

NIAA TRACK & FIELD COACHES ADVISORY MEETING
January 24, 2007
Meeting Minutes

Committee Members in Attendance

Jim Gleason, Smith Valley (1A North)
Bill Harris, Lund (1A South)
Dave Smith, ROP (2A North)
Rock Pillsbury, The Meadows (2A South)
Warren Mills, North Tahoe (3A North)
Jason Odegard, Pahrump Valley (3A South)

Ed Parise, Galena (4A North)
John Dixon, Del Sol (4A South)
Mike O'Dea, Palo Verde (4A South)
Paul Blackard, SNOA
Lynn Mentzer, NNOA

Others: **Ray Mathis**, NIAA Board of Control President

Meeting Agenda included:

Upcoming Spring Calendar, New NFHS Rules and Points of Emphasis (POE), NIAA Handbook and Reference manual regulation review, 2005-2006 events review and 2006-2007 schedule changes, Class 4A Southern Nevada region qualifying procedures, Realignment proposal and State Meet format (2009-2012), State Medals

Meeting Recap:

Thank you again for your time, energy and effort yesterday in serving on our NIAA track and field coaches advisory committee. I hope we all agree that the sharing of information and ideas made for a productive and educational meeting.

Here is a quick recap of the main items you should share with the coaches in your respective league/region:

1. FYI -- Please fax (775-688-6466) the per diem sheet if you need to get reimbursed for any of your travel needs (mileage, parking fee, etc.). Please contact me if you need another form.
2. The post-season meet information packets will be posted on our web site, www.niaa.com, by the first week of April, or soon after I have a chance to review the schedule with our various meet directors.

In general, the a) 1A-2A-3A Northern League meet will be held May 11-12 at Lowry High School in Winnemucca following the state meet format; the b) 1A-2A-3A Southern League meet will be held May 11-12 at Faith Lutheran High School in Las Vegas also following the state meet format (same as used last few years); the c) 4A Northern Region meet will be held May 5 & 12 at Damonte Ranch High School in Reno using the same format as last year and the d) 4A Sunrise and Sunset region meets will be held May 8, 9 & 11 at Del Sol High School in Las Vegas using the same format as last year.

3. Coaches should be aware that all rules / regulations / information, new rules (changes) and points of emphasis for 2007 can be found on the national federation's web site, www.nfhs.org. The biggest changes are the 34.92-degree throwing sector for the shot put / discus and the zero point for the pole vault box.

4. The NIAA Handbook can be found on our web site, www.niaa.com. As we discussed, the NIAA's maximum meet limit is 14 plus two invitational... thus, 16 total. And, as we discussed, we have interpreted that to be for individuals more than the team in general. That is to say a team will not be penalized for three meets by sending a JV squad to one place, the varsity squad to another place and an elite athlete or two to yet another place on the same day. We will work to clarify that rule in our Handbook.

5. The NIAA's Reference Manual -- the league / state qualifying numbers and general information -- can be found on our web site and also at the top of the track & field page on our web site.

6. The Friday - Saturday schedule for the state meet will flip-flop from last year. We will discuss next time about keeping the flip-flop of days in a two-year block. The protest fee will be \$50 at the state meet, \$25 at the league/region meet. Also, in going back to the schedule, the 3200s and 1600 relays will be re-ordered with regards to the 1A/2A and 3A/4A sections.

7. Finally, as a friendly reminder, the NIAA's Board of Control will vote on realignment and meet formats this March (or June). I will carry the following track & field coaches proposal to the table and superintendents meeting:

1A -- Keep separate and with eight spots in the state meet.

2A -- Keep separate and with eight spots in the state meet.

3A -- Continue with eight spots in the state meet.

4A -- Increase to 15 places (5 per region) in the state meet but keep with a two-day format (to match the 1A, 2A & 3A) involving section finals.

Again, thank you for all your assistance and cooperation. Please feel free to call if you have any additional questions, comments and/or concerns.

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