



Minutes of the MIAA Track & Cross-Country Committee

March 4, 2026

1. Call to order: 10:04 AM
2. MIAA Executive Director Bob Baldwin made some remarks:
 - A) Thanks to the committee for their work on making the Devens & New Balance sites successful;
 - B) He asked members look for contacts and underwriting from firms, to have the financial support to keep the meets as successful as they are;
 - C) Thanks to members for supporting the committee rationale for no late entries, especially with reference to the Pittsfield court cross-country court case, which is under appeal. He asked that folks put down in writing the rationale for the no late entry policy which may need to be submitted as part of the appeal.
3. Approval of minutes: motion Brian/Jeff approved 13-0-0
4. Review of indoor tournament:
 - a. Keith – inappropriate conduct in a couple of areas
 - i. Relay teams (Gloucester, Amherst, 1 or 2 others) used an athlete not entered. The entry rule for relays will be stressed at the coaches' Zoom this spring.
 - ii. A coach gave the bib of a different athlete to a runner not entered in a relay to allow that runner to participate in that relay.
 - iii. Westfield coach responded in an inappropriate manner to their relay DQ
 - iv. Virtual meetings with the offending parties will be held by Keith/Pete.
 - v. Referee did not handle the Amherst situation properly, and clerk on night 2 (Division 3) was not following our format. Officials need to understand MIAA rules, we will hold a Zoom for officials both outdoors and next winter.
 - vi. The Umpires were not always in position.
 - b. Coaches' comments:
 - i. Three event limit for entry on athletic.net. With fill-the-field, should coaches be allowed to enter in more than 3? Discussion was held, decided to keep the 3 event entry limit, coaches can look at entries and see which events their athletes have the best chance in.

- ii. Lack of coaching boxes, unclear if this is a New Balance requirement. Coaching section of stands was ineffective. Kathryn echoed this comment.
 - iii. The bank at NB was not what was described in the Zoom coaches' meetings. That was an error in communication, the NB track is not able to be set for the bank described in the Zoom meeting (similar to Reggie Lewis).
 - iv. Lancer posted the entire file of entries, not just the accepted athletes.
 - v. Some courtesy scratches were not implemented.
 - vi. Keith notes that a meeting will be held later in the month with New Balance to discuss plans for next year.
- c. Pete: HJ Opening heights were listed online incorrectly.
- d. Liz: clerking difficult in the new area
- 5. Indoor Format:
 - a. Should athletes be allowed to enter more than 3 events? Question raised, MSTCA will be asked for input.
 - b. Should we end the addition of any division champion not in the top 24 performances to the Meet of Champions? Some discussion, motion to approve: Liz/Tanner approved 13-0-0. Only top 16/24/32 performances qualify.
- 6. Indoor Para Format:
 - i. Proposal – list all 4 scoring para events in all para categories
 - ii. Allow all para athletes who qualify by the able-bodied standards to compete in any 3 events as for any athlete.
 - iii. Leave banks up – athlete requested.
 - iv. Medals for the additional para events.
 - v. Motion to approve Kathryn/Amanda 13-0-0
- 7. Outdoor Para Format:
 - i. Remove the “one athlete per heat language.”
 - ii. Add the 800 as a scoring event to provide a para event on Thursday/Friday along with the 100 & 400 on Saturday/Sunday.
 - iii. Allow all para athletes who qualify by the able-bodied standards to compete in 3 events as in the rest of the meet
 - iv. Medals for the additional para events.
 - v. Motion to approve Tanner/Jeff 13-0-0
- 8. Outdoor Format 2027
 - i. Should we allow 4 events per athlete for 2028? John will get input from MSTCA.
 - ii. As with indoor track, remove the “winner of each division” category for Meet of Champions.

iii. Motion to approve: Liz/Tanner 13-0-0

9. Outdoor sites, days meet directors were presented.
10. High Jump/PV issues: how to limit length of competition while still providing all qualifiers with a fair opportunity to jump. Much discussion was held.
 - a. Motion: Kathryn/Brian to target 16 competitors in the high jump approved 13-0-0.
 - b. Motion: Tanner/Joe that opening height should be 2" below lowest qualifier for HJ, 6" below lowest qualifier for PV, approved 13-0-0
11. Officials' topics
 - a. Mostly covered under indoor tournament review
 - b. Officials need to be warned against touching athletes, picking up injured ones
12. Pete Smith shared sportsmanship committee report, needs feedback by May 6. Also raising the question of whether Meta glasses need to be prohibited.
13. New England Information
 - a. NH State Champion DQ'd in finals of state meet, but still entered her trial performance. Will NE's limit entries to finals for 2027?
 - b. Indoor NE's adding PV next year. Should MIAA add to Meet of Champions? MSTCA will be asked for input.
14. Should all field event measurements be in metric? Easier to read, organize, check for errors.
15. Motion to adjourn 12:06 PM.