



Florida High School Athletic Association

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Board of Directors Meeting – Agenda Item

Site: FHSAA Robert W. Hughes Building

Date: 9/27/09

Check One: Action: X

Discussion/Information:

Topic (brief descriptive statement):

Adapted Track and Field Divisions

Detailed Information (background, observations, etc.):

Please see attached.

Recommendations(s):

To add both a Girls and Boys Adapted division to each FHSAA Track and Field classification.

Rationale:

By adding two (2) adapted divisions to the current FHSAA Track and Field classification structure, it will allow eligible students to participate in the FHSAA State Series, without changing the existing scoring protocol and procedures.

Alternative(s) to Recommendation(s):

Data Source:

Georgia High School Athletic Association
American Association of Adapted Sports Programs, Inc.
Washington Interscholastic Activities Association

Impact (to be completed by FHSAA staff):

Please see attached.

FHSAA STAFF

Individual(s) Submitting Item

Signature

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FHSAA Staff Member Presenting Item

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Signature

Topic (brief descriptive statement):

105.03 FHSAA Adaptive Track and Field Division.

- (1) **Overview.** Each of the current four classes (1A, 2A, 3A, and 4A) will be divided into the following classifications; Boys Division, Boys Adapted Division, Girls Division, and Girls Adapted Division.
- (2) Each division will score points for its class, gender and division only.
- (3) No scores from separate divisions will be combined.
- (4) An athlete cannot compete in multiple divisions.
- (5) Adapted participants shall compete against each other only.

Detailed Information (background, observations, etc.):

105.04 FHSAA Adapted Track and Field Division Eligibility.

- (1) All high school students with a permanent, physical disability may be eligible to participate on their school's track and field team.
- (2) Each athlete's physical eligibility must be verified by a licensed physician and maintained on permanent file at the school.
- (3) Students who participate must meet all FHSAA eligibility requirements. Students shall be members of the school's track and field team and shall have the opportunity to compete at the school's regular season meets (regardless of the number of adapted competitors).
- (4) The athletes must compete in their school's team uniform.
- (5) Students must compete in a minimum of four (4) meets to qualify for the State Finals.
- (6) Each school must complete and submit a FHSAA Adapted Track and Field Athlete Declaration form (TF6)
 - a. Must be filed by 5 p.m. Monday, Apr. 5, 2009 for Class 1A and 2A schools and by 5 p.m. Monday, Apr. 12, 2009 for Class 3A and 4A schools.
 - b. All student-athletes listed must have had previously reported results to the FHSAA Office.
 - c. Must be signed by the principal, FHSAA representative and head coach.
- (7) A school whose FHSAA Adapted Track and Field Athlete Declaration form (TF6) is not received by the stated deadline may be permitted to participate only with the approval of the FHSAA Office; however, that school shall be assessed a minimum financial penalty of \$250. This penalty will increase if it is later determined that a student-athlete(s) representing the school was ineligible to do so.

105.05 FHSAA Adapted Track and Field Division Events.

- (1) Each student will have the opportunity to compete in the following events by gender: Wheelchair 200 meter race, Wheelchair 800 meter race, and Wheelchair Shot put.
- (2) Wheelchair shot put will be divided into two (2) classifications for boys based on type of disability.

- a. Class 1 will be for athletes with any disability of the lower extremities.
 - b. Class 2 will be for athletes with disability that affect lower and upper extremities.
- (3) A meet's order of events shall be determined by meet management.
 - (4) All adapted track and field participants shall be required to compete on the same day of the meet as their classification.

105.06 Scoring.

- (1) An adapted track athlete will compete for adapted division individual and adapted division team honors in the school classification and gender in which his/her school competes.
- (2) Points will be awarded per NFHS rule 2-1.

105.07 Awards. Places will be awarded from 1-8 (or less depending on participation levels.)

105.08 Result Submission.

- (1) All regular season results (times and distances) should be submitted to adaptedtrackresults@fhsaa.org.
- (2) Results must be submitted within 48hrs of the conclusion of the meet. Results are subject to verification by the meet referee.
- (3) All results will be posted and made public on FHSAA Adapted Sports Results website.

105.09 FHSAA Finals Qualifying.

- (1) The top 16 times/distances submitted from the regular season in each event by classification and gender will advance to compete at the FHSAA State Finals.
- (2) Each event may be contested as finals only.

105.10 Finals Awards.

- (1) Medals will be awarded for 1st through 8th place.
- (2) A Division Team Champion and Runner-up trophy will be awarded for each division per gender.

105.11 Coaches.

- (1) The head coach is required to complete the FHSAA Video Rules Presentation. The online rules presentation for coaches will be available Feb. 7-17, 2010 in the E-Classroom on FHSAA.org.
- (2) The financial penalty for failure to complete this requirement is \$50. Coaches are required to complete the online FHSAA Track and Field Rules Presentation.

Impact

General Impact

- Increased participation in interscholastic sports
- Creation of FHSAA Adapted Sports web page
- Maintenance of site would require additional man-hours
- Schools will be required to submit regular season results for adapted division participants

Financial Impact

- Training materials for coaches, athletes and parents
- 128 sets of district ribbons (set per event/per class)
- 32 sets of regional ribbons (set per event/per class)
- 8 sets of state medals per event (set per event/per class)
- 8 championship trophies
- 8 runner-up trophies

Event Rules – Wheelchair 200m and Wheelchair 800m Races

The event shall follow all state high school association rules with the following FHSAA/AAASP modifications

1. Track chair:
 - a. The track chair shall have two rear wheels and one front wheel.
 - b. The track chair frame shall not extend in front of the center of the front wheel hub.
 - c. The track chair may have no mechanical gears or levers that would propel the chair.
 - d. The steering must be hand operated. NO electronic steering is allowed.
 - e. NO part of the track chair or frame may protrude past the furthest point of the rear wheel.
 - f. Athlete's lower limbs must be secured to the track chair. Any touch of the ground by the lower limb results in disqualification from the event.
 - g. Competitors are responsible for the proper functioning of the track chair. No event shall be delayed for equipment failure prior to event.
2. Wheels:
 - a. The maximum diameter of the rear wheel and inflated tire is 70 cm.
 - b. The maximum diameter of the front wheel and inflated tire is 50 cm.
 - c. Each rear wheel may have one hand rim.
3. Helmet and Gloves:
 - a. All competitors must wear a CPSC certified helmet (Bike/Skate)
 - b. All competitors must start each event using racing gloves.
4. Athletes may only propel the chair forward by pushing on the wheels or hand rims.
5. The Start: The Center of the front axle (axle plane) may not extend over the starting line.
6. The Finish: The finish of the race occurs when the center of the front axles (axle plane) crossing the finish line.
7. Wheeling in Lane: In the 200m competitors must stay in their designated lane. Touching or crossing the lane line for more than 10 consecutive feet is a disqualification. Crossing a lane line for any distance and impeding another competitor is a disqualification.
8. Passing or changing lanes: Competitors must have full clearance of another athlete's front wheel in order to pass or move into another lane. Failure to pass or change lanes correctly will result in disqualification.
9. Obstruction: Athletes may not touch or obstruct another competitor during an event. Obstruction of an athlete will result in disqualification.

Event Rules – Wheelchair Shot Put

The event shall follow all state high school associations rules with the following FHSAA/AAASP modifications:

1. All-competitors must put the shot from a “chair “(manual wheelchair, throwing chair, power wheelchair). Scooters and “standing chairs” will not be allowed.
2. The upper most part of the cushion/seat on any chair may not exceed 75 cm (29.5inches).
3. The chair will be considered an extension of the athletes’ body. For example: any part of the chair touching the top of the stop board is a foul.
4. There will be two (2) classifications for both boys and girls.
 - a. The classifications will be Class 1 and Class 2.
 - Class 1 will be for athletes with any disability of the lower extremities (spinal cord injury, amputation, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, orthopedic injuries), for example: severe, permanent injuries in the knee, ankle, and hips.
 - Class 2 will be for athletes with disability that affect lower and upper extremities (cervical spinal, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain injury.)
 - Class 2 athletes are eligible to compete in Class 1. However, if they choose to compete in Class 1, they cannot compete in Class 2.
 - b. Boy’s class 1 will use an 8.81 lb./4.0 kg. shot.
 - c. Boy’s class 2 will use a 6 lb. shot.
 - d. Girl’s class 1 and 2 will put a 6 lb. shot.
5. A coach may assist the athlete entering the circle.
6. One buttock cheek must remain in contact with the seat during the throw.