

NMAA TRACK AND FIELD OFFICIALS GUIDELINES 2008



The NMAA is highly appreciative of all the track and field officials who volunteer their time and efforts to ensure the success of the state championships.

In an effort to better the State Track and Field Championships there are two major points that we want to emphasize for all officials:

Consistency: All officials need to communicate properly and make all rulings with consistency. Instructions at all field events should be very similar in nature with direct reference to uniforms and other necessary information per event (i.e. exiting through the back of the shot put and discus rings). Specific questions should be addressed with the field referee Mr. Vance Lee or track referee Mr. Tim Rice.

Preventative Officiating: Officials will be asked to do as much preventative officiating as possible in a sincere effort to eliminate disqualifications that could have been avoided. Examples of this are constant reminders about legal uniforms, no jewelry, and particular emphasis on issues that may be unique to each event.

While it is ultimately the responsibility of the coach and participant to know and adhere to the rules it will be the responsibility of each “official” to officiate in a preventative manner as to avoid potential disqualifications when possible.