



State Finals



The State Finals Meet will take place on **Friday, June 27th at Holt High School**. The winners at your local track meet automatically advance to the State Finals. A participant may compete in only three events - this may be two running events (includes relays for 13-14 age group) and a field event or two field events and a running event.

For the 9-10 and 11-12 age groups, the relay does not count as a running event because 9-10 and 11-12 relays do not advance to the North American Finals. Athletes in the 9-10 and 11-12 age groups can participate in three events as described above plus the relay.

Provide all advancing athletes with an advancement certificate and instruct them on attending the event. Enter your participating athletes' information on the Hershey's Event Manager Website. Plan on arriving at the State Finals Meet between 8:15am – 8:45am. At that time one, representative is asked to check in for your community at the information tent and let us know you have arrived.

****Please provide all of your athletes with a stick-on nametag****. The nametag should include the following:

1. Community name
2. Athlete's name
3. Age group
4. Events entered

POINTS OF EMPHASIS!

- Be on time: the meet will start at 9:00 a.m. whether your team is there or not.
- Hershey Track and Field is a team/community event! Please make sure to have a community representative onsite at the meet to answer any questions your participants may have. Make sure to have your community travel and sit together at the meet.
- Some activities and informational booths will be set up for parents and siblings to participate in during the daylong event. These will be provided by the DNR and other MRPA partners.
- Athletes only will be allowed on the track during the meet. Coaches, parents, and friends must stay in the stands. A competitor must wear the Hershey State Meet shirt to participate.
- Participants may not wear shoes designated for spikes. In field events, any shoes designed for turf sports are not allowed. Participants may not compete in their bare feet, slippers or socks.
- The weather promises to be hot. Take extra precautions. Bring coolers with ice, water, pop, etc. Sun block is certainly appropriate. Concessions and water will be available at the meet. Keep an eye on the condition of your athletes at all times.
- The order of events purposely does not list event times. Each event will be run at the conclusion of the event listed before it. If participants are coming for their event only, make sure they arrive early and tell them where to meet your representative.
- Designate a location for your community in the bleachers. This will help your athletes find their friends when they are finished participating in their particular events and allow other members of your team to find you in the stands.
- Hoffman Photography will be taking pictures of the entire event. Copies can be purchased through their website at www.picturelady.photorelect.com
- Just a reminder that we have a gate fee for all spectators (\$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children 14 & under and senior citizens). Please be sure to let all of your spectators know this in advance.
- We are anticipating more than 600 athletes for the State Finals. The meet will run until *approximately* 2:30 p.m.

We're looking forward to seeing you in Holt on June 27th!