

Track & Field Sports Specific Committee
Monday, November 17, 2008
Notes

The Track and Field Sports Specific Committee met on Monday, November 17, 2008 at the NMAA. Those present were as follows: Phil Sategna, Bloomfield High School; Rick Miller, NMOA; Kenny Henry, Cibola High School; Darrel Ray, Clovis High School; Adam Kedge, Albuquerque Academy; Joe Bailey, Moriarty High School; Eldon Smith; Lovington High School; Ronny Maskew, Ruidoso High School; Wayne Ferguson, Tucumcari High School; Wendell Lane, Cloudcroft High School; Joe Giglia, Cimarron High School; Lisa McMath, Fort Sumner High School; with Mario Martinez, NMAA Associate Director, presiding along with Robert Zayas, NMAA Assistant Director; and Jacquelyne Gallegos, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Martinez started off by saying the main focus of this meeting was to come up with some qualification times and standards that will fill the two-year block (2008-2009, 2009-2010). He stated the second thing was to come up with a time schedule for the 3A-5A state meet.

- *Review the minutes from the summer meeting and referenda results:* Mr. Martinez asked all the committee members to review the notes from the last meeting. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments about the notes. He then went on to share the referenda results.
- *Establish qualifying marks for the two year block (2008-2009, 2009-2010):* Mr. Martinez stated that the committee members at this time would come up with the qualifying marks for the next two year block. He asked if anyone had any suggestions on how the committee members would like to do this. Mr. Sategna stated that the way Mark Koski did it for the past two year block seemed to work out great. Mr. Kedge stated that there didn't need to be drastic fluctuation and we want to use common sense when establishing the times. He stated some events are different than others and you wouldn't want the same amount of qualifiers for a 4 x 400m relay compared to a 3200m race. Mr. Sategna stated that the second heat is something that we really want to look at. Mr. Martinez asked everyone to break into their classification groups and decide on the adjustments for their classifications. All committee members worked on the qualification standards for their classification.
- *Adjust the 3A-5A schedule with the moving of the medley and 800m run:* Mr. Martinez gave the referenda results out to everyone for review. Based on the results the time schedule would need to be adjusted for the 3A-5A state track and field championship meet. One suggestion that he gave was to move the 800m run so that it is prior to the 4 x 400m relay. Mr. Kedge suggested moving the 800m run in between the 4 x 200m and the 400m run. His second suggestion was to have all 800m's and 3200m's on Friday and the 1600m's and medley relay on Saturday. Mr. Martinez stated that there was a proposal made to flip flop the 1600m and the 800m on Saturday. A vote was taken and there were 8 that were

for the proposal and 0 against. Mr. Martinez stated that Mr. Zayas would make the adjustments to the schedule and post it to the website.

- *New Business:* Mr. Martinez stated that there was a proposal to go from a two year block to a four year block with alignment and classification. He stated that this could have an effect on the committee because we would have to decide whether or not to set qualification standards for two years or four years.

Mr. Kedge asked Mr. Martinez for an update on the 8th grade rule. Mr. Martinez stated there seems to be a lot of support to do away with 8th grade participation at the high school level from Athletic Directors who have to deal with this issue. Those Athletic Directors feel that we should do away with 8th grade participation. Mr. Martinez stated that he didn't know if it would ever come to a vote.

Mr. Maskew brought up the issue with the 4 x 200m relay. He asked if we are going to run it where we don't have to stay in our lanes the whole time at state. He stated that we need to have an official put them into place and move everyone down the lane. Mr. Kedge asked who would be at fault when kids have to move for placement. Mr. Ferguson stated there has to be someone to at least line the kids up correctly. Mr. Maskew stated every year we have problems with the 4 x 200m relay. Mr. Ferguson stated that we now have more qualified people working the track meets. Mr. Giglia stated that he thought we needed to have an official set up the kids in order. Mr. Miller stated the officials will have to make sure to give directions and instructions on what the athlete is supposed to do. Mr. Kedge asked if the proposal was to line the athletes up off the turn, instruct them, and move them down? Mr. Martinez stated that we didn't let them move last year. Mr. Kedge stated that a runner can bypass another runner on the line while waiting off the turn as long as they do not obstruct the other runner. Then he asked if the runner would have to step in front or behind the runner they are bypassing to move to the inside line. Mr. Martinez then asked if we want the kids to move? He stated yes, as long as they do not obstruct another runner.

Mr. Maskew asked if we were going to keep the athlete and coaches area strictly reserved for them again this year at the state meet. Mr. Martinez stated yes.

Mr. Smith asked if an athlete can become eligible at a district meet. Mr. Martinez stated that there was no minimum participation for a kid, only if they are a dual sport kid. Mr. Lane stated that it only applies to a person who runs and wants to play volleyball, for example.

- *Next Meeting:* The next meeting will be Monday, April 20th, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the NMAA.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.