

## **2008 NMAA Track & Field Important Dates**

<b>Monday, January 28, 2008</b>	Deadline for submitting qualifying meet forms
<b>Monday, February 11, 2008</b>	First practice date
<b>Saturday, February 16, 2008</b>	First regular season competition date
<b>Week of April 28 - May 3, 2008</b>	A/AA District Meets
<b>Sunday, May 4, 2008</b>	<b>2008 NMAA State 1A/2A Track &amp; Field Championships official entry list must be submitted to <a href="http://www.directathletics.com">www.directathletics.com</a> by 12:00 noon!</b>
<b>Week of May 5-10, 2008</b>	3A-5A District Meets
<b>Thursday, May 8, 2008</b>	Class A-AA Coaches Mandatory Meeting (UNM Presidents Pavilion at 5:00 pm)
<b>Friday – Saturday, May 9-10, 2008</b>	A-AA State Track and Field State Championships at UNM Track & Field Complex
<b>Sunday, May 11, 2008</b>	<b>2008 NMAA State 3A-5A Track &amp; Field Championships Official Entry list must be submitted to <a href="http://www.directathletics.com">www.directathletics.com</a> by 12:00 noon!</b>
<b>Thursday, May 15, 2008</b>	Class 3A-5A Coaches Mandatory Meeting (UNM Presidents Pavilion at 5:00 pm)
<b>Friday – Saturday May 16-17, 2008</b>	3A-5A State Track and Field State Championships at UNM Track & Field Complex

**Track & Field Rules Clinic  
2008  
Section I**

**NMAA Points of Emphasis and Important Dates**

Points of Emphasis:

- State qualifying times, distances, and heights have not changed from 2007. These remain consistent for two-year blocks under the current bylaws. (See qualifying marks in this packet)
- Coaches are totally responsible for ensuring that their qualifying athletes are submitted using [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com). From qualifying meets the member schools have seven (7) calendar days to post qualifying marks established at a qualifying meet. The district meet results and the season composite results are due by entering the qualified athletes and teams at [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com) on the Sunday prior to the State Championships (12:00 noon deadline). This system will no longer take entries after this time.
- Deadlines for State Championships Seeding
  - a. All results must be submitted to the NMAA office no later than 12:00 noon on Sunday prior to the state championships through [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com). A \$500 fine will be imposed to each school that makes additions to their team state championship entries after the published entry deadline.
  - b. School representatives shall have a window of opportunity to declare participants and/or make adjustments for errors from 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.
  - c. The individual events a participant will be entered in must also be declared prior to the deadline (5:00 p.m. on Monday during the week of the state championships).
- State Championship Time Schedules are very similar to this past year with minor adjustments. (See time schedules in this packet).
- Entries for State Championships

A-AA	Sunday, May 4, 2008
AAA-AAAAA	Sunday, May 11, 2008

Each school representative shall have a window of opportunity to declare participants and/or make adjustments for errors from Sunday at 5:00 p.m. through Monday at 5:00 p.m. prior to that particular class's state championship. No

adjustments will be made past this deadline. If there are discrepancies please contact Robert Zayas, Assistant Director at (505) 923-3275 or (505) 977-5386 or Mario Martinez, Associate Director at (505) 923-3274 or (505) 977-5383 NMAA administrators for track & field, prior to the deadline.

- Preventative Officiating:  
Officials will be instructed to work diligently to do as much preventative officiating as possible to keep athletes from being disqualified. This includes such things as uniforms, entry limitations, sportsmanship, etc.
- Uniform Officials  
At the state track and field championships uniform officials will be assigned to alleviate problems with improper uniforms (especially on relays) to keep athletes or teams from being disqualified for these type of issues.
- Refer to Section 7, Track & Field Bylaws (7.21) for additional information.
- Contact information:  
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