



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



OHSAA 2026 Track & Field Tournament Schedule

Respect THE GAME

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

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SUBJECT TO CHANGE

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

Day 1 | Semifinal

Running Events	Field Events	Day 2 Finals	Running Events	Field Events
Relay 4x200m	Girls Shot	0:00 Girls 100H	Boys Shot	
Girls 4x200 Final	Boys Disc	0:00 Boys 110H	Girls Disc	
Boys 4x200 Final	Boys Long Jump	0:01 Girls 100H	Boys Long Jump	
Girls 100H Semi	Boys Pole Vault	0:12 Girls 100H	Boys Pole Vault	
Boys 110H Semi	Girls High Jump	0:18 Girls 4x200	Boys High Jump	
Girls 100 Semi		0:25 Boys 4x200		
Boys 100 Semi		0:35 Girls 1600		
Girls 4x200 Semi*		0:43 Boys 1600		
Boys 4x200 Semi*		0:50 Girls 4x100		
Girls 1600 Semi*		0:57 Boys 4x100		
Boys 1600 Semi*		1:05 Girls 400		
Girls 400 Semi*		1:07 Boys 400		
Boys 400 Semi		1:10 Girls 300H		
Girls 400 Semi		1:15 Boys 300H		
Boys 300H Semi		1:20 Girls 800		
Boys 300H Semi		1:25 Boys 800		
Girls 800 Semi*		1:30 Boys 200		
Boys 800 Semi*		1:35 Boys 200		
Boys 200 Semi		1:55 Girls 4x400		
Boys 200 Semi		2:00 Boys 4x400		
Girls 3200 Final				
Boys 3200 Final				
Girls 4x400 Semi				
Boys 4x400 Semi				

Notes:
*Only competition as a semifinal if there are more than 24 entries.
** Only competition as a semifinal if more than 16 entries.
*** If the 1600 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
**** If there are more than 32 entries, @ There must be 25 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ There must be 25 minutes between the start of the first heat of the 1600 regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 800 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 200 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 3200 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 4x400 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 4x400 regardless of if anyone is in both events.

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.

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

Prelim | May 18 or 19*

Running Events	Field Events
4x800 Semi*	
100/110H Prelim	
100 Prelim	
1600 Semi**	
4x100M Prelim**	
4x100M Prelim*	
400 Prelim*	
3000 Prelim	
3200 Semi***	
3200 Semi***	
4x400M Prelim**	

Notes:
*The prelim will be held on May 19 unless a conflict exists with the district meet. Please see the regional director for more information.
**Only if more than 32 entries.
***Only if more than 32 entries.
@ There must be 25 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ There must be 25 minutes between the start of the first heat of the 1600 regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 800 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 200 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 3200 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 400H regardless of if anyone is in both events.
@ If the 4x400 is not competition as a semifinal, there must be 11 minutes between the start of the first heat of the girls 4x400 regardless of if anyone is in both events.

Final | May 30

Running Events	Field Events
0:00 Girls 4x800 Final	0:00 Girls 100H
0:15 Boys 4x800 Final	0:10 Girls 100H
0:30 Girls 100H Semi	0:12 Boys 110H
0:40 Boys 110H Semi	0:15 Girls 100H
0:50 Girls 100 Semi	0:18 Girls 4x200
0:55 Boys 100 Semi	0:25 Boys 4x200
1:02 Girls 4x200 Semi*	0:35 Girls 1600
1:15 Boys 4x200 Semi*	0:43 Boys 1600
1:30 Girls 1600 Semi	0:50 Girls 4x100
1:42 Boys 4x100 Semi*	0:57 Boys 4x100
1:55 Girls 400 Semi	1:05 Girls 400
2:05 Boys 400 Semi	1:07 Boys 400
2:15 Girls 300H Semi	1:07 Seated 400
2:25 Boys 300H Semi	
2:35 Girls 200 Semi	1:10 Girls 300H
2:45 Boys 200 Semi	1:15 Boys 300H
3:00 Boys 3200 Final	1:20 Girls 800
3:15 Girls 4x400 Semi*	1:25 Boys 800
3:35 Boys 4x400 Semi*	1:30 Seated 800
3:45 Boys 4x400	1:35 Girls 200
3:55 Girls 4x400	1:55 Girls 4x400
4:00 PM Boys 4x400	2:00 Boys 4x400

Field Events

Start 120min prior to running

Field Events
Girls Shot
Boys Disc
Boys Long Jump
Boys Pole Vault
Girls High Jump
Seated Shot

Notes:
*Run as a three section semi final if less than 24 teams are entered in the prelim.

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2026 OHSAA Jesse Owens Track & Field State Championships

Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium | The Ohio State University

June 4 - 7, 2026



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
1:00 AM: Seated Shot Put

Group D Field Events - Div. 5
12:00 PM: B. Pole Vault
1:00 PM: G. Discus, G. Long Jump, G. Shot Put, B. High Jump

Group E Field Events - Div. 3
3:30 PM: B. Pole Vault
4:00 PM: B. Discus, G. 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 1 Running Finals
9:30 AM: Girls 4x800
9:45 AM: Boys 4x800
11:55 PM: Girls 3200
12:10 PM: Boys 3200

Division 3 Running Semifinals

Division 1 Running Semifinals

Division 4 Running Finals

Division 2 Running Finals

Division 4 Running Semifinals

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Division 5 Running Finals

Division 3 Running Finals

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Division 9 Running Finals

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Division 10 Running Finals

Division 8 Running Finals

Division 10 Running Semifinals

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Division 11 Running Finals

Division 9 Running Finals

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Division 12 Running Finals

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Division 16 Running Finals

Division 14 Running Finals

Division 16 Running Semifinals

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Division 17 Running Finals

Division 15 Running Finals

Division 17 Running Semifinals

Division 15 Running Semifinals

Division 18 Running Finals

Division 16 Running Finals

Division 18 Running Semifinals

Division 16 Running Semifinals

Division 19 Running Finals

Division 17 Running Finals

Division 19 Running Semifinals

Division 17 Running Semifinals

Division 20 Running Finals

Division 18 Running Finals

Division 20 Running Semifinals

Division 18 Running Semifinals

Division 21 Running Finals

Division 20 Running Finals

Division 21 Running Semifinals

Division 20 Running Semifinals



Respect THE GAME

All Day: Officials State Meet Clinic

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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 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



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.

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			
Head Field Judge A	D5	D4	D4	D5	D3	D3	D2	D1	D1	D2
Head Field Judge B				Rest			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 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!