

Track Sports Specific Committee
Tuesday, July 31, 2007
Notes

The track sports specific committee met on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel during the NMHSCA Clinic. Those present were as follows: Phil Sategna, Rick Miller, Kenny Henry, Adam Kedge, Joe Bailey, Eldon Smith, Ronney Maskew, Wendell Lane, Joe Giglia, Mario Martinez, and Robert Zayas. Those not present were as follows: Kathy Brion, Frank Ortiz, Casey Pack, and Amy Peterson.

Mr. Martinez opened the meeting reporting that Mark Koski will be departing the NMAA and working with the NFHS. Everyone agreed Mark would be difficult to replace since he did a fabulous job in all areas. Mr. Martinez reported he would now oversee track & field with the direct assistance of Robert Zayas and Dana Sanchez.

The meeting begins with a variety of subjects discussed, summarized as follows:

- Time schedule may need to be adjusted somewhat in certain areas to continue to refine the state meet.
- Staging areas may be easier next year because we should be able to use the new UNM indoor practice facility for the initial staging area.
- Limit the time athletes are in the staging areas.
- Possible reduction of throwing event-times from two hours to one and one-half hours to speed up the meet and to finish earlier on Friday.
- More consistency by officials (Mario will address this) particularly in the field events and establishing coaching areas in all field events as well.
- Concerns about where the starters stand and suggestions as to how this might be improved.
- Scheduling awards for field events in a more organized fashion so these athletes can be honored appropriately.
- Direct athletics works well, but the 7-day limitation needs clarification.
- Coaches' meeting at 5:00 PM on Thursday is great with the possibility of more officials attending.
- Hand timing may not be necessary since Clyde assures us he has appropriate back-up.
- While the tents are great, the warm-up area needs attention for athletes getting ready for an event.
- Discussion on the quality of medals and the overall cost
- Attendance this past season was about 300 short of last year, but still very good.
- Coaches feel like more media attention is warranted for their athletes.
- Track rules clinic will be online as well as a live presentation at the Track & Field Coaches Clinic.
- Committee feels like the 6:00 end time on Saturday is unfair considering other sports finish much later.
- Short discussion on how alignment/classification could affect track and field in the future.

- Discussion about standardizing event schedules at all NM High School track & field meets.
- Discussion about certain rules being adjusted between small schools and large schools due to the discrepancies in makeup and philosophy.
- Survey results along with minutes and future agendas need to be posted on the NMAA website.
- Discussion on awarding 8 places versus 6.
- Scoring relays the same as individual events.
- The track coaches clinic will be held at the Hilton on January 11-12, 2008.

In summary there were no actual votes taken, simply discussion. The committee agreed to survey their areas to get an appropriate feedback prior to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 10:00 am at the NMAA building. The agenda for the next meeting will be posted at least a month prior to the actual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.



**MEMBER SCHOOL TRACK & FIELD COACHES & OFFICIALS SURVEY
2007 NMAA DISTRICT CLINIC**



RECOMMENDATIONS TO TRACK & FIELD SPORTS SPECIFIC COMMITTEE

The Track & Field Sports Specific Committee is requesting your input regarding a number of Track & Field related topics. Please review the possible changes for the future of Track & Field in New Mexico, and select the proposals you are for or against.

AT THE END OF THE MEETING, PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED SURVEY TO AN NMAA REPRESENTATIVE

ITEM	FOR	AGAINST
#1	30	61
#2	9	83
#3	32	58
#4	17	75
#5	8	85
#6	23	70
#7	36	53
#8	88	4
#9	62	28
#10	63	28
#11	44	48
#12	53	41
#13	21	71
#14	14	12

Please offer any other suggestions for the NMAA, Track & Field and/or Cross Country Sports Specific Committee below:

Please see attached sheets regarding Coaches comments

Name of Coach/Official Completing Survey:

Title(s):

School:

Track & Field Classification: