

HANDBOOK ADDITIONS WHICH SPECIFY THE IMPLEMENTATION OF QUALIFYING STANDARDS FOR CLASS AA:

III – QUALIFYING STANDARDS

- (1) *In addition to conducting a divisional meet, Class AA will use Qualifying Standards as an approved method to qualify athletes for the state track and field meets.*
- (2) *The approved Qualifying Standards are:*

<u>EVENTS</u>	<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
100 Meters	13.00	11.30
200 Meters	26.70	22.80
400 Meters	60.00	51.20
800 Meters	2.24.00	2.03.00
1600 Meters	5.30.00	4.34.00
3200 Meters	12.12.00	10.04.00
100/110 Meter Hurdles	16.40	15.50
300 M Meter Hurdles	47.50	40.40
Shot Put	35'3"	49'
Discus	113'	148'
Javelin	118'	173'
High Jump	5'1"	6'3"
Long Jump	16'6"	20'9"
Triple Jump	34'6"	42'3"
Pole Vault	10'	13'6"
400 Meter Relay	50.60	43.80
1600 Meter Relay	4.09.00	3.30.00

- (3) *An athlete who meets or exceeds the qualifying standard in a particular event at a regular season qualifying meet or at a divisional meet may enter that event at the state meet. An athlete using a qualifying standard to advance to state in a particular event must be entered in the divisional meet for that event but is not required to participate. The entry counts toward the event limitation of five per athlete as well as toward the school's limitation of five contestants per event.*
- (4) *A master list of qualifying times/marks will be updated regularly throughout the season and posted (or linked) through the MHSA website. The head coach from each team must submit/enter qualifying performances within two full business days of the mark being set. Submissions must be completed using Varvee, the online stats program designated by the MHSA. Late submissions are not allowed and will not be used for qualifying/seeding purposes.*
- (5) *Qualifying standards will be evaluated and, if necessary, modified following the state meets every other year (in even-numbered years).*
- (6) *Evaluation of qualifying standards and any recommendations for modification will be the responsibility of the Class AA schools. All recommended changes must be presented to the MHSA Executive Board for approval.*

HANDBOOK CHANGES TO EXISTING SECTIONS:

‡ III – DISTRICT AND DIVISIONAL MEETS

- (4) Divisional meets must be held in Class AA, A, B and C to qualify contestants to the State Track and Field Meet. Divisions will advance competitors to the state meet as follows:

Classes ~~AA~~, A and C – all divisions: the first five place winners, including ties for fifth place in all field events

Class AA – both divisions: the first six place winners, including ties for sixth place in all field events

Class B: the first six place winners, including ties for sixth place in all field events, in the Northern and Western divisions and the first eight place winners, including ties for eighth place in all field events, in the Southern Division

Qualifying relay teams are not limited to the same personnel at the State Track and Field Meet who participated in the divisional meet. Advancement to the State Meet is restricted to only those who qualify at the divisional meets. No substitutions are allowed, except in relay personnel.

Note: In Classes AA, A and C divisional meets no ties for fifth place, *in Class AA divisional meets no ties for sixth place*, and in Class B divisional meets no ties for sixth/eighth place will be permitted in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, 400-meter dash, hurdles and relay races. Divisions must settle ties in these events so that only the correct number of contestants qualify for the state meets.

IV V - STATE TRACK AND FIELD MEETS

- (1) The Executive Board shall be responsible for staging the state track and field meets for Classes A, B and C. The Executive Board shall determine all sites, set dates and appoint state track and field meet managers. The managers shall be responsible to the Executive Board to conduct the state track and field meets in accordance with the rules of the Montana High School Association. ***The Class AA state meet will be conducted by advancing competitors from the divisional track and field meets in addition to utilizing qualifying standards.***
- (2) Judges and other meet officials shall be selected by the meet managers subject to the approval of the Executive Board.
- (3) The use of two-way radio communications systems at the state track and field meets by other than authorized track officials is prohibited. ***Other than devices used by meet officials, all radios, recorders, iPods, cell/camera/smart phones, video cameras and other electronic devices are prohibited on the field of competition and may not be used in any way that would help competitor(s) gain an advantage.***
- (4) All relay races will be started at the juncture of the straight away and the curve at the state meets.
- ~~(5) It is recommended that state meets be run with fully automatic timing.~~
- (6) Participation in the State Meets: State Meet qualifiers are outlined in II-District and Divisional Meets, (3) and (4) ***and in III-Qualifying Standards (1) through (4).***
- (7) All ***divisional*** entries must be certified by each divisional meet manager and reported to the manager of the state meets on or before the ~~Monday~~ ***Sunday*** preceding the state meet. Entries received after the date will not be accepted for participation in the state track and field meets. ***Any necessary corrections after Sunday will be made in accordance with NFHS Track and Field Rules and the MHS Handbook.***

In Class AA, each head coach must enter his/her qualifying athletes using the electronic method (i.e. Direct Athletics) designated by the meet manager no later than Sunday preceding the state meet. Entries received after the date will not be accepted for participation in the state track and field meets. Entries for qualifying performances that were not submitted in accordance with III-Qualifying Standards will not be allowed.
- (8) The MHSA will follow the basic record recognition for changing from the English to the metric System as that of the National Federation. The current English system of the MHSA records will stand and be listed as the Metric record for that distance until someone betters that time of the equivalent Metric distance. Until someone betters that record, the English distance record will continue to be shown. The exception to this would be the 100 meter dash. Hand held records and automatic timing records will both be recognized if the hand held time is faster.
- (9) Timed finals will be utilized in the 300 meter hurdles, 400 meter dash, and the 1600 meter relay for both boys and girls.
- ~~(10) The same number of participants shall qualify for the field event finals as qualify for dashes and relays.~~ ***The number of participants in field event finals will be ten. The number of participants in track event finals from preliminaries will be ten when run on ten-lane tracks and eight when run on eight-lane tracks.***