

TO: Meet Directors—State Track-and-Field Qualification Meets

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SUBJECT: 2008-2009 Outside Qualification Procedures

In 1986, the 3A Conference pioneered the concept the outside qualification process to the state of Arizona, thanks to Chuck Howell (Page).

Over the years, the process and procedures have changed (mostly due to the implementations of technology), but the concept is basically the same. Each region is entitled to four (4) entries to the state meet. And, any athlete or relay team meeting the automatic qualification mark may be entered into the state meet in that event.

In order to be as “green” as possible, the 1A & 3A conferences have adopted a paperless system to manage the outside qualification process. It is outlined in Article 21 of the 3A Conference Bylaws and Constitution.

As meet directors, I am asking the following of the meet directors:

- Make sure you are in compliance of Article 21 of the 3A Conference Constitution and Bylaws. If there are any questions or issues please feel free to contact me (e-mail is generally the best means of contacting me).
- Results must be posted at [www.arizonatrack.com](http://www.arizonatrack.com) including wind readings.
- It is strongly recommended that you use [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com) for online entries and post the results on the website immediately after the event. This is where the 1A & 3A Conference post their official ranking and outside qualification list. The 2A, 4A, and 5A also have an unofficial ranking list on the website as well.
- If a mark is challenged, I may be in a position to ask for the original documents pertaining to that event (Lynx photos, field event score sheets, net weight of the throwing implements used, weight rating of the poles, weigh-in sheet for the pole vault athletes, etc.).

In closing, I want to wish you the best of success for your meet(s).

## **ARTICLE XXI – TRACK AND FIELD**

**21.1 (AIA bylaws 12.1.1)** Final responsibility for the state championship meet shall be vested in the AIA Executive Board. Mechanics and procedures for such tournaments will be determined by the AIA. When feasible to do so, the meet director and/or games committee shall conduct a survey with the conference coaches for the purpose of establishing rules and procedures per NFHS rules. The specific mechanics and procedures for the meet will be outlined in the official AIA Tournament Guide.

**21.2** Each region shall have four (4) automatic entries into the state meet for each individual and relay event. Each region is privileged to determine the process, procedures, and protocol for region qualification. If a region chooses to run a region championship meet, it must be conducted as an outside qualification meet, utilizing [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com) for online entries and the meet management uploading the results back to the website as stipulated by the state meet director.

**21.3** Any athlete or relay team that meets or exceeds the predetermined outside qualification mark at a sanctioned outside qualification meet may be entered into the state meet for that particular event by the school's coaching staff.

**21.4** The criteria for an outside qualification meet shall be outlined in rule 10 of the current NFHS rule book with the following exceptions, additions, or adaptations:

- Only track events requiring wind readings will need Fully Automatic Timing. All other events may use manual timing provided it adheres to current NFHS rules.
- State association officials are required for the following positions: Starter, Head Field Judge, Referee, and the head judge for each field event contested.
- Umpires shall be used in all track events.

**21.5** The conference shall maintain their official ranking list at [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com).

**21.6** In order for a mark to be considered for outside qualification, the mark must be listed on the official ranking list.

**21.7** The outside qualification mark shall be the previous year's 8<sup>th</sup> place mark at the state meet. If there is no 8<sup>th</sup> place mark (or the mark is deemed out of range), then the 8<sup>th</sup> best mark in the preliminaries shall be used.

**21.7** The outside qualification chair shall have the responsibility of verifying all outside qualification marks and shall determine the exact procedure for verification.

**21.8** The state meet director shall serve as the outside qualification chair.

**21.9** The state meet director shall give an official report of the state championship meet to the 3A Conference which shall include any recommendations or revisions for the subsequent year.

# 1A CONFERENCE

## (AIA Bylaws 8.3.2.4) Qualification for the state meet

1. **Inter-Region meet qualification**—each inter-region is entitled to qualify eight (8) athletes and/or relay teams in each event.
2. **Outside qualification**—any athlete or relay team meeting or exceeding the established outside qualification mark in a sanctioned AIA qualification meet may participate in the state meet in that event.

## 2008-09 OUTSIDE QUALIFICATION MARKS

### 1A Conference

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
14.15	100m	12.04
<b>29.22</b>	<b>200m</b>	<b>24.48</b>
68.66	400m	54.96
<b>2:40.69</b>	<b>800m</b>	<b>2:08.94</b>
6:11.81	1600m	4:57.58
<b>12:59.45</b>	<b>3200m</b>	<b>11:04.75</b>
21.43	HH	19.41
<b>55.89</b>	<b>300H</b>	<b>45.26</b>
66.09	4 X 100 Relay	48.67
<b>2:14.85 (800m Sprint Medley)</b>	<b>4 X 400 Relay</b>	<b>3:54.25</b>
15:19.22	4 X 800 Relay	10:03.02
<b>25-08</b>	<b>Shot Put</b>	<b>38-04</b>
71-03	Discus	106-05
<b>4-04</b>	<b>High Jump</b>	<b>5-04</b>
7-06	Pole Vault	7-06
<b>13-04</b>	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>18-05</b>
27.05	Triple Jump	38-00

Outside qualification marks are determined by last year's 8<sup>th</sup> place marks. If there is no 8<sup>th</sup> place mark in the finals (or deemed out-of-range), then the 8<sup>th</sup> place mark from the prelims shall be used.

All times noted are FAT. For manual times, when submitting marks to [www.directathletics.com](http://www.directathletics.com), click on the *manual times* box.

NOTE: 10.81 manual time rounds up to 10.9 + .24 = 11.14 for FAT conversion.

## 3A CONFERENCE

### (AIA Bylaws 8.3.2.4) Qualification for the state meet:

- 1. Region meet qualification**—each region is entitled to qualify four (4) athletes and/or relay teams in each event. NOTE: If a region place winner will not be participating at the state meet, then the 5<sup>th</sup> place winner may participate at the state meet.
- 2. Outside qualification**—any athlete or relay team meeting or exceeding the established outside qualification mark in a sanctioned AIA qualification meet may participate in the state meet in that event.

### 2008-09 OUTSIDE QUALIFICATION MARKS

#### 3A Conference

<u>GIRLS</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>BOYS</u>
13.28	100m	11.63
<b>27.64</b>	<b>200m</b>	<b>23.45</b>
61.75	400m	52.68
<b>2:28.72</b>	<b>800m</b>	<b>2:02.02</b>
5:37.85	1600m	4:38.22
<b>12:37.87</b>	<b>3200m</b>	<b>10:06.42</b>
17.33	HH	16.18
<b>49.83</b>	<b>300H</b>	<b>41.73</b>
54.01	4 X 100 Relay	45.47
<b>4:18.65</b>	<b>4 X 400 Relay</b>	<b>3:34.40</b>
10:34.56	4 X 800 Relay	8:40.17
<b>32-05</b>	<b>Shot Put</b>	<b>45-10</b>
91-01	Discus	124-05
<b>4-08</b>	<b>High Jump</b>	<b>5-10</b>
7-06	Pole Vault	12-00
<b>14-11.25</b>	<b>Long Jump</b>	<b>20-04</b>
30-11.75	Triple Jump	41-05

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6 years ago we used 4<sup>th</sup> place marks. Then, when the South Region had 12 teams and qualified 6, the East and West had 6 teams and qualified 3, and the North had 8 and qualified 4—the games committee quickly discovered the South had an unfair scoring advantage which no other sport had to deal with. In the interest of equity, the games committee opted to lower the qualification standard to 8<sup>th</sup> place.

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