclusion of the meet, then all athletes receiving at-large bids must compete at the state championship. All athletes receiving automatic qualifiers for the region championship must compete. Automatic qualifying athletes are not eligible to complete a “Declaration of Non-Consideration”.</p> <p>e. Performances at a regular season meet that is NOT a sanctioned and “certified” FHSAA select meet will NOT be included for the regional rankings, although they will count towards minimum contests and overall rankings on TFFRS.</p>	
<p>Rationale: Rationale: Make qualifying from District to Region more similar to the Region to State qualifying, while keeping the tradition of District Meets, while stressing the IMPORTANCE of a well officiated meets and ensuring the best athletes in a region have a chance to qualify to the region regardless of their district meet competition.</p>	
<p>Alternative to Recommendation:</p>	
<p>Data Source: FHSAA Track & Field Manual</p>	



Committees Voting Summary:

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ADAC	

Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Adding significance to the regular season in track & field would be consistent with many of the changes that have occurred in team sports (rankings, etc.).

Deve Halliday

Name of Committee Member

**Flagler Palm Coast HS
Section 2 (Boys) Representative**

Role



Track & Field Advisory Committee – Agenda Item

Site: FHSAA Office – Gainesville, FL

Date: May 24, 2022

Rule Reference(s): 4.14.2.3.3 Regional Meets / 4.14.2.3.4 Florida High School State Championship Finals	Agenda Item Type: Action
Item: Return to Prelims and Finals	
Background Information: Current Rule 4.14.2.3.3 Regional Meets 1. (a) Contestants. Only those individuals and relay teams which qualify from their respective district meets are eligible to participate in the regional meets. Relay team personnel may be changed as stipulated in 4.14.2.3.1(h)(3). 2. (b) Running Event Regulations. (1) Timed finals will be run in the following events: 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 100m Dash, 4x100m Relay, 400m Dash, 300m Hurdles, 200m Dash, and 4x400m Relay. (a) Contestants in these events will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective district meet finals. Non-FAT marks (if any) will be seeded last. (b) Contestants in each section will be given lane assignments according to the spearhead method. (2) The 4x800m Relay, the 800m Run, the 1600m Run and the 3200m Run each will be contested in one section. Competitors in excess of the number of places to be awarded who are lapped are permitted to finish the race but must move to the outer lanes of the track (lane 3 or beyond). (3) Runners must start in the lanes to which they are assigned regardless of lanes vacated because of scratches. (c) Field Event Regulations. 1. (1) Finals consisting of two flights each will be conducted in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw, Javelin and Shot Put. 4.14.2.3.4 Florida High School State Championship Finals (same as above)	
Recommendation: Proposed CHANGE to 4.14.2.3.3 Regional Meets AND 4.14.2.3.4 Florida High School State Championship Finals: 1. (b) Running Event Regulations. (1) PRELIMS and FINALS will be run in the following events: 100m Hurdles, 110m Hurdles, 100m Dash, 4x100m Relay, 400m Dash, 300m Hurdles, 200m Dash. Advancement to the finals will be the top-8 or 9 based on time and depending on the number of lanes on the track. (2) The 4x400m Relay will be a timed final with the fastest heat last. (3)) The 4x800m Relay, the 800m Run, the 1600m Run and the 3200m Run each will be contested in one section. Competitors in excess of the number of places to be awarded who are lapped are permitted to finish the race but must move to the outer lanes of the track (lane 3 or beyond). Field Event Regulations. 2. (1) PRELIMS consisting of two flights each with three attempts will be conducted in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw, Javelin and Shot Put. Following Prelims	
Rationale:	



Alternative to Recommendation: Rationale: Region and State meets should be conducted as the NFHS intends championship meets to be conducted allowing for head-to-head competition in a single final.

Data Source:
FHSAA Manual Pre-2021
NFHS Rules Book

Committees Voting Summary:

TRAC	
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Impact (To be completed by FHSAA Staff):

Re-adding preliminaries raises several concerns:

1. Athlete overuse. Students would be subjected up to eight rounds of competition in a single day.
2. Meets would take longer to conduct. Longer days negatively impact the number of willing host schools and raises potential for double districts, double regions, and multiple classes at one time at the state finals.
3. Potentially adds overnight travel for member schools that would attend meets that start in the morning and end in the evening.
4. Not spectator friendly. Timed finals have been very well received across most constituencies. Long meets have been noted as a drag on the growth of the sport.
5. The current format does facilitate head-to-head competition among the top competitors.

David Halliday

Name of Committee Member

Flagler Palm Coast HS

Section 2 (Boys) Representative

Role