



Minutes of MIAA Track & Cross-Country Committee, March 5, 2025

1. Call to order: 10:02 AM. Peter Rittenburg served as Chair.
2. Approval of the minutes of the January 9, 2025 meeting: motion by Brian Philip, seconded by Jeff Wayman. Approved unanimously.
3. Indoor Tournament Review:
 - a. Scott Ouellet: Overall, the tournament had excellent meets, athletes, parents, and coaches had positive experiences. Possible improvements include: (1) live field event results; (2) team scores at the Meet of Champions; (3) courtesy scratches available for the Meet of Champions.
 - b. Matt Carr (via email): (1) set up for meets such as field event flights should be standardized across divisions, (2) live field results should be used, and (3) some officials were below par.
 - c. The Committee did not entertain a motion to add team scoring to the Meet of Champions as none was made. Live field results and officials issues were forwarded to the Tournament Directors for consideration. A provision to allow courtesy scratches for the Meet of Champions was added to the formats for Indoor and Outdoor Track (see below).
4. Approval of Future Tournament Formats:
 - a. Outdoor Para Format 2025:
 - i. Similar to indoor para format, different events and new qualifying standards. Motion to approve by Ben Benoit, seconded by Joe Lemar. Approved 11-0-0.
 - b. Indoor Track Format 2026:
 - i. Entry deadlines moved from 6 PM to 8 PM
 - ii. Courtesy scratches added for the Meet of Champions
 - iii. Courtesy scratch deadline set at noon for the day after the preliminary performance list is posted
 - iv. Final entries posted at 5 PM on the day of the courtesy scratch deadline
 - v. Participation rule
 1. A discussion was held on the topic of 3 versus 4 events as the participation maximum. On a motion by Scott Ouellet, seconded by Liz Haygood, "any 3 events" was approved by a vote of 11-0-0.
 2. The format was revised to reflect the emphasis on the 3 event maximum rule and clarification of the entry/participation rules.
 - vi. Motion to approve the format by Liz Haygood, seconded by Ben Benoit, approved by a vote of 11-0-0.
 - c. Indoor Para Format 2026 – no changes to current format except dates. Approved on a motion from Ben Benoit, seconded by Scott Ouellet, vote of 11-0-0

- d. Outdoor Format 2026 – the entry/participation language and entry deadlines were chosen to be consistent with the indoor format. Otherwise no changes. Approved on a motion by Scott Ouellet, seconded by Jeff Wayman, by a vote of 11-0-0.
 - e. Outdoor Para Format 2026 – the same as the 2025 Outdoor Para Format with the dates adjusted for 2026. Approved on a motion by Ben Benoit, seconded by Joe Lemar, by a vote of 11-0-0.
 - f. Cross-Country
 - i. The schedules and locations were removed from the format, consistent with the indoor track and outdoor track formats.
 - ii. Coaches will be required to declare their 7 competitors at packet pickup, and return the numbers not to be used. If a last-minute substitution needs to be made the coach can return to the table and exchange numbers.
 - iii. Scott Ouelett noted that bad weather conditions should be unlikely to cause a postponement, as competing in poor weather conditions is a part of the sport.
 - iv. The format was approved on a motion by Ben Benoit, seconded by Tara Sartori, by a vote of 11-0-0.
5. Officials topics:
- a. Peter Rittenburg thanked the Committee for its support for the officials' fee increase, which was recently approved by the Game Officials Committee.
 - b. The Committee was informed of the lack of trainers at some Reggie Lewis league meets this winter. Reggie Lewis is no longer providing trainers and not all meets were covered. A multi-school track meet is not required to have a trainer by the MIAA Handbook. When Handbook rule change proposals are next solicited, the Committee will discuss a possible rule change proposal requiring a trainer at a multi-school meet.
6. Motion to adjourn by Joe Lemar, seconded by Scott Ouellet, was approved at 11:54 AM.