

New Mexico Activities Association
2017 Sonic Drive In State Track and Field Championship
Important Reminders



- Track and field coaches are personally responsible for entering **all** qualified athletes on to the Direct Athletics website by the following dates and times:
Classes A-3A: Sunday, April 30th 12:00 noon
Class 4A-6A: Sunday, May 7th 12:00 noon
Failure to do so will jeopardize your athlete's entrance into the State Championships and late entries will result in a **\$500** fine to the school.
- School representatives shall have a window of opportunity to declare participants and/or make adjustments for errors (i.e. misspelled names, incorrect marks, too many individual events, etc.) beginning Sunday at 5:00 p.m. through Monday at 5:00 p.m.

When a participant is declared within that window to a particular event, no further adjustments will be made or accepted, regardless of the problem or its origin once the deadline is achieved. Coaches must verify entries by Monday, at 5:00 p.m. prior to the state meet.

- Classes A-3A: Monday, May 1 5:00 p.m.
 - Class 4A-6A: Monday, May 8 5:00 p.m.
 - All changes/ modifications/ corrections, etc. must be made by contacting Chris Kedge at 505.923.3276 or by email to chris@nmact.org
- District meet host **must** fax (505.923.3114) or email results to chris@nmact.org at the NMAA by **noon** of the Sunday prior to the state meet.
- There will be no coaches meeting this year. You may pick up your packet at the NMAA office on the Thursday prior to your championship between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM. If you do not pick up your packet at the NMAA office, you can pick it up at the state meet at the Southeast gate upon your arrival.

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Questions and Answers:

- **Question:** What process will be utilized for seeding athletes into preliminary running events?
- **Answer:** Athletes will be seeded based on times posted onto Direct Athletics. Runners who are known to have the best times will be placed in different heats and given preferred lane assignments. The serpentine seeding process will be utilized.
- **Question:** How will finals participants be determined?
 - 2 preliminary heats: The top 2 in each heat plus the next 4 fastest times.
 - 3 preliminary heats: The top 2 in each heat plus the next 2 fastest times.
- **Question:** How will lanes for the finals be determined?
- **Answer:** The winners of the preliminary heats will be placed in the preferred lanes based on time. The 2nd place finishers in the preliminary heats will be placed in the best remaining lanes based on time. The athletes who qualified out of the preliminaries based on time only, will be placed in the remaining lanes based on time.
- **Question:** How do teams enter alternates for relay events?
- **Answer:** Coaches must enter alternates into the Direct Athletics website as part of a qualified event in order for athletes to be assigned a State Championship bib number. Each relay team will be allowed 2 alternates.
- **Question:** Will Assistant Coaches be permitted free admittance?
- **Answer:** Yes, as long as the Assistant Coach Form posted on the NMAA Website has been completed prior to the April 21st, 2017 deadline.
- **Question:** Will bus drivers and managers be allowed free admission to the meet?
- **Answer:** Yes, the school bus driver with ID, will sign in at the Complimentary Entrance. One manager per team (must have a minimum of 5 qualifiers) will be provided an admission.
- **Question:** If an athlete is listed as an alternate on a relay card but does not actually participate in the event does this constitute one of his/ her events.
- **Answer:** No, they must actually participate in the event.
- **Question:** Can the order of a relay team be changed from the prelims to the finals?
- **Answer:** Yes, as long as the distance rules for the meet are adhered to.
- **Question:** Can food and drink be brought into the facility?
- **Answer:** Only by coaches and athletes via the southeast entrance. Spectators are not permitted to bring in food or drinks. Please ensure that your fans are aware of this UNM facility policy.

- **Question:** What is the cost of admission for the 2017 Sonic Drive In State Track and Field Championships?
- **Answer:** \$8.00 Adults, \$5.00 Students (K-12)/ Seniors/ Military.
- **Question:** If there are only 8 qualifiers in an individual running event or relay, will prelims be run?
- **Answer:** No, these races will become finals only!
- **Question:** If I have questions or concerns, whom should I contact?
- **Answer:**
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