



Division Expansion Officiating Related Changes

2026 Track & Field



Housekeeping Items

- All of this content will also be sent out via email to all officials. Questions
 - Please **DO** ask questions to help you and others understand the change or its implementation.
 - Please **DO NOT** debate rules or discuss not liking them during this meeting. We can have that conversation later.





District Tournaments

- Divisions 2-5
- No increase in the total number of district meets

Regionals & Super Regionals

- Divisions 2-5 Regionals
 - 3 regions per division
 - Advance top 5 from each region plus 3 at large
- Division 1
 - 4 super regions
 - Advance top 4 from each region, plus 2 at large
- 16 total regional meets
- As much of the officiating burden as possible was shifted to Saturday.



State Tournament

- Four days

Seated Events

- Added to the regional in 2026
- Added to the district in 2027
- Will compete Friday/Saturday at the state meet.

Time Schedule / Order Of Events

- District order of events is mandatory with a rolling schedule for semifinals.
- District finals follow a mandatory time schedule.
- Regional semifinals follow a mandatory time schedule.
- Games Committee can still make changes due to weather.



Tournament Structure

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						May 9 MS Final Day of Qualifying
OHSAA 10 MS Declaration Window Opens 10:45am	OHSAA 11 MS Declaration Window Opens 10:45am	OHSAA 12 MS Declaration Window Closes 7:00am	OHSAA 13 MS Declaration Window Closes 7:00am	OHSAA 14 MS Declaration Window Closes 7:00am	OHSAA 15 MS Declaration Window Closes 7:00am	OHSAA 16 D2-5 District Registration Deadline 11:59pm D1 Super Regional Registration Deadline 11:59pm MS State Meet - 2 Divisions
OHSAA 17 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹	OHSAA 18 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹	OHSAA 19 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹	OHSAA 20 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹	OHSAA 21 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹	OHSAA 22 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹	OHSAA 23 D1 Super Regional Prelim ¹
OHSAA 24 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day	OHSAA 25 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day	OHSAA 26 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day	OHSAA 27 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day	OHSAA 28 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day	OHSAA 29 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day	OHSAA 30 Divisions 2-5 District Tournament Semifinals & Finals Memorial Day
OHSAA 31 D1 Final & Field Events D2 Final & Field Events	OHSAA June 1 State Meet Set Up	OHSAA 2 State Meet Set Up NO TEAM PREVIEW ²	OHSAA 3 D4 Semifinal & Field Events D5 Semifinal & Field Events HS State Meet	OHSAA 4 Officials Clinic D3 Semifinal & Field Events D4 Final & Field Events D5 Final & Field Events Seated Shot & Track Semi	OHSAA 5 Officials Clinic D2 Semifinal & Field Events D3 Semifinal & Field Events D4 Final & Field Events Seated Shot & Track Semi	OHSAA 6 Officials Clinic D1 Semifinal & Field Events D2 Semifinal & Field Events D3 Semifinal & Field Events Seated Shot & Track Semi
1: D1 Super Regional Prelims will be held on May 19, UNLESS the District Athletic Board in the area of the regional is holding District Tournaments on May 19 causing an officiating shortage. In that instance, the D1 Super Regional will be held on May 18 in those Athletic Districts ONLY. 2: There will be NO team preview at the State Championship. A drone video will be produced and provided to qualifying teams. High school tournament schedules, advancement, tournament regulations, etc. will be provided in late January.						



2026 Division 2 - 5 District Track & Field Order & Timing of Events

Day 1 Semifinal	Day 2 Finals
Running Events Girls 4x800 Final Boys 4x800 Final Girls 1000H Semi Boys 1100H Semi Girls 100 Semi Boys 100 Semi Girls 4x200 Semi* Boys 4x200 Semi* Girls 1600 Semi* Boys 1600 Semi* Girls 4x100 Semi* Boys 4x100 Semi* Girls 400 Semi Boys 400 Semi Girls 300H Semi Boys 300H Semi Girls 800 Semi** Boys 800 Semi** Girls 200 Semi Boys 200 Semi Girls 3200 Final Boys 3200 Final Girls 4x400 Semi Boys 4x400 Semi	Field Events Girls Shot Boys Shot Girls Disc Boys Disc Girls Long Jump Boys Long Jump Girls Pole Vault Boys Pole Vault Girls 4x100 Boys 4x100 Girls 1600 Boys 1600 Girls 4x100 Boys 4x100 Girls 400 Boys 400 Girls 300H Boys 300H Girls 800 Boys 800 Girls 200 Boys 200 Girls 4x400 Boys 4x400

All District meets shall follow the above order of events unless the District Athletic Board has received approval for an alternative schedule due to their meeting operating under a different format such as competing all field events on a single day or changes needed due to expected weather.



2026 Division 1 Super Regional Track & Field Order & Timing of Events

Prelim May 18 or 19*	Semifinal May 28	Final May 30
Running Events 4x800 Semi* 1000H/1100H Prelim 100 Prelim 4x200 Prelim** 1600 Semi** 4x100M Prelim** 400 Prelim** 3000 Prelim 800 Semi* 200 Prelim* 3200 Semi** 4x400M Prelim**	Running Events 0:00 Girls 4x800 Final 0:15 Boys 4x800 Final 0:30 Girls 1000H Semi 0:40 Boys 1100H Semi 0:50 Girls 100 Semi 0:55 Boys 100 Semi 1:02 Girls 4x200 Semi* 1:15 Boys 4x200 Semi* 1:30 Girls 4x100 Semi* 1:42 Boys 4x100 Semi* 1:55 Girls 400 Semi 2:05 Boys 400 Semi 2:15 Girls 300H Semi 2:25 Boys 300H Semi 2:35 Girls 200 Semi 2:40 Boys 200 Semi 2:45 Girls 3200 Final 3:00 Boys 3200 Final 3:15 Girls 4x400 Semi* 3:35 Boys 4x400 Semi*	Running Events 0:00 Girls 100H 0:05 Boys 110H 0:10 Girls 100 0:12 Boys 100 Seated 100 0:18 Girls 4x200 0:25 Boys 4x200 0:35 Girls 1600 0:43 Boys 1600 0:50 Girls 4x100 0:57 Boys 4x100 1:05 Girls 400 1:07 Boys 400 Seated 400 1:10 Girls 300H 1:15 Boys 300H 1:20 Girls 800 1:25 Boys 800 Seated 800 1:30 Girls 200 1:35 Boys 200 1:55 Girls 4x400 2:00 Boys 4x400
No Field Events	Field Events Girls Shot Boys Shot Girls Disc Boys Disc Girls Long Jump Boys Long Jump Girls Pole Vault Boys Pole Vault Girls High Jump Boys High Jump Seated Shot Girls Shot Boys Shot Girls Disc Boys Disc Girls Long Jump Boys Long Jump Girls Pole Vault Boys Pole Vault	Field Events Start 120min prior to running Girls Shot Boys Shot Girls Disc Boys Disc Girls Long Jump Boys Long Jump Girls Pole Vault Boys Pole Vault

Notes:
*Must be a three-act semi final if less than 24 teams are entered in the prelim.

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Thursday June 4

Group A Field Events - Div. 5
1:00 PM: B. Discus, B. Long Jump, G. Shot Put, G. High Jump
2:00 PM: B. Pole Vault
Group B Field Events - Div. 4
3:00 PM: G. Pole Vault
4:00 PM: G. Discus, G. Long Jump, B. Shot Put, B. High Jump
Division 4 Running Finals
12:30 PM: Girls 4x800
12:45 PM: Boys 4x800
2:55 PM: Girls 3200
3:10 PM: Boys 3200

Division 4 Running Semifinals
1:00 PM: Girls 100H
1:10 PM: Boys 110H
1:20 PM: Girls 100
1:25 PM: Boys 100
1:32 PM: Girls 4x200
1:42 PM: Boys 4x200
1:55 PM: Girls 4x100
2:00 PM: Boys 4x100
2:05 PM: Girls 400D
2:15 PM: Boys 400D
2:25 PM: Girls 300H
2:35 PM: Boys 300H
2:45 PM: Girls 200
2:50 PM: Boys 200
3:25 PM: Girls 4x400
3:35 PM: Boys 4x400

Division 5 Running Finals
4:15 PM: Girls 4x800
4:30 PM: Boys 4x800
6:40 PM: Girls 3200
6:55 PM: Boys 3200
Division 5 Running Semifinals
4:45 PM: Girls 100H
4:55 PM: Boys 110H
5:05 PM: Girls 100
5:10 PM: Boys 100
5:17 PM: Girls 4x200
5:27 PM: Boys 4x200
5:40 PM: Girls 4x100
5:45 PM: Boys 4x100
5:50 PM: Girls 400
6:00 PM: Boys 400
6:10 PM: Girls 300H
6:20 PM: Boys 300H
6:30 PM: Girls 200
6:35 PM: Boys 200
7:10 PM: Girls 4x400
7:20 PM: Boys 4x400



Friday June 5

Group C Field Events - Div. 4
9:30 AM: B. Discus, B. Long Jump, G. Shot Put, G. High Jump, B. Pole Vault
11:30 AM: Seated Shot Put
Group D Field Events - Div. 5
12:00 PM: G. Pole Vault
1:00 PM: G. Discus, G. Long Jump, B. Shot Put, B. High Jump
Group E Field Events - Div. 3
3:30 PM: B. Pole Vault
4:30 PM: B. Discus, B. Long Jump, G. Shot Put, G. High Jump
Division 3 Running Finals
9:30 AM: Girls 4x800
9:45 AM: Boys 4x800
11:55 AM: Girls 3200
12:10 PM: Boys 3200

Division 3 Running Semifinals
10:00 AM: Girls 100H
10:10 AM: Boys 110H
10:20 AM: Girls 100
10:25 AM: Boys 100
10:32 AM: Girls 4x200
10:42 AM: Boys 4x200
10:55 AM: Girls 4x100
11:00 AM: Boys 4x100
11:05 AM: Girls 400
11:15 AM: Boys 400
11:25 AM: Girls 300
11:35 AM: Boys 300H
11:45 AM: Girls 200
11:50 AM: Boys 200
12:25 PM: Girls 4x400
12:35 PM: Boys 4x400

Division 4 Running Finals
2:00 PM: Girls 100H
2:05 PM: Boys 110H
2:10 PM: Girls 100
2:12 PM: Boys 100
Seated 100 Semifinal (if needed)
2:18 PM: Girls 4x200
2:25 PM: Boys 4x200
2:35 PM: Girls 1600
2:43 PM: Boys 1600
2:50 PM: Girls 4x100
2:57 PM: Boys 4x100
3:05 PM: Girls 400
3:07 PM: Boys 400
3:10 PM: Girls 300
3:15 PM: Boys 300
3:20 PM: Girls 800
3:25 PM: Boys 800
Seated 800 Semifinal (if needed)
3:30 PM: Girls 200
3:35 PM: Boys 200
3:55 PM: Girls 4x400
4:00 PM: Boys 4x400

Division 5 Running Finals
4:45 PM: Girls 100H
4:50 PM: Boys 110H
4:55 PM: Girls 100
4:57 PM: Boys 100
5:03 PM: Girls 4x200
5:10 PM: Boys 4x200
5:20 PM: Girls 1600
5:28 PM: Boys 1600
5:35 PM: Girls 4x100
5:42 PM: Boys 4x100
5:50 PM: Girls 400
5:52 PM: Boys 400D
Seated 400 Semifinal (if needed)
5:55 PM: Girls 300
6:00 PM: Boys 300
6:05 PM: Girls 800
6:10 PM: Boys 800
6:15 PM: Girls 200
6:20 PM: Boys 200
6:40 PM: Girls 4x400
6:45 PM: Boys 4x400

All Day: Officials State Meet Clinic

Saturday June 6

Group F Field Events - Div. 3
9:30 AM: G. Discus, G. Long Jump, B. Shot Put, B. High Jump, G. Pole Vault
Group G Field Events - Div. 2
12:00 PM: G. Pole Vault
1:00 PM: B. Discus, B. Long Jump, G. Shot Put, G. High Jump
Group H Field Events - Div. 1
3:30 PM: G. Pole Vault
4:30 PM: G. Discus, G. Long Jump, B. Shot Put, B. High Jump

Division 1 Running Finals
9:30 AM: Girls 4x800
9:45 AM: Boys 4x800
11:55 PM: Girls 3200
12:10 PM: Boys 3200
Division 1 Running Semifinals
10:00 AM: Girls 100H
10:10 AM: Boys 110H
10:20 AM: Girls 100
10:25 AM: Boys 100
Seated 100 Final
10:32 AM: Girls 4x200
10:42 AM: Boys 4x200
10:55 AM: Girls 4x100
11:00 AM: Boys 4x100
11:05 AM: Girls 400
11:15 AM: Boys 400
11:25 AM: Girls 300H
11:35 AM: Boys 300H
11:45 AM: Girls 200
11:50 PM: Boys 200
12:25 PM: Girls 4x400
12:35 PM: Boys 4x400

Division 2 Running Finals
2:00 PM: Girls 4x800
2:15 PM: Boys 4x800
4:25 PM: Girls 3200
4:40 PM: Boys 3200
Division 2 Running Semifinals
2:30 PM: Girls 100H
2:40 PM: Boys 110H
2:50 PM: Girls 100
2:55 PM: Boys 100
3:02 PM: Girls 4x200
3:12 PM: Boys 4x200
3:25 PM: Girls 4x100
3:30 PM: Boys 4x100
3:35 PM: Girls 400
3:45 PM: Boys 400
Seated 400 Final
3:55 PM: Girls 300
4:05 PM: Boys 300
4:15 PM: Girls 200
4:20 PM: Boys 200

Division 3 Running Finals
5:45 PM: Girls 100H
5:50 PM: Boys 110H
5:55 PM: Girls 100D
5:57 PM: Boys 100D
6:03 PM: Girls 4x200
6:10 PM: Boys 4x200
6:20 PM: Girls 1600 R
6:28 PM: Boys 1600R
6:35 PM: Girls 4x100
6:42 PM: Boys 4x100
6:50 PM: Girls 400D
6:52 PM: Boys 400D
6:55 PM: Girls 300H
7:00 PM: Boys 300H
7:05 PM: Girls 800R
7:10 PM: Boys 800R
Seated 800 Final
7:15 PM: Girls 200D
7:20 PM: Boys 200D
7:40 PM: Girls 4x400
7:45 PM: Boys 4x400

All Day: Officials State Meet Clinic

Sunday June 7

Group I Field Events - Div. 1
9:30 AM: B. Discus, B. Long Jump, G. Shot Put, G. High Jump, B. Pole Vault
Group J Field Events - Div. 2
12:00 PM: G. Pole Vault
1:00 PM: G. Discus, G. Long Jump, B. Shot Put, B. High Jump

Division 1 Running Finals
9:30 AM: Girls 100H
9:35 AM: Boys 110H
9:40 AM: Girls 100
9:42 AM: Boys 100
9:48 AM: Girls 4x200
9:55 AM: Boys 4x200
10:05 AM: Girls 1600
10:13 AM: Boys 1600
10:20 AM: Girls 4x100
10:27 AM: Boys 4x100
10:35 AM: Girls 400
10:37 AM: Boys 400
10:40 AM: Girls 300H
10:45 AM: Boys 300H
10:50 AM: Girls 800
10:55 AM: Boys 800
11:00 AM: Girls 200
11:05 AM: Boys 200
11:25 AM: Girls 4x400
11:30 AM: Boys 4x400

Division 2 Running Finals
1:00 PM: Girls 100H
1:05 PM: Boys 110H
1:10 PM: Girls 100
1:12 PM: Boys 100
1:18 PM: Girls 4x200
1:25 PM: Boys 4x200
1:35 PM: Girls 1600
1:43 PM: Boys 1600
1:50 PM: Girls 4x100
2:57 PM: Boys 4x100
2:05 PM: Girls 400
2:07 PM: Boys 400
2:10 PM: Girls 300H
2:15 PM: Boys 300H
2:20 PM: Girls 800
2:25 PM: Boys 800
2:30 PM: Girls 200
2:35 PM: Boys 200
2:55 PM: Girls 4x400
3:00 PM: Boys 4x400





Minimum Distance Measurement Lines, Starting Heights & Progressions

District: Minimum Distance Measurement Lines

- Mandatory when there are **34+** plus entries.
- Line will be at the distance **50%** of the entries can achieve.
- All athletes will receive a measurement on first legal attempt regardless of if they meet the distance.
- When 33 or less, games committee may still use MDML

District: Starting Heights & Progressions

- When **24+** in High Jump or **18+** in Pole Vault
- Starting height shall be the height achievable by **60%** of the entries
- 1', 6'', & 4'' increments may be used; 3'' increments may not be used in the Pole Vault



D1 Super Regional: Minimum Distance Measurement Lines

- Mandatory.
- Line will be at the distance **50%** of the entries can achieve.
- All athletes will receive a measurement on first legal attempt regardless of if they meet the distance.

D1 Super Regional: Starting Heights & Progressions

- Mandatory.
- Starting height shall be the height achievable **by 60%** of the entries
- 1', 6'', & 4'' increments may be used; 3'' increments may not be used in the Pole Vault



D2-5 Regional: Minimum Distance Measurement Lines

- Minimum Distance Measurement Lines will **NOT** be used.

D2-5 Regional: Starting Heights & Progressions

- Starting height will be the height that be achieved by **80%** of the field.
- 1', 6'', & 4'' increments may be used; 3'' increments may not be used in the Pole Vault.

State Meet (All Divisions)

- Minimum Distance Measurement Lines will **NOT** be used.
- Starting height and progressions set by the games committee.
- No 3'' increments in the Pole Vault



Overall Officiating Changes

Geographic Representation

- **Temporarily** suspended

Rotations

- **Temporarily** suspended

Pay

- Regional
 - Unchanged
- State
 - By division, not by day.
 - \$15 meal stipend for those mandated in on Wednesday evening
- 7th & 8th Grade State
 - By division, not by day.



Maximum Officials Allowed

- Long Jump maximum reduced from 4 officials to 3.
- High jump maximum reduced from 3 officials to 2
- Pole Vault maximum reduced from 3 to 2
- Umpires' maximum reduced to from 13 to 9, minimum moves from 9 to 5
 - In addition 1 Marshall and 4 Zone Chiefs = 14 total umpires
- Wind gauge, finish judge, timer, & awards are **NOT** officiating positions.

Rotations

- Some leadership officials will be rotated back in temporarily.



Regional Sites

Division 1 (Prelim: Mon 5-18/Tue 5-19 | Semi & Final: Thur 5-28 /Sat 5-30)

- Region 1: Pickerington North (Mon)
- Region 2: North Royalton (Tues)
- Region 3: Mason (Tues)
- Region 4: Huber Heights Wayne (Tues)

Division 2 (Wed 5-27/Fri 5-29)

- Region 5: Lexington
- Region 6: North Royalton
- Region 7: Troy

Division 3 (Thur 5-28 /Sat 5-30)

- Region 8: Muskingum
- Region 9: Austintown Fitch
- Region 10: Piqua

Division 4 (Wed 5-27/Fri 5-29)

- Region 11: Marion Harding
- Region 12: Austintown Fitch
- Region 13: Chillicothe Southeastern

Region 5 (Thur 5-28 /Sat 5-30)

- Region 14: Cuyahoga Heights
- Region 15: Fostoria
- Region 16: Chillicothe Southeastern

5 Northeast, 4 Southwest, 3 Central, 2 Northwest, 2 Southeast



Position Eliminations

- Eliminate 3 umpire positions, 1 each from zones A, B, & C
- Eliminate Asst. Head Umpire
- Eliminate 2 from the pole vault, one from each crew
- The records tent will be eliminated as we are going fully digital for records at the championship.

Position Additions

- Officials Host (Meet Management Employee)
- 1 Pole Vault Coordinator
- 2 additional Meet Referees (D4 &5)
- 2 Alternate Officials
- Hip numbers will be distributed by student helpers.



Qualifications

- All eligibility standards will still apply: years of service, progressions from regional, evaluations, etc.
- Representation **temporarily** suspended
- Rotation **temporarily** suspended

Days of Service

- For MOST positions, officials will not have to be available for all four days.
- Availability for all days is preferred.

Head Officials Arrival & Meeting

- Head officials will arrive Wednesday evening, be given a hotel room and \$15 meal stipend.
- Breakfast meeting on Thursday morning.
- Officials mandated to the Thursday meeting will be paid for an extra division Thursday.



Venue Set Up

- No walk through for coaches and athletes.
- Field event officials will set up venues Thursday morning.

Officials Mechanics

- A mechanics guide is being developed and will be in place for the state tournament.
- Guide will help ensure consistency with officials rotating in and out.

Rest Period & Position Rotation

- Referees, Clerks, Announcers, Head Field Judges, & Head Umpire will be rotated into rest periods.
- Umpire positions will change Thursday/Friday & Saturday/Sunday
- Head Field Judge will flip Thursday/Friday & Saturday/Sunday



Rotation Example

	Thursday		Friday			Saturday			Sunday	
	D4	D5	D3	D4	D5	D1	D2	D3	D1	D2
Referee 1			Head Umpire		Rest					
Referee 2				Rest				Head Field Judge		
Referee 3					Rest		Head Umpire			
Referee 4							Head Field Judge	Rest		
Referee 5			Head Field Judge			Rest				
Referee Seated				Head Field Judge					Rest	
Announcer A	Rest			Rest			Rest			
Announcer B		Rest			Rest			Rest		
Announcer C			Rest			Rest			Rest	
Clerk A						Rest				
Clerk B					Rest					
Clerk C				Rest						Rest
Clerk D			Rest						Rest	
Clerk E		Rest						Rest		
Clerk F	Rest						Rest			
Head Umpire			Rest				Rest			
	D5	D4	D4	D5	D3	D3	D2	D1	D1	D2
Head Field Judge A			Rest				Rest			
Head Field Judge B				Rest				Rest		



Hotel (51+ Miles)

- Head Officials Meeting
 - Arrive on Wednesday for set up & meeting Thursday morning.
- If the meet starts in the early morning, the official receives a hotel room for the night before.
 - If assigned all four days:
 - Night Provided: Thursday, Friday, & Saturday
 - Optional Self Pay: Sunday
 - If assigned Thursday & Friday only:
 - Nights Provided: Thursday
 - Optional Self Pay: Friday
 - If assigned Saturday & Sunday only
 - Nights Provided: Friday & Saturday.



Meals

- Breakfast provided at hotel for those staying
- Lunch provided each day
- Dinner or Snack: TBD

Officials Clinic

- Friday & Saturday
- \$25 non-refundable deposit
- **MUST** stay with the group to get credit for clinic



Jury Of Appeals

Jury Of Appeals Added To State Championship **ONLY**

- Five-person jury
 - Director of Officiating Development (Chair)
 - Assignor
 - Meet Manager
 - 2 Coaches as appointed by the OHSAA.
 - Per NFHS Rule 3-2-4k the referee cannot be a part of the jury.
- Must first speak to referee about the issue
- Appeal filed within 30minutes
 - Awards tent
- Must meet NFHS Rule 3-5-3&4 & include rules or page references.
- Referee & coach each get 5 minutes to discuss the situation
- Decision of the jury is final
- **NO CHANGES** to the regular season, district, or regional appeals process. All appeals at those meets go to the referee for final review.



Thank You For All You Do!