

## ARTICLE 29

### TRACK (WINTER AND SPRING) GIRLS

#### **Section 1. RULES**

All Track activities under the jurisdiction of the RIIL in this article shall be conducted according to the National Federation of State High School Association Track Rules, except for any special rules adopted by the Committee.

- A. Schools signifying an intent to compete in Track by that very fact manifest their intention to compete in the two (2) Major Meets, the Class, and the State Championships sponsored by the RIIL.
- B. Athlete participation:  
An Athlete is allowed to participate in not more than four (4) events, provided that not more than two (2) running events are over 400 meters (600 meters – Winter Track). A combination of more than 2 of 800, 1000, 1500, 3000 and/or 4x800 meters will not be allowed. Athletes may not be entered into events for which they would not be eligible to compete. An athlete is considered entered into an individual event at the time team entries are submitted. Relay entries become final at the time of check-in with meet clerk.
- C. Any athlete who participates in meets and is not listed on the original eligibility list or any official additional list on file with the League Office, **shall be subject to the provisions of Article 6, Section 5 (Penalties).**
- D. Fair Effort/Scratch Rule:  
Athletes legally declared in all running events with qualifying rounds must honestly participate. An athlete must compete as necessary to advance to the next round of competition or be barred from all remaining competitions of the meet. After a deadline for confirmation has been set or a scratch meet held a competitor must compete in the events entered or be barred from all subsequent competitions of the meet. An athlete failing to start or take a trial (other than a designated pass), or who quits an event, shall be considered to have abandoned the competition and shall not participate in any subsequent events. An athlete may not elect to pass all trials in an event.

#### **Section 2. SCHEDULE/MEETS**

The Director(s) of Track shall make up the schedules and order of meets with the Committee's approval. No school may make any change to the schedule. The Director(s) of Track shall work with the State Meet Director, coaches, and officials in carrying out the program.

- A. Dual Meet Schedules – A dual meet schedule will be set up by the RIIL in both Winter and Spring Track.
- B. Scoring - Scoring in all meets will follow Federation guidelines.

#### **Section 3. POSTPONEMENTS**

The postponement rules of the RIIL contained in Article 4, unless otherwise stated, shall govern all postponed track meets. Any request for a change requires the permission of the Director of Track as well as the consent of all schools involved.

#### **Section 4. OFFICIALS**

RIIL assigned officials shall have supervision of the playing fields from the start of the meet, unless otherwise designated, until it is finished. In the absence of the Director of Track or an RIIL appointed supervisor, the coaches of the respective teams shall act as the officials of all RIIL track meets and shall supervise said meets in accordance with these rules. A State Meet Director shall be appointed annually by the Committee.

- A. The State Meet Director shall act as director of all RIIL State Championship meets. S/he will work under the authority of the Director of Track and will have authority to make any changes in the prescribed order of events or in other details in connection with the RIIL State Championship. S/he shall notify coaches of such changes at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of a given State Meet, unless in his/her judgment the changes must be made at the scene of the meet and immediately prior to its start.
- B. The Director(s) of Track shall make adequate provisions for supervising the Meets.

## **Section 5. CHAMPIONSHIP MEETS**

The championship meets will be conducted under the direction of the Director(s) of Track using a format determined by the Director(s), approved by the Committee, and published with the RIIL Track schedule.

- A. A limit of four (4) entries per event per school shall be used for the Class Meets. In the State Meet, a school may submit as many entries per event as are qualified by the rankings.
- B. Entries for the Class and State Meets must be submitted at a time and manner as designated by the Director(s) of Track.
- C. Individuals from schools that do not have a Track team may not enter the Class and State Meets except as provided for in Article 3, Section 7. In addition, individuals may not enter the Class Meet without competing in a minimum of two (2) prior meets as designated by the Director of Track. Entry into the State Meet shall be the same for individuals as for members of full teams. Individuals will be credited with their performances in all major meets but will not be considered in the calculation of team scoring.
- D. Awards – A team and individual awards structure shall be established by the Committee for all RIIL major meets.

## **Section 6. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. Competitors participating in other simultaneous sports may also participate in no more than two (2) field events in Track.
- B. An athlete competing in any race of 400 meters or less must use crouch start/blocks. This will include the starting runner of a relay who will be running 400 or less meters. (An exception may be made in the 4x400 relay, Indoor Track only, if a curved start is used instead of starting in lanes.)
- C. Entry information for the New England Meet will be provided to coaches as the information becomes available but no later than the State Meet.
- D. Uniforms - No competitor or team will be allowed to compete without wearing a proper uniform. Uniforms will comply with requirements as outlined in current Federation rules.
- E. RIIL State records will be developed from meets recognized and approved by the RIIL. Performances to be considered for state records must be submitted to the RIIL office with a proof of performance form.
- F. No athlete may compete or practice in the pole vault event unless under the supervision of a certified pole vault coach. The sport committee shall designate acceptable certification programs. Certification must be renewed after three years.

## **Section 7. WINTER TRACK**

- A. Dual Meet entries – Entries for all dual meets must be submitted prior to the start of the first event. Teams are limited to three (3) entries per event.
- B. Order of Events – Dual Meets:
  - 1. High Jump-Start at 4', up 2" per round, winner to be eligible to compete until out.
  - 2. 4K # Plastic Shot
  - 3. 20 # Weight
  - 4. 3000 Meters
  - 5. 4 x 1 Lap Relay
  - 6. 1500 Meters
  - 7. High Hurdles
  - 8. Dash

9. 600 Meters
10. 300 Meters
11. 1000 Meters
12. 4 x 400 Relay

C. Order of Events – Class and State Meets:

1. High Jump:
  - a. Class Meet-Start at 4'4", up 2" until 3 or fewer, subsequent heights TBD
  - b. State Meet-Start at 4'8", up 2" until 3 or fewer, subsequent heights TBD
2. 4K# Plastic Shot
3. 20# Weight
4. 4 x 1 Lap Relay
5. 3000 Meters
6. Hurdle Trials
7. Dash Trials
8. 1500 Unseeded (Class Meet)
9. Hurdle and Dash Semis **\*\***(Class Meet Only)
10. 1500 Seeded
11. Hurdle Finals
12. Dash Finals
13. 600 Meters
14. 300 Meters
15. 1000 Meters
16. 4 x 400 Relay

**\*\*** Semi final round of hurdles and dash will be dropped if FAT timing is available.

- D. For an athlete to be eligible to compete in the Class meet, an athlete must meet the established minimum standards. If less than twelve (12) athletes reach the standard for an event, athletes will be added to make a field of no more than twelve (12). The list of standards will be provided to coaches at the Winter Interpretation Meeting.
- E. An athlete to compete in the State Championship must be among the top eighteen (18) and ties (12 in relay events) of all entries submitted to compete in the State Championship Meet. Rank order performance lists as maintained by the Meet Director shall determine eligibility to compete. Performances from dual meets, class meets, as well as any additional meets designated as “qualifying” meets shall be used in developing ranking lists. Two (2) alternates will be accepted in both individual and relay vents. Alternates will be allowed to compete if they have been previously entered and if scratches are determined from the scratch meeting prior to the start of the meet.

**Section 8. SPRING TRACK**

- A. Dual Meet Entries–Entries for all dual meets must be submitted prior to the start of the first event. Unlimited entries are allowed per event.

Dual Meet Order of Events: Field Events – (Opening Heights, Pole Vault – 5’6 High Jump – 4’)

1. **4x100 Relay**
2. Hurdles
3. 100 Dash
4. 1500
5. 400
6. 300 Hurdles
7. 800
8. 200
9. 3000
10. 4 x 400 Relay

**\*\*\*** The 3000 Meters may be contested as the first running event if this is agreeable to all coaches involved.

B. Order of Events –Class and State Meets:

1. High Jump – Class Meet – Start at 4’5”, up 2” until 3 or fewer, subsequent heights TBD  
State Meet – Start at 4’9”, up 2” until 3 or fewer, subsequent heights TBD
2. Pole Vault – Class Meet – Start at 6’, up 6” until 3 or fewer, subsequent heights TBD  
State Meet – Start at 7’, up 6” until 3 or fewer, subsequent heights TBD
3. Long Jump
4. Triple Jump
5. Shot Put
6. Discus
7. Javelin
8. Hammer
9. 4 x 800
10. 4 x 100
11. Hurdle Trials
12. 100 Trials
13. 1500 Unseeded
14. Hurdle Semis Class Meet
15. 100 Semis (Class Meet)
16. 1500 Seeded
17. Hurdle Finals
18. 100 Finals
19. 400 Sections
20. 300 Hurdles
21. 200 Trials
22. 800 Sections
23. 3000 Unseeded
24. 200 Semis (Class Meet)
25. 3000 Seeded
26. 200 Finals
27. 4 x 400 Relays

Semi final rounds of the High Hurdles, 100 meters and 200 meters will be contested at Class Meets only if the field size exceeds 18 after scratches.

- C. Athletes to compete in the State Championship Meet must meet the qualifying standards for their events. Fields will be filled to 18 except the 100 Hurdles and 100 dash which will be a maximum field of 24 on tracks where 8 lanes are available. On 6 lane tracks the fields for these events will also be 18. Athletes who have met the provisional standards will be added to the State Meet to fill event fields to 18. In events run entirely in lanes, provisional entries will not be allowed if such additions would cause the creation of additional heats/rounds. In vertical jumps, provisional athletes tying for the 18<sup>th</sup> qualifying spot will be added only if they do not cause the entrant field to exceed 20. (The minimum field size will be 12). Rank order performance lists as maintained by the Meet Director (s) shall determine eligibility to compete. Marks from divisional championship meets, class meets as well as additional meets designated as “qualifying” meets shall be used in developing ranking lists. The maximum field size for relay events shall be 12. Two (2) alternates will be accepted in both individual and relay events. Alternates will be allowed to compete if they have been previously entered and if scratches are determined from the scratch meeting prior to the start of the meet. **The sport committee is authorized to move some field events to be conducted on the afternoon previous to the State Championship meet in an effort to expedite the meet for the benefit of all athletes, coaches and fans.**
- D. In all qualifying meets, implements should be weighed and measured, if possible, prior to competition.
- E. State Meet Qualifying Standards:  
Qualifying and Provisional entry standards will be provided to coaches at the Spring Interpretation Meeting. Athletes not achieving the provisional standard may not be entered in the State Championship.
- F. **No athlete may compete or practice in the pole vault event unless under the supervision of a certified pole vault coach. The sport committee shall designate acceptable certification programs. Certification must be renewed after three years.**

