



MASSACHUSETTS INTERSCHOLASTIC
ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION



Cross Country & Track Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2025

1. Call to Order – 10:02 AM
2. Attendance taken
3. Approval of minutes – motion Brian/didn't see the second 15-0
4. Mike Glennon spoke as a guest: (1) he reminded folks of our LJ issue (pits not filled) from last spring, and asked that we continue to pursue it; (2) he reported that the MSTCA Executive Committee endorsed the 4-division XC proposal; (3) he raised the issue of whether 8th grade waivers, which are granted at the district committee level, are consistent statewide.
5. Keith gave some XC Tournament updates:
 - a. Zoom sessions were held for each site;
 - b. the cut off date is Monday 11/3;
 - c. If a coach needs to make a last minute substitution, the Instruction is to have the athletes swap numbers then tell the timer about the swap;
 - d. Email to go out tomorrow with summary of meetings;
 - e. Liz raised a question on the uniform rule, Rick notes that it has not been a problem and the referee will have the final say.
6. Indoor Tournament
 - a. Standards were discussed, and the 2025 entries were examined. The committee voted to use the average of the last 3 years 9th place performances for all events.
 - i. On motion of Robert/Kathryn, use the 9th place average over the last 4 years. After discussion, motion amended to use the 9th place average over the last 3 years. Amendment approved 15-0, amended motion approved 14-0-1.
 - b. Discussion of indoor track schedule and procedures, given the move to the New Balance Track:
 - (1) The HJ start moved to 6:00 PM, LJ start to 5:45 PM;
 - (2) The Mile start moved to 5:20 PM to allow time for the banks of the track to be raised, all other oval start times to be adjusted to be consistent with the mile start;
 - (3) The Para events will begin at 4 PM while the oval is flat for safety reasons, actual order of para events will depend on number of entries;
 - (4) Adding weight throw as exhibition at divisional meet was discussed, this will be considered when the 2027 indoor format is discussed in January.
 - (5) Preferred lanes for 600, 300, 4 x 200, should be changed to 6-5-4-3-2-1
 - (6) A target number for the seeded sections of the distance races was discussed. The targets proposed were 10 for the 1000, 12 for the mile,

and 16 for the 2 mile. On motion of Liz/David this was adopted 15-0, to be consistent across all divisions and Meet of Champions.

(7) Additional minor edits to the time schedule were made (for example, no elevated LJ)

(8) The indoor Para format was reviewed, no changes made

7. 4 Divisions Cross-Country Proposal

- a. Discussion: Keith commented that sufficient feedback had not been obtained, especially that the District Athletic Committees had not been surveyed
- b. Keith also raised some issues that needed to be resolved in order to persuade TMC and finance committee.
- c. the question of whether to count teams showing up with full teams versus those coming to the initial round of the Tournament was discussed
- d. On motion of Scott/John for 4 divisions with 8 waves, effective fall 27, the proposal was approved 15-0
- e. a subcommittee of Scott, John, Ben, and Tanner was established to consider the issues raised by Keith in (b) above, specifically
 - (1) Detailed rationale for change from 3 Divisions to 4 Divisions
 - (2) Specific Data (estimated # of full teams in each division; estimated # of individuals in each division/wave)
 - (3) Plan for appeals if unbalanced after appeals (i.e. football)
 - (4) Financial Impact for both Qualifying Meet and State Championship Meet (Cost, Expenses, Duration, etc...)
 - (5) Official Pay (8 races/4 races vs. 6 races) – will need to go to Game Officials as well.
 - (6) Format (Advancement # of teams, etc.) Proposal vs. Current

8. Pete (officials topics)

- a. reminder of the work needed on outdoor standards, especially LJ
- b. information provided on a lawsuit vs. MTFOA & an MIAA school
- c. Tanner proposed a safety verification form to verify a site is meeting standards for hosting a meet
- d. the committee will create safety recommendations for hosting an outdoor track meet and post it on the MIAA track page. Tanner will create an initial draft.

9. Next meeting: January 8, 2026

10. Adjournment: on motion of Robert, 11:36 AM