

*State CIF Track & Field Advisory Committee Report
September 13, 2007*

Reports from Roger Blake

- Jerry Luzar, Oakland Section Commissioner, retired
- A new sports medicine “handout” is on line
- The state has a new Parent Advisory Committee. Nominations from each section are welcomed.

Hal Harkness on new rules for Track and Field

- Pole vault: an athlete may leave the ground and not have it be a miss if the plane of the bar/standards is not broken. Hal reminded the committee to encourage meet officials to enforce the 90 second time limit; with this new rule and without a time limit the vault could go on quite a long time.
- If an athlete wears two undergarments under the jersey or shorts, they must be of the same color.

X-country report (Marty Simpson, State meet director)

- 2007 is the first year of a new 3 year contract at Woodward Park in Fresno. Although this is a valued venue, internal issues within the Fresno city staff might preclude future contracts. It is time to think of other possible sites. One possible option is the new course being build by the city of Folsom. **The City of Monterey has also expressed interest in hosting at Laguna Seca. The T&F Advisory Committee members are requested to follow up on any possibilities.**
- A new version of the Asics shoe that has spikes like golf “soft-spikes” is out and is legal. (Hal Harkness & Marty Simpson report)
- The state meet X-Country bulletin with entry lists is now out and available.
- Enrollment divisions for Cross Country for future years are being discussed again by the section commissioners and the basketball committee (the basketball committee is also proposing an “open division”). More info to follow later this year.

Track and Field (Tom Crumpacker – State Meet director)

- Although 2007 was a great meet with some outstanding performances, some items that could use some fixing, most notably some of the field events that could have been officiated even better.
- The CIF and both the north and south meet directors are looking for some new, quality people to assist in meet administration to insure that we maintain the quality of the meet for many years to come.
- The Fox live broadcast of the meet was well done and did not adversely affect the quality of the meet. The CIF will work more closely with Fox in the future to determine whether the meet will be broadcast live in a more timely fashion, however, so as to have a more accurate time schedule.
- While the financial report is acceptable to CIF, it was noted that expenses to go up while revenue has stayed the same. This trend will most likely continue, and is

acceptable however we must continue to pursue corporate sponsorship to insure the meet's financial stability.

- Hal Harkness distributed the at-large standards for the 2008 state meet.
- The 2008 meet will be held at Cerritos Jr. College on May 30 and 31. The new "mondo" surface has been installed. (Note: No needle spikes will be allowed on the mondo surface. Only ¼ pyramid spikes will be allowed. No food or colored liquids will be allowed on the track). Although the traditional discus venue at Cerritos is now a renovated soccer field, the discus ring has been kept at the venue.
- **Hal Harkness proposed that section reps consider that the 1600m final be expanded from 9 to 12 runners. Rationale: because of the unique difficulty in qualifying and running the final on back to back days, a manageable expanded field would benefit the participants. After poling the section reps, it was noted that most sections run with 12 in their respective finals at this time. Motion made and passed unanimously to expand the 1600M to 12 competitors.**
- A subcommittee of the T&F Advisory Committee and the CIF Office staff will tour Buchanan High School as a possible venue for future state meets. No site for 2009 or beyond has been contracted at this time. Proposals will be sought for the current venues and Buchanan from the respective city/school officials involved.
- The committee heard several letters of feedback from interested track and field officials and spectators on how the meet might be improved. The committee noted the suggestions and forwarded them to the appropriate jurisdiction.

Before the committee adjourned, the CIF office informed the group that unless there is any pressing issues that need attention, the January meeting will NOT be held.

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