Meet Management and How Construction Applies
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Overview

• Types of HS Track and Field Competitions
• Do you have the Right...
• Break down your facility
• Holding an invitational track meet
  • Schedule
  • Staging
  • Warm-Up
  • Competition
Types of Track and Field Competitions

A. Dual Meet or Tri-Meet
   • Between two or three league teams
   • Week days
   • Two Schools (boys and girls)
   • 100-200 total athletes
   • Usually one Heat or Flight or each event
   • 2 hours long
   • 4-8 lane track
League Championships

• Usually 6-12 schools
• Boys and girls,
• Trials and Finals
• Limited entries, maybe 400 total athletes
• Preferred 9-lane track
• Team scoring
Invitational

- School fundraisers during weekends
- State sanctioned meets
- Usually 6-50 schools from your region
- Boys and girls
- Entry standards/limited
- Multiple heats 2-8 sometimes 20
- Certified officials, timing systems, etc
- 300-800 entries
- Full day to multiple day competitions
- 8-9 lane track
Section Championships

• Qualifying meet for State Championships
• 10 sections across CA
• Usually 20-50 schools
• Boys and girls
• Qualify from league meet
• Trails and finals
• Certified officials, timing systems, etc
• 100-300 entries
• Full day to multiple day competitions
• 9 lane track
• Team scoring
State Championships

• Qualify from sectional meets
• 100’s of schools
• Boys and girls
• Trials and Finals
• May take place over two days
• Team scoring
• Parking, spectators, concessions, hotels, restaurants, etc
• Awards, media
• Warm up area
Typical Schedule of Events

• May vary by state or region
• Designed to allow for athletes to participate in more than one event
• Changes for larger meets with prelims/finals
Typical Schedule of Events

• NFHS recommended order (typical meet)
  I.  4x100m
  II. 1600m
  III. Short hurdles
  IV. 100m
  V.  400m
  VI.  long hurdles
  VII. 800m
  VIII. 200m
  IX. 3200m
  X. 4x400m relay
Typical Schedule of Events

• NFHS recommended order (typical meet)
• Field Events
  I. Pole Vault - some leagues/states
  II. Javelin - some leagues/states
  III. Hammer - Some leagues/states
  IV. Discus - Men Followed By Women
  V. Shot Put - Women Followed by Men
  VI. Long Jump - Men Followed by Women
  VII. Triple Jump - Women Followed By Men
  VIII. High Jump
Do you have the right.....
Parking

• **Dual Meet**
  - Small crowds, low 100's
  - Mainly team vans, buses and parents

• **League Championships/Invitationals**
  - Medium crowds, mid to high 100's
  - Mainly team vans, buses, parents and friends

• **Sectional meets**
  - Med to large crowds with High 100's to 1000's
  - Mainly team vans, parents, friends and family

• **State meet**
  - Large crowds in low to mid 1000's
  - Main vans and cars with Parents, family, friends media, coaches, spectators
Access

1. To and from the stadium
   • Pedestrians
   • Cars
   • Buses
   • Rapid transit

2. Around the Stadium
   • Path of Travel for Spectators
   • Coaches
Track Size

- Dual meet
  - 4-9 lanes
- League championship
  - 8-9 lanes
- Invitational
  - 4-10 lanes
- Sectional Championship
  - 9 lanes
- State meet
  - 9 lanes
Field Events

• Single Pits vs Dual Pits
  • LJ/TJ
  • PV
  • HJ
Field Events

• Location Sidelines
  • LJ/TJ
  • PV
  • HJ

• Spectators

• Prevailing Wind
  • During season vs Practice
Field Events

• Location D-Zone
  • LJ/TJ
  • PV
  • HJ
Field Events

• Location of Pits
  • On site/Off Site
  • D-Zone

• Coaches/ Spectators
• Surfacing
Field Events

• Throwing
  • Staging of Athletes
  • # or Rings
  • Sectors
  • Slope
Seating

- Dual Meet: Small crowds, low 100's
- League Championships/Invitational: Medium crowds, mid to high 100's
- Sectional meets: Med to large crowds with High 100's to 1000's
- State meet: Large crowds in low to mid 1000's

Running Events

Field event seating: Overall view from seats
Warm-up areas
• Varies by event and maturity of athlete
• Team areas, open fields, parking lots
• Distractions and safety issues
• Announcements
• Off the track
• Field events
• Sprinters/hurdlers
• Distance Runners
Staging Areas

• Teams
  • Tents
• Spectators
• Athletes
  • Warm ups
  • Cool down/ post race
• Clerk Tent
Practice Vs Meets
Questions

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