

TRACK & FIELD ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 1, 2011

Members present: Nick Walker, Bismarck; Paul Lean, Fargo; Scott Grochow, Rugby; Darin McKinnon, West Fargo; Greg Brown, Watford City; Rick Hack, Ellendale. Absent: Tim Jacobson, Bismarck; Greg Hoeckle, Carrington

Class A:

1. Move Track & Field season one week later beginning one week later and ending one week later.

Rationale:

- a. Indoor practice too long
- b. Would reduce the overlap from the winter season

2. Set declaration deadline for region entries at noon one day prior to the region meet.

- a. After this time, any scratch will still count as an event in the total number of events allowed plus the distance limitation.
- b. This recommendation eliminates the ability to scratch to replace a relay participant because of injury.

Class B:

1. In preparation for the regional meet, a performance list shall be made available to coaches prior to the pre-region coaches' meeting.

2. With the Class B six-region plan, advance the top 4 from each region to state.

Class A and B:

1. Move the regional meet to Friday to allow Saturday as an alternate day if inclement weather causes a postponement. A Friday regional meet shall begin no earlier than 3:00 p.m.

Rationale:

- a. Safety of the athletes
- b. Also looking at Monday as an optional day if regionals are on a Friday.

2. To be a state-qualifying meet, there must be a minimum of two teams with no minimum for individual entries per event.

Rationale: The requirement of a minimum of three per event is not feasible.

3. Adjust the following qualifying standards:
 - a. Class A and B Girls' 4 X 100 Relay – 52.84
 - b. Class A and B Girls' 4 X 200 Relay – 1:51.54

Discussion:

1. Supply a list of starters on a ballot for selection of region and state starters.
2. Clarify order of attempts in field events. Suggested this be covered with athletes when they check in for competition.
3. Expressed concern for traffic interference at the finish line for the short races. Runners need more room to decelerate. Area needs to be cleared farther back.
4. Leave finish time results on the board longer during the state meet. Proceed at a slower pace while still honoring the schedule.
5. Discuss the possibility of using results from a paper meet to advance athletes from regions if the weather makes it impossible to hold the meet.