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TRACK & FIELD

SUBJECT: Entry to CCS of Athletes from leagues that do not score or contest pole vault

The CCS Playoff Policy says:

1. **SEASON LONG LEAGUE PLAY**

As a general policy, Section playoffs are to be conducted as the culminating activity for teams and/or individuals who have been engaged in season-long league play in a given sport. Schools or leagues which do not conduct a given sport on a recognized league basis for the majority of a given sport season will generally not be allowed to enter playoff competition. Exceptions to this general policy may be made by the Board of Managers upon recommendation by the Sport Committee involved.

The question: How do students who pole vault qualify to CCS if their league does NOT contest pole vault or score pole vault during the league season and at their league finals?

A. If league A does not score pole vault during the season AND does not contest pole vault at their league finals AND does not include pole vault scores in the league finish for their member schools

THEN

A school's pole vaulter may qualify at another league's finals only as an at-large entrant and only if they meet the pole vault at-large mark for entry to CCS.

B. If league A does not score pole vault during the season BUT does contest pole vault at their league finals AND includes pole vault scores in the league finish for their member schools

THEN

A school's pole vaulter may qualify for entry into CCS by their finish in the league finals (e.g. if the league gets two entries, then they would have to finish in the top two pole vaulters at their league finals) OR

As an at-large if they do not qualify as one of the league's automatic entries but make the at-large mark required for entry to CCS.

C. If league A does not score pole vault during the season AND does NOT contest pole vault at their league finals, BUT arranges to have their pole vaulters compete at another league's finals AND does include pole vault scores in the league finish for their member schools

THEN

A school's pole vaulter may qualify for entry into CCS by their finish in the league finals (e.g. if the league gets two entries, then they would have to finish in the top two pole vaulters at their league finals) OR

As an at-large if they do not qualify as one of the league's automatic entries but make the at-large mark required for entry to CCS

D. If league A does not score pole vault during the season AND does NOT contest pole vault at their league finals, BUT arranges to have their pole vaulters compete at another league's finals AND does NOT include pole vault scores in the league finish for their member schools
THEN

A school's pole vaulter may qualify at another league's finals only as an at-large entrant and only if they meet the pole vault at-large mark for entry to CCS.

Pole Vaulters who can only qualify through at-large entry (A & D)

If a league does NOT contest pole vault all season long AND does NOT score pole vault during the league and in their league finals (either at their own meet or another league's championships), then the league has not provided the opportunity for those vaulters to automatically qualify for CCS to meet the criteria for automatic qualifiers in that event.

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Therefore, no automatic qualifying spots are available for that league in that event to the CCS Championships—A & D above. Those pole vaulters may ONLY qualify as at-large entrants into CCS.

Pole Vaulters who can qualify as Automatic Qualifiers from their league or at-large entrants (B & C)

If a league does not contest pole vault all season long BUT does either contest the event at their league finals OR contests it at someone else's league finals AND scores it into the league finishes, then they have met the criteria above for having automatic qualifier(s) into the CCS in that event per the CCS Playoff Policy above.

Therefore, both automatic qualifying spots AND at-large entries are available to these pole vaulters.

OF EVENTS INTO WHICH AN ATHLETE CAN BE ENTERED IN THE LEAGUE FINALS

In **A & D** above, an athlete from league A can be entered into four events in their A league championships AND may also be entered into the pole vault in the other league's championships. If the scores for pole vaulters is not included in the scoring for the league championships of league A, then their participation in the other league championship constitutes a separate meet. The pole vault is not considered an event in the A league championship meet and hence the athlete was not in violation of the maximum # of entries into 4 events.

In **B** above, obviously NO athlete, cannot be entered into more than 4 events at league A's championships.

In **C** above, because the pole vault event is included in the scores for the league finals, even though it is contested on a different day at a different site, it is still part of league A's championship meet. Therefore, NO athlete can be entered into more than 4 events at league A's championships. No athlete then, could be entered in four events plus the pole vault.