

# **2011-2012 MPA INDOOR TRACK BULLETIN**

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## **INDOOR TRACK SEASON**

November 21, 2011	First Practice
December 9, 2011	First Regular Season Meet (After 3:00pm)
January 27, 2012	Eligibility Rosters Due to MPA
February 13, 2012	Seeding Information Due to MPA - mpa@mpa.cc Class A – Glendon Rand—runsub5@roadrunner.com Class B – David Jeffrey -- djeffrey@breweredu.org
February 13, 2012	<b>Last Day to Add Coach to the Coaches' Eligibility Roster</b>
February 15, 2012	Post Preliminary Seeding (www.sub5.com)
February 17, 2012	Final Seeding Posted (www.sub5.com)
February 20, 2012	Class B State Championships, Bates College Director: Adam Mayo, 10:00 a.m. email: emtsportsmedic@hotmail.com
February 20, 2012	Class A State Championships, USM, Gorham Director: George Towle, 10:00 a.m. email: gtowle@usm.maine.edu
March 2, 2012	New England Competition, Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center of Roxbury Community College, 5:00 p.m. (www.cnesspa.ezstream.com)

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Eligibility Roster:** The Eligibility Roster is due at the MPA office on January 27, 2012. The form is the official roster of eligible participants. Only those listed may compete.

**Seeding Information:** Seeding information is due on Monday, February 13, 2012 prior to 9:00pm - Class A to Glendon Rand--(runsub5@roadrunner.com) B to David Jeffrey - (djeffrey@breweredu.org). E-mail and fax backup to insure that no mistakes have occurred. They are official documents and the \$35 fine applies for boys and girls if they are not submitted. The only changes made to the 2/15 posting will be e-mailing errors which may be verified by hand data information. If hand backup data has not been supplied, the posting stands.

**Spikes:** All coaches are asked to instruct their competitors to wear rubber-soled running shoes. This MUST be strictly enforced. The wearing of indoor spikes, if allowed, will be determined by the facility. For the state championship meets spikes will be allowed. Bates – ¼” pyramid spikes, USM - 1/8” spikes.

**Shots:** Only indoor shots may be used and must be approved by the Head Field Judge.

**Pole Vault:** Certification forms must be completed prior to the first scheduled meet and be available at all regular season meets. Changes and adjustments must be made

throughout the season. Prior to the start of all meets, the meet director or Pole Vault official/adult will meet with coaches to verify that the athlete's weight and pole match. All coaches must be present prior to the athlete's participation at the start of the event.

- a. Athletic weight certifications are due prior to the start of the verification meeting at all meets.
- b. All vaulters must wear helmets.
- c. All NFHS rules related to pole vault events must be implemented and monitored at all meets.
- d. A sample permission slip is available on the MPA website for parents of vaulters to sign prior to participation.
- e. The official/adult supervising the event will check all poles for proper weight identification and markings.
- f. During the event, the official may randomly check the poles and athletes weight certification for proper match.

**Dressing Rooms:** Since the dressing rooms will be shared, each team must make their own provisions for the care of valuables.

**Coaches:** All coaches working with athletes at the state championship meet must be listed on the coaches eligibility form submitted to the MPA.

*\*Each coach must complete the NFHS "Concussion in Sport – What You Need to Know" video that is available at the NFHS website ([www.nfhslearn.com](http://www.nfhslearn.com)).*

Coaches are responsible for seeing that their competitors are informed of, and comply with, all the information in this Bulletin. Coaches and athletes are guests at the host facility and should treat it with respect. Please adhere to the host facility regulation related to food in the facilities and police your team area prior to departure. Sportsmanship must be a priority for coaches and athletes. Respect must be shown to officials at all times.

**Uniforms/Jewelry Rule:** Each competitor must adhere to the Uniform (Rule 4-3 Art. 1&2) and the Jewelry Rule (Rule 4-3 Art. 3) as outlined in the 2012 NFHS Track & Field Rules Book.

**Uniform Rule:** A visible garment worn under the uniform top or bottom displaying contrasting stitching to the single, solid color of the undergarment and functions as the actual seam of the undergarment's construction is legal. Removing any part of the team uniform, excluding shoes, while in the area of competition as defined by the games committee, is illegal. The competitor shall be warned, and if repeated, disqualified from the event. If additional incidents recur the competitor will be disqualified from further competition in the meet.

**Jewelry Rule:** Jewelry shall not be worn by competitors unless specifically identified in the 2012 NFHS Track & Field Rules Book. For the first violation, the competitor shall be required to remove the jewelry before further competition and be issued a warning that

subsequent violation shall result in a disqualification in the event. The referee shall be notified of the violation by the observing meet official and he/she shall notify the head coach of the offending school of the competitor's violation and warning.

**Conduct of Participants:** The MPA Track Committee reserves the right, at any time, to withdraw from an individual or team the right to compete in the championship meet if the individual or team is guilty of misconduct prior to or during the meet. If, in the opinion of the referee, competitors do not make an "honest effort" in an event in which they are entered, those competitors may be disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct and barred from further participation in that meet and the next regularly scheduled meet.

### **BONA FIDE TEAM RULE**

A member of a school team is a student athlete who is regularly present for and actively participates in team practices and competitions. Bona fide members of a school team are prevented from missing high school practice or competition to compete or practice elsewhere.

\* A single waiver per student athlete per sport season may be granted by the principal on a case-by-case basis for extraordinary circumstances. (e.g. If a student/athlete were invited to participate in a prestigious weekend event then a waiver may be granted. If a student/athlete were invited to participate in a nationally recognized tournament over a school vacation then **that** waiver may be granted for that activity. If a student requests to miss practice every Friday because he/she is receiving specialized coaching from an outside team/coach, then a waiver should not be granted **because it violates the spirit and intent of the rule.**)

\*\* This policy is not intended to restrict dual sport participation in schools that allow dual participation.

\*\*\* Penalty for violation of this policy:

1<sup>st</sup> Violation Report violation to MPA office, suspension from play for one game/contest

2<sup>nd</sup> Violation Report violation to MPA office, removal from team for remainder of season

(Effective Date: 2011)

### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR MPA INDOOR TRACK CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**Qualifying:** Prior to the 2012 season each school must submit a schedule containing no more than eight meets, this would include the league championship meet. Leagues which have no jump facilities available on site may hold up to six jump meets, (three

girls and three boys) for the long jump, triple jump, and pole vault events to allow athletes to qualify for the state meet.

Schools may list events such as the Bowdoin Relays or Dartmouth Relays as one of their eight team events for the athletes to qualify for the state meet. Athletes who participate as individuals may NOT qualify for the state meet unless it is one of the eight team meets (and the coach attends the meet with him/her). Meets listed on your schedule are the only meets at which an athlete may qualify for the state meet. All other exhibition meets, etc. do not count.

**Rules:** 2012 National Federation Track and Field Rules and the Official Case Book situation rulings together with MPA Terms and Conditions set forth in this Bulletin are in effect. Each site shall establish a Games Committee which shall include the Meet Director, Meet Referee, MPA representative(s), and three coaches. The Games Committee duties and responsibilities are enumerated in the National Federation Officials Manual. Each Games Committee shall appoint a Jury of Appeals which shall serve as the final authority in appeals that fall within its jurisdiction as defined by the National Federation Rules. The Jury of Appeals shall consist of three officials chosen from the officials of the meet, an MPA representative(s) **and one coach**. The Track Committee reserves the right to review upon request any decision made by the Jury of Appeals but may not overturn final scoring results of the meet.

## **ENTRIES**

**Number of Entries:** A school may enter as many athletes per event that have qualified.

**Seeding:** Times and distances reported on the event entry form will be used for seeding purposes. If there are not enough competitors to fill the field (12), the field will be filled by the next best qualified (provisional) entries (including ties). **Entry forms are due by February 13, 2012 by 9:00pm.** No changes or additions will be accepted after February 13<sup>th</sup>. Coaches who wish to have an athlete entered must enter them on the event entry form. **This includes provisional athletes.** The MPA depends upon and expects careful and accurate seeding practices by all coaches.

**Seeding Responsibilities:** Individuals seeding the indoor track meet will adhere to the following guidelines:

1. They will not contact coaches/schools who have not entered events for which they have qualified.
2. Prepare a list of schools that do not submit forms on the assigned day (\$35).
3. If questions arise, the committee chair will be contacted.
4. No corrections to submitted seeds will be made without contacting the committee chair.
5. We ask the person doing data entry to question performances which may not be verified.

**Scoring:** First through seventh places will be scored.

**Event Entry:** A competitor may enter any three events.

**Relays:** In relay events, a school may list up to eight members of the team to compete.

### **FIELD EVENTS**

**Shotput, Long Jump, and Triple Jump:** During trials and finals, competitors with the best distances will perform last. It is recommended that the vector for the shotput be set at 34.92%.

**Pole Vault and High Jump:** A competitor is not a qualifier until a height has been made. A competitor may pass to any height. Athletes will compete in order of “worst to best.”

### **RUNNING EVENTS**

**200, 400, 800, Mile and Two Mile Run:** These events will be run as final races, scheduled below, by sections if necessary. Fast (seeded) sections will compete last. Once sections are determined, lanes will be assigned by performance (time).

In the two mile run each team is required to provide one responsible adult to serve as a lap counter during the race.

**Hurdles and Dash:** Once heats are set up, preferred lanes are determined by time. The eight fastest times will advance to the finals. Lanes in the finals will be determined at the trials.

In the running of the 200m event Lane 1 will not be used. Preferred lane assignment in the 200m shall be; Lane 4/Lane 5/Lane 3/Lane 6/Lane 2.

**Relays:** The 4 x 800 meter relay and the 4 x 200 meter relay will be seeded by submitted times.

In the 4 x 800 meter relay each team is required to provide one responsible adult to serve as a lap counter during the race.

In the running of the 4 x 200m event Lane 1 will not be used. Preferred lane assignment in the 4 x 200m shall be; Lane 4/Lane 5/Lane 3/Lane 6/Lane 2.

**Time Schedules:** Each coach is responsible to see that his entries report to the various events as they appear in the Order of Events. Coaches must instruct their competitors to find out if they have qualified in events where semifinals or finals are being run. Competitors not reporting to the event will be scratched. Meet officials are not responsible to look for, call or wait for late competitors.

**Scratches:** Any athlete who is scratched from an event or fails to show for an event for which they have been entered shall be immediately ineligible from further competition in that meet with the exception of both relays. All prior performances shall not be affected and will stand.

**Inquiries, Complaints, and Appeals:** Coaches may direct their complaints to the Referee (rules) or the Meet Director (entries or conduct of the meet). Officials' judgments are not appealable, but if rules are thought to have been misapplied, a written appeal stating the rule or terms and conditions in question (form provided by the Meet Director) may be submitted for consideration by the Jury of Appeals. The form must be completed and submitted to the Jury with the \$35 fee. The coach may then add any additional pertinent data and will leave as a decision is made. If the decision is in favor of the complainant, the \$35 fee will be refunded. **Coaches and athletes are advised that the appeals procedure should be used judiciously. Unsporting conduct may result in disqualification from the meet.**

**Qualifying Standards:** The following standards for running events are for times achieved from fully automatic timing systems. A fully automatic timing system is one where the firing of the gun starts the system and a camera hooked to a computer figures the finish time. If you do not use an F.A.T. system you must convert times in the following manner: first round the time up to the nearest tenth of a second and then add .24 seconds to the time, e.g. if the hand held time in the 200 is 23.71, first round to 23.8 and then add .24 to get a time for seeding purposes of 24.04.

(Tentative)

<b>2012 QUALIFYING STANDARDS - BOYS</b>				
Event	Boys	Boys Expo	Hand Held	Automatic
Shot Put	41' 6"	41' 6"		
High Jump	5' 8"	5' 8"		
Long Jump	18' 9"			
Triple Jump	38' 6"			
Pole Vault	11' 0"			
55 HH	9.00	6.6	+2.40	+2.20
55 Dash	7.10	4.9	+2.20	+2.00
200 Dash	25.20	26.4	-1.2	
400 Dash	55.90	57.7	-1.8	
800 Run	2:11.00	2:13.7	-2.7	
1 Mile Run	4:55.00	5:01.0	-6.0	
2 Mile Run	10:40.00	10:50.0	-10.0	

(Tentative)

<b>2012 QUALIFYING STANDARDS - GIRLS</b>				
Event	Girls	Girls Expo	Hand Held	Automatic
Shot Put	29' 6"	29' 6"		
High Jump	4' 8"	4' 8"		
Long Jump	14' 9"			
Triple Jump	31' 0"			
Pole Vault	8' 0"			
55 HH	10.10	7.5	+2.60	+2.40
55 Dash	8.00	5.5	+2.50	+2.30
200 Dash	28.90	29.7	-0.8	
400 Dash	1:07.50	1:08.7	-1.2	
800 Run	2:38.50	2:41.2	-2.7	
1 Mile Run	6:00.00	6:06.0	-6.0	
2 Mile Run	13:00.00	13:10.0	-10.0	

## ORDER OF EVENTS

10:00 a.m. – Start of Championship Meet

Girls 4X800m Relay  
Boys 4X800m Relay  
55 M. Hurdles Prelim Girls  
55 M. Hurdles Prelim Boys  
55 M. Dash Prelim Girls  
55 M. Dash Prelim Boys  
55 M. Hurdles Final Girls  
55 M. Hurdles Final Boys  
55 M. Dash Final Girls  
55 M. Dash Final Boys  
One Mile (timed sections if necessary) Girls  
One Mile (timed sections if necessary) Boys  
400 M. Run (timed sections if necessary) Girls  
400 M. Run (timed sections if necessary) Boys  
800 M. Run (timed sections if necessary) Girls  
800 M. Run (timed sections if necessary) Boys  
200 M. Dash (on time) Girls  
200 M. Dash (on time) Boys  
Two Mile Run Girls (timed sections if necessary)  
Two Mile Run Boys (timed sections if necessary)  
4X200m Relay Girls  
4X200m Relay Boys

### FIELD EVENTS

Shot Put Boys  
High Jump Boys  
Long Jump Girls  
Pole Vault Girls  
Long Jump Boys\*  
High Jump Girls  
Shot Put Girls  
Pole Vault Boys\*  
Triple Jump Girls\*  
Triple Jump Boys\*

\* Denotes events which will be started earlier whenever possible.

Events will run according to the order of events with time determined by the number of entries and facilities' limitations.

## INDOOR TRACK CLASSIFICATION

CLASS A <u>745+</u>	CLASS B <u>0-744</u>	
Bangor	Bangor Christian*	Morse*
Biddeford	Belfast	Mt. Desert
Bonny Eagle	Bucksport	Mt. View
Brewer	Camden Hills*	North Yarmouth
Brunswick	Cape Elizabeth	<b>Oceanside</b>
Cheverus (15)	Central	Old Orchard*
Cony	Ellsworth	Old Town
Deering	Erskine	Orono
Edward Little	Falmouth	Poland
Gorham	Foxcroft	St. Dominic
<b>Hampden</b>	Freeport	Sumner
Kennebunk*	Fryeburg*	Traip
Lawrence	Gardiner	Waterville
Lewiston	Gray-New Gloucester	Wells
Massabesic*	Greely	Winslow
Messalonskee*	Hall Dale*	Yarmouth
Mt. Ararat	Hermon	York
Mt. Blue*	Hyde	
Noble	John Bapst	
Portland	Lake Region	
Sanford*	Leavitt	
Scarborough	Lee*	
Skowhegan	Lincoln	
South Portland	Lisbon (B)	
Thornton	Madison*	
Westbrook	Maine Central Institute*	
Windham	Mattanawcook	
	McAuley (G)	
	Medomak*	

\* Denotes Individuals

## **NEW ENGLAND COMPETITION**

The 24th Annual New England Interscholastic Boys' and Girls' Indoor Track and Field Championships will be held Friday, March 2, 2012, at the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center, Roxbury Community College, Boston, MA.

Coaches of athletes who place (1-7) in each event should be prepared to forward status of their entries to George Mendros (george.mendros@thorntonacademy.org) no later than Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Qualifiers will be posted on Sub 5 the next day (Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>). Athletes who are not submitted by their coach will not be seeded.

Athletes will be selected based on the results of state competition. **The champion in each event for Class A and B and the next four best finishers will represent the state.** Maine will be allowed to have six athletes and relay teams in each event. Pole vault and triple jump are not events and the 300, 600m, and 1000m races replace Maine's 200m, 400m, and 800m races. Each athlete will be allowed to participate in three races/events or relays. [Athletes' selection and notification will be handled by George Mendros (home phone -282-5065 or george.mendros@thorntonacademy.org). Appeals of George's decisions will be handled by the Indoor Track Committee Chairperson.] Every effort is made to fill the field with only state scoring athletes.

The MPA will enter all qualified athletes. Information will be distributed to all coaches in their post season event championship packets and posted on the MPA and New England Council web pages. It is the parents' or school's responsibility to pay all fees, transportation, lodging, etc., for the athletes and coach.

The school, which the qualifying athlete attends, has an automatic waiver of the Sport Season Policy for the athlete. A coach may work with the qualifying athlete prior to the event and coach the athlete at the New England Competition. If a Saturday competition should be postponed to Sunday for any reason, Maine's athletes will **not** be allowed to compete.

A coach who holds current coach's eligibility status must be present and assume responsibility for a school's athlete(s) at the New England Competition.

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