

**TRACK & FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**June 2, 2009**

**Members present: Dave Zittleman, Bismarck; Paul Lean, Fargo; Mike Kuhn, Mandan; Scott Grochow, Rugby; Bobby Hoffner, Leeds; Lisa Svaleson, Fargo; Michelle Orth, Wyndmere; Greg Brown, Watford City**

The committee discussed the deadline for region entries. Some indicated it could be later because of electronic entries. After discussion, it was felt the Thursday noon prior to region track & field meets should stand.

The association was asked to clarify entries cannot exceed the distance limitations. Once entered, it will count as an event as well as a distance if applicable. Example: An athlete is entered in the 1600 and 3200 individual events at the regional meet. The athlete then scratches the 3200 Meter Run to participate in the 4 X 800 relay. This would be in excess of the distance limitation for entries.

The Advisory Committee will be discussing the use of the traditional javelin at the Track & Field Advisory meeting at the NDHSCA convention. It was the feeling of members of the Committee the performances of North Dakota athletes is sub-par to the rest of the country with the use of the rubber-tipped javelin. Also, because of the make-up of the rubber-tipped javelin, they are susceptible to breakage because of the way they land on the surface of the throwing area. It was indicated this recommendation would be with a three-year advance notification to provide time for budget purposes. The spring of 2013 was suggested.

There were no adjustments of qualifying standards as the 2009 season was difficult and did not reflect true performances.

The Committee held an extensive discussion on a state-wide numbering system using the MVP and the Hy-Tek systems together via rosters entered in MVP. Brenda Schell will be studying the process.

**Recommendations:**

1. For Division A, do not count the 4 X 800 Meter Relay as a distance event (19-10 vote)
2. Have the distance limitations in entries be a point of emphasis at the rules clinic. Once entered, a scratch still counts as one of the entries and as one of the distances.
3. State Schedule – Friday, Pole Vault will be scheduled in the first and third sessions. Saturday, Pole Vault will be scheduled at 10:00 and 2:00.
4. Point of Emphasis for the rules clinic is the process for submitting scratches in writing at the region track & field coaches meeting. After all scratches have been declared, they will be made available for coaches for information purposes.