

200. State Series

Terms & Conditions

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In accordance with Article 9.8.0 of the FHSAA Bylaws, the following Terms and Conditions governing the 2009 FHSAA State Track & Field Series have been approved by the FHSAA Board of Directors. Denarvise Thornton, administrator for track & field, shall be the state series director and Shanell Young, administrator for track & field, shall be the assistant director.

201. Team Entries

201.01 Eligibility.

(1) Participation in the state series is voluntary and open to any full member senior high school varsity team provided:

(a) The school's varsity team competes in a minimum of four (4) regular season varsity contests during the current season;

(b) The school files a commitment to participate in the state series with the FHSAA Office by the specified deadline;

(c) A school must play not less than 60 percent of its regular season contests in the sport against FHSAA member schools; and

(d) A school must not take more than one trip per school year in the sport beyond the neighboring states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

(2) A school shall enter only one (1) girls team and/or one (1) boys team.

(3) A first-time member senior high school shall not be eligible to enter a team into the FHSAA State Series in any sport in its two years of provisional membership, unless the school is created from the consolidation or division of existing member high schools and remains under the control of the same governing board. A continuing member school that is starting a new program or resuming a previously discontinued program shall not be eligible to enter a team into the state series until the school successfully sponsors a varsity program for a minimum of one school year.

(4) Boys may not participate on a girls team or in the girls division in the FHSAA State Series in any sport. In an individual sport, girls may not participate in the boys division in the FHSAA State Series if competition is conducted in a girls division in that sport; therefore, a school must commit to participate in the girls division of the state series to be eligible to enter female participants.

201.02 Commitment to Participate.

(1) A member school that elects to participate in the state series in an individual sport must file with the FHSAA Office a declaration of intent to participate by the specified deadline. This declaration of intent to participate is an agreement between the member school and the Association, and obligates the school to participate in accordance with and abide by all guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures for the state series.

(2) A school that does not declare its intent to participate in the state series by the specified deadline may be permitted to participate without penalty if its written request for entry (Form AT12) is received before the state series assignments are

released. Once the state series assignments are released, the school will be assigned and assessed a \$100 administrative fee if the request is received prior to the date for the district planning meeting. Thereafter, a school shall not be assigned.

(3) A school that declares its intent to participate in the state series may be released from its commitment without penalty if written notice of its withdrawal (Form AT12) is received in the FHSAA Office before the state series assignments are released. Once the state series assignments are released, the following provisions will apply:

(a) If the school notifies the FHSAA Office in writing of its withdrawal (Form AT13) prior to or on the date for filing the official entry list, the school will be released without penalty.

(b) If the school notifies the FHSAA Office in writing of its withdrawal (Form AT13) after the date for filing the official entry list, or fails to notify the FHSAA Office in writing and does not appear for the district tournament/meet, the school, at a minimum, will be assessed a \$250 fine.

202. Student-Athlete Entries

202.01 Eligibility.

(1) To represent a member school in the state series, a student-athlete:

(a) Must be eligible under Bylaw 11 and applicable administrative guidelines, regulations, policies and procedures.

(b) Must participate in a minimum of four (4) interscholastic contests in the sport during the regular season. A student-athlete who is academically ineligible at the beginning of a sports season and who regains his/her eligibility during that sports season, but is unable to participate in the minimum of four (4) varsity interscholastic contests in that sport shall be exempted from this provision.

(c) Must be submitted to the district tournament/meet host on the school's official entry list.

(2) Girls only may participate in the girls division of the state series. Boys only may participate in the boys division of the state series.

202.02 Official Entry List.

(1) Each participating school must generate in iFHSAA and submit by fax to its district meet manager a "2009 FHSAA State Track & Field Series Official Entry List" on which is listed the name of each student-athlete who will represent the school in the state series. The official entry list:

(a) Must be filed by 5 p.m. Monday, Apr. 6, 2009 for Class 1A and 2A schools, and by 5 p.m. Monday, Apr. 13, 2009 for Class 3A and 4A schools (late filing fee is \$50, increases to \$100 if not received by district meet manager by 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 10, 2009 for Class 1A and Class 2A schools, or by 5 p.m. Friday, Apr. 17, 2009 for Class 3A and Class 4A schools).

(b) All student-athletes listed must have been previously reported to the FHSAA Office through iFHSAA.

(c) Must be signed by the principal, FHSAA representative and head coach.

(d) Cannot be e-mailed.

(2) A school whose official entry list is not received by the time designated for the seeding meeting to determine the heat and flight assignments of teams and individuals in the district meet 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.

(3) Additions/changes to an official entry list must be submitted in writing to the district meet manager using Form AT8. A coach making a change to his/her official entry list must declare that the student affected in the addition or change is otherwise eligible by all FHSAA policies and bylaws; appears on his/her school's annual eligibility list in the iFHSAA database, and meets all minimum contest requirements as established by the Association. The following provisions will apply:

(a) An administrative fee of \$50 per addition or change will be assessed if the AT8 form is filed after the district entry list deadline. The fee(s) will appear on the school's next monthly statement.

(b) Requests for additions or changes are permissible until the time designated for the seeding meeting to determine the heat and flight assignments of teams and individuals in the district meet. Once the seeding meeting begins, no additions/changes may be made, with the exception of changes of relay team members that qualify from the District Meets to the Regional/State Meets and from the Regional Meets to the State Meets.

(4) The district meet manager shall forward to the FHSAA Office via U.S. Mail all list change forms (AT8) and entry list receipt logs filed by schools participating in the district meet within 10 business days of the conclusion of the district meet.

203. School Classification

The classification of each school participating in the state series is determined on the basis of student population in the ninth through 12th grades as reported to the FHSAA Office in October 2004. Student populations for schools that do not have all four grades are adjusted in accordance with policy. Student populations for schools that enroll girls or boys only are doubled for classification purposes. There are four classifications as follows:

- Class 4A – schools with populations of 2,171 or more students;
- Class 3A – schools with populations of 1,563 to 2,170 students;
- Class 2A – schools with populations of 493 to 1,562 students; and
- Class 1A – schools with populations of 492 or fewer students.

Classification assignments are available on FHSAA.org.

204. Districts

204.01 Assignment. Participating schools are geographically assigned to one of 16 district complexes (see FHSAA.org). A meet shall be conducted in each district complex at the conclusion of the regular season to determine the teams and individual competitors who shall represent the district complex in the remainder of the state series.

204.02 District Coordinator. One school in each district complex has been designated as the district coordinator (see state series assignments on FHSAA.org). The FHSAA representative or his/her designee at the district coordinator school shall be responsible for hosting, conducting and reporting to the FHSAA Office results of the district meeting. The meet manager is responsible for all aspects of the district meet upon conclusion of the district planning meeting and receipt of the meeting's minutes.

204.03 District Meeting.

(1) Each district coordinator must conduct a district meeting between Monday-Wednesday, Jan. 12-14, 2009. The meeting must be held at a time so that all schools in the district can have a representative present with no loss of time from school. Exceptions to this policy must be made in writing to the Executive Director.

(2) The district coordinator must notify in writing the FHSAA representative, athletic director, girls track & field coach and boys track & field coach of each school in his/her district of the site and time of the district meeting at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting. If, however, the FHSAA representative, athletic director, girls track & field coach or boys track & field coach at a given school has not received written notification from the district coordinator relative to the site and time of the district meeting, it is his/her responsibility to contact the district coordinator for the arrangements.

(3) Each school in a district is required to have one voting representative present at the district meeting. All decisions will be made by a majority vote of those representatives present. There can be no voting by proxy. A school that fails to have a representative present at this meeting will be assessed a financial penalty of \$50.00.

(4) The following items of business must be addressed at the district meeting:

- (a) Review FHSAA rules, policies, terms and conditions governing the FHSAA State Track & Field Series, including the FHSAA Licensing and Merchandising Policy.
- (b) Select host school, site and determine time schedule. (Note: An actual host school must be selected at this meeting and may be subsequently changed only with the permission of the Executive Director.) The host school must be willing and able to use Hy-Tek Meet Manager for Windows software to conduct the District Meet, and should have a track with a synthetic or rubber surface.
- (c) Set date and time for seeding meeting.
- (d) Establish date and time for pre-meet coaches meeting at which heats and flights will be finalized. This meeting is not to be in lieu of the seeding meeting.
- (e) Determine team awards to be ordered.
- (f) Determine number of passes to be allowed competing teams.
- (g) Determine financial arrangements and complete the Financial Terms Form included in the district meeting packet. See Section 206. Determine how expenses/profits will be shared among participating schools.
- (h) Determine the amount of compensation, not to exceed \$100.00 total for the event, to be paid to the Meet Manager.
- (i) Determine procedure for disseminating results to participating schools.
- (j) Other business (i.e., AED availability, etc.).

(5) The FHSAA Office will mail each district coordinator a form on which to record the decisions made during the district meeting. The report form should be completed and submitted along with minutes of the meeting to the FHSAA Office and each school in the district promptly following the meeting.

204.04 Regular Season District Competition. Competition between schools assigned to a district is not required during the regular season.

205. Meet Structure and Time Schedules

205.01 Meet Series. The successive meet series shall be designated respectively as district, regional and FHSAA Finals. Competition in the girls and boys divisions shall be conducted simultaneously.

205.02 District Meets.

(1) Dates, Time Schedule and Site.

(a) Dates. Class 1A and 2A schools, Week 41 (Apr. 13-18, 2009); Class 3A and 4A schools, Week 42 (Apr. 20-25, 2009).

(b) Time Schedule. Each district will determine the time schedule for its meet at the district meeting.

(c) Site. Each district will determine a site for its meet at the district meeting.

The date and site of each district meet will be posted on FHSAA.org.

205.03 Regional Meets.

(1) **Complexes.** Competition will be conducted in four regional complexes in each classification. Districts 1 through 4 will comprise the Region 1 complex, Districts 5 through 8 the Region 2 complex, Districts 9 through 12 the Region 3 complex, and Districts 13 through 16 the Region 4 complex. One meet will be conducted in each regional complex.

(2) **Dates and Time Schedule.** Regional meets shall be held Wednesday, April 22, Thursday, April 23 or Friday, April 24 (Week 42) for Class 1A and Class 2A schools, and Wednesday, April 29, Thursday, April 30 or Friday, May 1 for Class 3A and Class 4A schools (Week 43). The date of each regional meet will be posted on FHSAA.org.

(a) Time Schedule. Regional meets must adhere to the following time schedule:

11 a.m.	Coaches Meeting
1 p.m.	4x800m Relay Finals (2 sections)
	Field Events
1 p.m.	Long Jump Prelims and Finals Discus Prelims and Finals
3 p.m.	Shot Put Prelims and Finals Triple Jump Prelims and Finals Pole Vault Finals
5 p.m.	High Jump Finals
	Running Event Prelims
4 p.m.	Girls 100m High Hurdles Boys 110m High Hurdles 100m Dash 4x100 Relay 400m Dash (Classes 4A and 3A only) Girls 300m Low Hurdles Boys 300m Intermediate Hurdles 200m Dash
	Running Event Finals
7 p.m.	Girls 100m High Hurdles Boys 110m High Hurdles 100m Dash 1600m Run 4x100 Relay 400m Dash (2 sections, Classes 2A and 1A only) Girls 300m Low Hurdles Boys 300m Intermediate Hurdles 800m Run (2 sections) 200m Dash 3200m Run 4x400m Relay (2 sections)
10 p.m.	Team Award Presentations

(3) **Sites.** A listing of regional meet sites is available at FHSAA.org.

(4) **Invitations to Host.** The deadline date for extending an invitation to serve as host for a regional meet in 2010 is Sept. 25, 2009. Preference shall be given to those prospective hosts who have access to and ability to use Hy-Tek Meet Manager computer software, and who have tracks with synthetic or rubber surfaces. Invitations to host should be addressed to Shanell Young, Track & Field Administrator, 1801 NW 80th Blvd., Gainesville, FL 32606-9176.

205.04 FHSAA Finals.

(1) **Dates and Site.** The FHSAA Track & Field Finals presented by MF Athletic state meet shall be held at Showalter Field in Winter Park. Shanell Young, FHSAA administrator for track & field, will be the meet director. The Class 1A meet will be held Friday, May 1; the Class 2A meet Saturday, May 2; the Class 3A meet Friday, May 8; and the Class 4A meet Saturday, May 9.

(2) **Time Schedule.** The FHSAA Finals will be run according to the following time schedule:

- 10:15 a.m. Coaches meeting (**head coaches must attend**)
- 1 p.m. Girls 4x800m Relay Finals (Section 1)
- 1:15 p.m. Girls 4x800m Relay Finals (Section 2)
- 1:30 p.m. Boys 4x800m Relay Finals (Section 1)
- 1:45 p.m. Boys 4x800m Relay Finals (Section 2)

Field Events

- Noon Long Jump Prelims and Finals
- 1 p.m. Boys Discus Prelims and Finals
Girls Shot Put Prelims and Finals
Girls Pole Vault Finals
- 2 p.m.* Triple Jump Prelims and Finals (at conclusion of long jump)
- 3 p.m. Boys Shot Put Prelims and Finals
Girls Discus Prelims and Finals
Girls High Jump Finals
- 4 p.m. Boys Pole Vault Finals
- 5 p.m. Boys High Jump Finals

Running Event Prelims

- 4 p.m. Girls 100m High Hurdles
Boys 110m High Hurdles
100m Dash
4x100 Relay
400m Dash (Classes 4A and 3A only)
Girls 300m Low Hurdles
Boys 300m Intermediate Hurdles
200m Dash

Running Event Finals

- 7 p.m. Girls 100m High Hurdles
- 7:02 p.m. Boys 110m High Hurdles
- 7:07 p.m. Girls 100m Dash
- 7:12 p.m. Boys 100m Dash
- 7:17 p.m. Girls 1600m Run
- 7:27 p.m. Boys 1600m Run
- 7:37 p.m. Girls 4x100 Relay
- 7:42 p.m. Boys 4x100 Relay
- 7:47 p.m. Girls 400m Dash (2 sections, Classes 2A and 1A only)
- 7:52 p.m. Boys 400m Dash (2 sections, Classes 2A and 1A only)
- 7:57 p.m. Girls 300m Low Hurdles
- 8:02 p.m. Boys 300m Intermediate Hurdles

- 8:05 p.m. Girls 800m Run (Section 1)
 - 8:09 p.m. Girls 800m Run (Section 2)
 - 8:14 p.m. Boys 800m Run (Section 1)
 - 8:18 p.m. Boys 800m Run (Section 2)
 - 8:23 p.m. Girls 200m Dash
 - 8:27 p.m. Boys 200m Dash
 - 8:30 p.m. Girls 3200m Run
 - 8:45 p.m. Boys 3200m Run
 - 8:58 p.m. Girls 4x400m Relay (Section 1)
 - 9:03 p.m. Girls 4x400m Relay (Section 2)
 - 9:08 p.m. Boys 4x400m Relay (Section 1)
 - 9:13 p.m. Boys 4x400m Relay (Section 2)
 - 9:25 p.m. Team Award Presentations
- Schedule subject to change.

(3) **Coaches Meeting.** A meeting for head coaches of schools with participating teams or individuals shall be conducted at 10:15 a.m. on the competition date at the host site. Each school entering a team or individual in the FHSAA Finals must be represented at this meeting by both the head girls coach and head boys coach. Schools that fail to have representation at the meeting shall be assessed a monetary penalty of \$50. Technical guidelines presented at the coaches' meeting will take precedence over those stated in the manual.

205.05 Advancement of Teams and Individuals.

(1) **District Meet to Regional Meet.** The first four placing individuals or relay teams in each district meet shall advance to the regional meet to which they are assigned. All ties which would result in more than four qualifiers in an event advancing to the regional meet must be broken by a run-off, throw-off or jump-off, or appropriate National Federation tie-breaker procedure.

(2) **Regional Meet to FHSAA Finals.** The first four placing individuals or relay teams in each regional meet shall advance to the FHSAA Finals. All ties which would result in more than four qualifiers in an event advancing to the FHSAA Finals must be broken by a run-off, throw-off or jump-off, or appropriate National Federation tie-breaker procedure.

205.06 Local Management. The FHSAA representative of the host school will be the local manager for the state series meet that his/her school is hosting. He/she will be responsible for making the necessary preparations to host the meet and for the filing of necessary reports to the FHSAA Office upon conclusion of the meet.

The local manager must submit to both the FHSAA Office and the next level meet manager the results of the meet that his/her school hosted. These results must be transmitted using Hy-Tek Meet Manager for Windows software. The first and last names of each participant, together with their recorded times (manual or FAT), must be provided. These results must be submitted within 24 hours of the conclusion of the meet, and must be made available to the participating schools. The local manager also must forward to the next level meet manager by fax or overnight delivery photocopies of the official entry lists for all schools participating in the meet. Original copies of the official entry lists must be mailed to the FHSAA Office by district meet managers. Results may be e-mailed to the FHSAA Office at "trackresults@fhsaa.org". The FHSAA Office will supply each local manager with the appropriate phone numbers and fax numbers.

The regional meet director must also provide by fax the first and last names of six relay participants for each school who qualifies on a relay team to the FHSAA Finals. Form TR1 may be used for this purpose. These names will be used in preparing participant passes to the FHSAA Finals. The coach will not be limited to these individuals in designating relay personnel at the FHSAA Finals. Coaches must identify relay participants who do not qualify to individual events. Those not so identified must purchase a ticket of admission to the meet. This report must be completed and submitted within 48 hours of the conclusion of the meet. The FHSAA office will supply each regional meet director with the appropriate fax numbers.

206. Financial Terms

206.01 District Meets.

(1) **Admission.** \$5.00.

(2) **Division of Receipts.** The host school shall retain 85 percent of the gross gate receipts from which it shall pay all expenses related to the event. The remaining 15 percent shall be paid to the FHSAA.

By unanimous vote of those representatives present at the district meeting the terms of s.206.01(2) may be set aside and the net profit, less the 15 percent share due the FHSAA, or net loss greater than \$350 incurred by a district meet, pro-rated among participating schools. If the vote is not unanimous, the terms of s.206.01(2) must be followed.

(3) **Event Manager Fee.** A maximum fee of \$100 may be paid to the event manager.

206.02 Regional Meets.

(1) **Admission.** \$6.00.

(2) **Division of Receipts.** The host school shall retain 85 percent of the gross gate receipts from which it shall pay all expenses related to the event. The remaining 15 percent shall be paid to the FHSAA.

(3) **Event Manager Fee.** A maximum fee of \$50 may be paid to the event manager.

206.03 FHSAA Finals.

(1) **Admission.** \$8.00.

(2) **Division of Receipts.** No reimbursement of any kind will be paid to schools which qualify teams and/or individual contestants to the FHSAA Finals. Neither the FHSAA nor the host organization will assume responsibility for any participating school or individual contestant expenses of any kind.

206.04 Financial Policies.

(1) Admission prices as stated shall be charged by the host school for the state series events for which it serves as host **unless waived in writing by the Executive Director or his/her designee in advance of the event.**

(2) Numbered tickets shall be sold, must be torn in half by ticket takers so that they cannot be resold, and must be accounted for in the ticket manifest section of the financial report form that is to be completed and submitted to the FHSAA Office. The local manager must furnish the tickets to be sold for admission to the state series event which his/her school serves as host.

(3) If a state series event on the district or regional level shows a net profit of \$250 or less, the host school shall retain the net profit and no percentage shall be paid to the

visiting school(s) or the FHSAA.

(4) The net profit is determined by subtracting total expenditures from the gross gate receipts on the financial report form.

(5) If a state series event on the district or regional level shows a net loss on the financial report form, the FHSAA shall compensate the host school up to \$350 for the loss, subject to the following provisions:

(a) The host school must charge the full admission price established;

(b) The host school must sell numbered tickets and account for all tickets sold in the ticket manifest section of the financial report form, as stipulated;

(c) The host school must file a financial report form for the meet within 21 calendar days of the completion of the meet as stipulated;

(d) The host school must provide supporting documentation for all expenses claimed.

(e) The host school must submit with the financial report form the “FHSAA State Series Contest Pass Gate Sign-In Form(s)” (Form AT10) as stipulated; and

(f) The host school must be in compliance with all policies for the event.

(6) Compensation for expenses of schools competing in a state series is not guaranteed. Each participating school will be responsible to pay any and all expenses related to its team. Neither the FHSAA nor the host school/organization will assume responsibility for any participating school expenses of any kind.

(7) The appropriate “FHSAA State Series Financial Report Form” (Forms FN3 & FN4) must be submitted by the host school so that it is received in the FHSAA Office, as well as by all participating schools, within 21 calendar days of the completion of the event. Payment of profit shares due participating schools and the FHSAA must be included with the report. Failure to file a financial report within the 21-day period, will result in the forfeiture of any reimbursement to which the host school is entitled. If this report is not received in the FHSAA Office within 30 calendar days, a late filing fee of \$50 will be assessed; within 60 days, \$75; and within 90 days, \$100. See FHSAA.org for “Guidelines on Filing of Financial Reports and Payment of Revenue Shares.”

206.05 Delayed or Cancelled Contests. If severe weather occurs in the area prior to the start of, or during any, scheduled outdoor game, tournament or meet and the event is delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled, special rules apply. If for other unforeseen reasons, a game, tournament or meet is delayed, postponed, suspended or cancelled, special rules apply.

(1) If tickets have been sold for the event and any revenue related to the event is retained by the school, then the regular financial reporting process must be completed with payments to the FHSAA and to the participating school(s). If free entry is given for a future event, the revenue received and retained should be reported for the event. If money is refunded and not retained then it should not be included as revenue reported for the event. If tickets were presold for the event and the event was cancelled before it was to begin, then the revenue received and retained (not refunded) from the presold tickets should be reported on the financial report.

(2) If a financial hardship results from the inclement weather and the related loss of playing time, the host school should submit a written request for waiver of financial share payments. Requests should be submitted to the Associate Executive Director for Athletic Administration. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

207. Meet Regulations

207.01 General.

(1) **Track Surface.** A rubber or synthetic surface is preferred for all state series meets.

(2) **Athletic Trainers.** The presence of a certified athletic trainer or medical staff is recommended for all state series meets.

(3) Squads.

(a) Scratched Contestant. A contestant who is entered into an event in the FHSAA State Track & Field Series on any level and is later scratched from that event will be disqualified from participating in all remaining events in the meet and on succeeding levels.

(2) Substitutions. No substitution may be made for any individual in any event, other than relay events, who qualifies to participate in an event but is unable to compete. This applies to individuals who qualify from the district meet to the regional meet and from the regional meet to the FHSAA Finals, and between the prelims and the finals on any level.

(3) Relay Personnel. Relay personnel may be changed between the district and regional meets, between the regional meet and the FHSAA Finals, and between the prelims and finals on any level as long as such change is made in compliance with procedures established by the meet director or games committee. Once relay personnel report to the Clerk of the Course for a race, no change in personnel for that race is permissible.

(4) Ties. In field and running events, all ties in preliminaries which would result in more than eight qualifiers (nine qualifiers on nine-lane tracks in running events and nine qualifiers in field events at the state meet only) to the finals must be broken by a run-off, jump-off, throw-off, or appropriate National Federation rule tie-breaker procedure.

207.02 District Meets.

(1) **Number of Contestants.** The maximum number of contestants which a school may enter in a district meet is limited to four (4) contestants in each individual event and one (1) team in each relay event.

(2) Running Event Regulations.

(a) Two contestants from the same school should not be placed in the same heat if at all possible.

(b) In events where heats are run against time, the fastest heat must be run last.

(c) Each of the 1600m run and 3200m run must be conducted in one section with a staggered start around the first turn followed by a break for the pole.

(d) Contestants in excess of the number of places to be awarded who are lapped in the 1600m run or 3200m run must drop out of the race.

(3) Field Event Regulations.

(a) The three (3) best efforts of each contestant will be recorded in the shot put, discus, triple jump and long jump. The eight (8) contestants with the best performances in the prelims will advance to the finals where they will compete in one flight.

(b) Contestants will be given a maximum of three (3) warmups prior to the trials in their flights. The three (3) preliminary trials will be taken in groups of eight in the order in which the contestants are listed for competition.

(c) Competitors in the pole vault will be assigned in order as they appear on the event card to continuing flights of three until the field is cut to six or fewer competitors. A single rotation then will be followed for the balance of competition.

(d) Scales must be provided for the purpose of weighing all shot put and discus implements.

(e) Pole vault competitors are subject to verification of body weight to confirm the proper calibration of their vaulting poles.

(f) Discus and shot put competitors must be supervised during warmups as well as competition.

(g) Use of a discus cage is mandatory.

207.03 Regional Meets.

(1) **Contestants.** Only those individuals and relay teams which qualify from their respective district meets are eligible to participate in the regional meets. Relay team personnel may be changed as stipulated in s.207.01(3).

(2) Running Event Regulations.

(a) Preliminaries consisting of two heats each will be run in the 100m High Hurdles, the 110m High Hurdles, the 100m Dash, the 4x100m Relay, the 400m Dash (Classes 4A and 3A only), the 300m Low Hurdles, the 300m Intermediate Hurdles and the 200m Dash. Contestants in these events will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective district meet finals, and will be assigned to heats as follows: seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16 will be assigned to the first heat; seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 will be assigned to the second heat. Contestants in each heat will be given lane assignments according to the spearhead method. Two contestants from the same school will not be placed in the same heat if possible. The best four performances from each preliminary heat will advance to the finals. Please refer to s. 105.02 for seeding finals in events with preliminaries.

(b) The 800m Run, the 4x400m Relay and the 4x800m Relay will be contested in two heats run against time. The faster heat will be run last. The four first-place finishers and the next four fastest times in district competition will be assigned to the faster heat. Once the heats are determined, contestants will be assigned lanes according to the spearhead method.

(c) The 1600m Run and the 3200m Run each will be contested in one section. Contestants in excess of the number of places to be awarded who are lapped will be permitted to finish the race, but must move to the outer lanes of the track (lane 3 or beyond).

(d) Runners must start in the lanes to which they are assigned regardless of lanes vacated because of scratches.

(3) Field Event Regulations.

(a) Preliminaries consisting of two flights each will be conducted in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw and Shot Put. Contestants in these events will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective district meet finals, and will be assigned to flights as follows: seeds 1 through 8 will be assigned to the first flight and seeds 9-16 will be assigned to the second flight. The No. 1 seed will jump or throw first, followed by the No. 2 seed and continuing in numerical order through the No. 16 seed. Contestants will be given a maximum of three warm-up jumps or throws prior to competition in their flights. Competition in each flight will consist of three (3) preliminary trials. The three (3) efforts of each contestant will be

recorded. The eight (8) contestants with the best performances in the prelims will advance to the finals where they will compete in one flight, with the eighth-best preliminary performer jumping or throwing first, followed in reverse numerical order by the seven remaining finalists with the best preliminary performer jumping or throwing last.

(b) Contestants in the Pole Vault and High Jump will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective district meet finals. The No. 16 seed will vault or jump first, followed by the No. 15 seed and continuing in reverse numerical order with the No. 1 seed vaulting or jumping last. Competitors in the pole vault will be assigned to continuing flights of three until the field is cut to six or fewer competitors. A single rotation then will be followed for the balance of competition. The lowest qualifying height in the Pole Vault and High Jump from the district meets will be the starting height for competition in these events in the regional meet.

(c) Scales must be provided for the purpose of weighing all shot put and discus implements.

(d) Pole vault competitors are subject to verification of body weight to confirm the proper calibration of their vaulting poles.

(e) Discus and shot put competitors must be supervised during warmups as well as competition.

(f) Use of a discus cage is mandatory.

207.04 FHSAA Finals.

(1) **Contestants.** Only those individuals and relay teams which qualify from their respective regional meets in each of the four classifications are eligible to participate in the FHSAA Finals. Relay team personnel may be changed as stipulated in s.207.01(3).

(2) **Practice.** Practice by any participating school at the site of the FHSAA Finals during the week of the FHSAA Finals is prohibited.

(3) **Participant Passes.** Schools will be issued participant passes only for coaches and student-athletes who qualify for participation in the FHSAA Finals. Schools with four or fewer participants will be issued two (2) passes for use by coaches; schools with five or more participants will be issued three (3) passes for use by coaches. Schools that abuse the pass procedure will subject themselves to a monetary penalty.

(4) **Access to Track.** Contestants and officials only will be permitted within the track oval.

(5) Running Event Regulations.

(a) Preliminaries consisting of two heats each will be run in the 100m High Hurdles, the 110m High Hurdles, the 100m Dash, the 4x100m Relay, the 400m Dash (Classes 4A and 3A only), the 300m Low Hurdles, the 300m Intermediate Hurdles and the 200m Dash. Contestants in these events will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective regional meet finals, and will be assigned to heats as follows: seeds 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 16 will be assigned to the first heat; seeds 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, 14 and 15 will be assigned to the second heat. Contestants in each heat will be given lane assignments according to the spearhead method. The top three finishers in each preliminary heat as well as the next three fastest times will advance to the finals. Only eight places will score and be awarded medallions. When assigning lanes to qualifiers, heat winners will be assigned to lanes 5 and 6 on a nine-

lane track or lanes 4 and 5 on an eight-lane track (see s. 105.02).

(b) The 800m Run, the 400m Dash (Classes 2A and 1A only), the 4x400m Relay and the 4x800m Relay will be contested in two heats run against time. Nine places will be placed in the fast heat and seven in the slow heat. The faster heat will be run last. The four first-place finishers and the next five fastest times in regional competition will be assigned to the faster heat. Once the heats are determined, contestants will be assigned lanes according to the spearhead method.

(c) The 1600m Run and the 3200m Run each will be contested in one section from a staggered start. Two runners will be assigned to each lane. Contestants must remain in their starting lanes through the first curve, after which they may break for the pole on the back straight-away. The break point must be marked by flags or cones. Contestants in excess of the number of places to be awarded who are lapped will be permitted to finish the race, but must move to the outer lanes of the track (lane 3 or beyond).

(d) The 4x100m Relay will be run the entire distance in the assigned lanes from a staggered start.

(e) The 4x400m Relay will be run from a staggered start. The first runner must stay in his/her lane the entire distance with the first exchange being made in the assigned lane. The second runner must remain in the assigned lane through the first curve, after which he/she may break for the pole on the back straight-away.

(f) Runners must start in the lanes to which they are assigned regardless of lanes vacated because of scratches.

(g) Official FHSAA State Track & Field Records may be set only at the FHSAA Finals. Fully Automatic Timing (FAT) will be used for the official timing for all running events. Hand-held watches will be used as a backup. FAT systems that generate photos may be used to determine place winners.

(6) Field Event Regulations.

(a) Preliminaries consisting of two flights each will be conducted in the Long Jump, Triple Jump, Discus Throw and Shot Put. Contestants in these events will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective regional meet finals, and will be assigned to flights as follows: seeds 1 through 8 will be assigned to the first flight and seeds 9-16 will be assigned to the second flight. Regional champions will receive preferred positions when entry performances are tied among contestants. The No. 1 seed will jump or throw first, followed by the No. 2 seed and continuing in numerical order through the No. 16 seed. Contestants will be given a maximum of three warm-up jumps or throws prior to competition in their flights. Competition in each flight will consist of three (3) preliminary trials. The three (3) efforts of each contestant will be recorded. The nine (9) contestants with the best performances in the prelims will advance to the finals where they will compete in one flight, with the ninth-best preliminary performer jumping or throwing first, followed in reverse numerical order by the eight remaining finalists with the best preliminary performer jumping or throwing last. Only eight places will score and be awarded medallions.

(b) Contestants in the Pole Vault and High Jump will be seeded 1 through 16 according to their performances in their respective regional meet finals. Regional champions will receive preferred positions when entry performances are tied among contestants. The No. 16 seed will vault or jump first, followed by the No. 15 seed and continuing in reverse numerical order with the No. 1 seed vaulting or jumping last.

Competitors in the pole vault will be assigned to continuing flights of three until the field is cut to six or fewer competitors. A single rotation then will be followed for the balance of competition. The lowest qualifying height in the Pole Vault and High Jump from the regional meets will be the starting height for competition in these events in the FHSAA Finals.

(c) Scales must be provided for the purpose of weighing all shot put and discus implements.

(d) Pole vault competitors are subject to verification of body weight to confirm the proper calibration of their vaulting poles.

(e) Discus and shot put competitors must be supervised during warmups as well as competition.

(f) Use of a discus cage is mandatory.

207.05 Jury of Appeals.

(1) A Jury of Appeals consisting of five coaches from five different participating schools shall be appointed by the meet manager for each meet in the state series. A maximum of five alternate jurors shall also be appointed. A Jury of Appeals consisting of five members is mandatory. There can be no decision rendered without five jurors.

(2) Jurors for the FHSAA Finals shall be chosen as follows:

(a) A list of recommended jurors will be compiled by the FACA State Track & Field chairperson and submitted to the FHSAA for approval. Any coach not on the “approved” list cannot serve on a Jury of Appeals at the FHSAA Finals.

(b) Diversity in school classification, gender and geography, as well as knowledge and experience, must be taken into consideration when a Jury of Appeals is selected.

(3) A member of the Jury of Appeals whose team or individual contestant is a party to an appeal must recuse himself/herself and be replaced until the appeal is concluded.

(4) The head coach of a team who wishes to file an appeal must do so in writing. The appeals process will adhere to NFHS Case Book guidelines.

(5) The decision of the Jury of Appeals shall be final. The Jury of Appeals cannot set aside any rule.

207.06 Failure to Compete. A student-athlete who qualifies in a state series meet is expected to compete on successive levels of the state series unless ill, injured, suspended due to disciplinary action, or for any other reason acceptable to the Executive Director. A school must submit in writing to the FHSAA Office the name of the student-athlete and an explanation for the inability to compete in advance of the competition whenever situations make it possible to do so.

208. State Series Policies

208.01 Administration and Management. As specified in Bylaw 4.1.4, all state series shall be conducted in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Directors and shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the FHSAA Office.

208.02 Enforcement of Rules & Policies. Participating schools shall adhere to all regulations and policies governing the state series.

The determination of the host school for each event shall be conditioned in part on the school’s willingness to comply with and enforce regulations and policies govern-

ing the event. This includes financial terms, as well as licensing and merchandising policies. A school that does not comply with and enforce such regulations and policies shall forfeit its opportunity to serve as host.

208.03 Neutrality. It is the responsibility of the host school to ensure that an atmosphere of neutrality is maintained in all state series events. Such events are not “home contests” for the host schools. Special festivities held as part of, or in conjunction with, regular season home contests (i.e., pregame activities designed to rally support for the home team, such as light shows, or give special recognition to members of the home team) are not permitted during the state series.

208.04 Forfeitures and Vacations of Brackets, Standings. Individuals or teams that are eliminated from state series competition by defeat by individuals or teams that later are ordered to forfeit their victory, place and/or points, are not reinstated and do not advance in the state series competition from which they were eliminated by defeat.

If championships or other placements in state series competitions are ordered vacated by individuals or teams, other individuals or teams neither advance to those placements nor receive awards for those placements.

208.05 Passes.

(1) FHSAA State Series Passes, FHSAA Lifetime Passes and legitimate news media credentials ONLY will be honored for complimentary admission to state series events.

(2) FHSAA State Series Passes issued to member schools may only be issued to and used by those individuals who are directly connected to the schools’ athletic departments (i.e. coaches, athletic director, athletic secretary, etc.). A state series pass issued to an individual may only be used by the individual in whose name it is issued. Member schools must not issue state series passes to students or other individuals under the age of 18. Use of state series passes by students or other individuals under the age of 18 is prohibited. Users of state series passes must present a valid government-issued photo ID (i.e., drivers license) with the pass to gain admittance. A state series pass admits only the bearer. Individuals accompanying the bearer of a state series pass who themselves do not possess a pass must purchase a ticket of admission to the event. State series event managers are instructed to confiscate and return to the FHSAA Office any state series pass that is misused.

(3) Visiting school administrators (i.e., principal, FHSAA representative, assistant principals and athletic director) who are required by their principal to attend the event for supervisory purposes shall be admitted upon presentation of a photo I.D., provided the visiting school submits their names to the event manager by fax in writing on school stationery not less than 24 hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the event.

(4) All individuals who gain admittance to a state series event using any one of the accepted passes must record their name, position with school or organization, type of pass used, and pass number (if applicable) on the “FHSAA State Series Event Pass Gate Log” (Form AT10). This pass gate log must be submitted to the FHSAA Office with the financial report.

208.07 Signs and/or Banners. The display of signs, banners, placards or similar items at matches in the state series is permitted, provided:

(1) They are in good taste and reflect good sportsmanship in their message and

use;

(2) They reflect identification and encouragement to participants and their school or community, and make no reference to the opposing team, its school, players or community;

(3) They are not displayed on the court/field, or in a manner which interferes with play;

(4) They do not obstruct the view of participants or spectators; and

(5) They are not safety hazards.

208.08 Licensing and Merchandising. The FHSAA owns or controls all rights and interests in its name, logos, trademarks and service marks, whether registered or unregistered, including the official event logo for all FHSAA Finals events. The sale of items bearing any of these marks by a member school or organization without the written consent of the FHSAA is prohibited.

The FHSAA retains the exclusive right to produce and sell souvenir products (apparel and otherwise) at all games, tournaments and meets held as part of the state series; host schools/organizations are required to sell items provided by the official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser.

The official FHSAA event souvenir merchandiser is Team IP Sportswear, Inc., of Port St. Lucie. Team IP may be reached by phone at (877) 821-8643. Team IP has been awarded exclusive souvenir merchandising rights to all state series events on the district, regional and FHSAA Finals levels in all sports. A host school/organization that desires to sell souvenir merchandise at a state series event must purchase such merchandise from Team IP. No other vendor shall be permitted to produce such merchandise. Team IP shall have the right to go on-property and sell souvenir merchandise at the site of any state series event. The host school/organization of a state series event shall grant Team IP access to its property for the event.

No individual(s), including those affiliated with a participating member school, shall bring onto the property of a facility at which an FHSAA State Series event is being conducted any items (including but not limited to T-shirts, caps, posters, bumper stickers, etc.) to be sold or otherwise distributed on the property to student-athletes, coaches or spectators without the written approval of the FHSAA. An individual(s) found in violation of this provision shall surrender the items for confiscation, shall be expelled from the property and may be subject to legal action. A member school found in violation of this provision shall be assessed a minimum fine of \$250 and, in addition, shall pay monetary damages to be mutually determined by the FHSAA and its exclusive vendor(s).

The host school/organization of a state series event may be permitted to sell generic merchandise unrelated to the event (i.e., apparel and other merchandise bearing the host school/organization's mark), provided such merchandise has been made available for sale on a consistent basis throughout the year and has not been produced specifically for sale at the state series event.

208.09 Souvenir Programs. All host schools of district tournaments/meets and regional tournaments/meets that produce an official program must display on the program cover both the appropriate FHSAA sport logo and sportsmanship logo, which may be downloaded from FHSAA.org. If the program cover is preprinted, the logos must be displayed prominently inside or on the team roster inserts.

208.10 Public-Address Announcer. The public-address announcer

shall be considered a bench official for all state series events. He/she shall maintain complete neutrality at all times and, as such, shall not be a “cheerleader” for any team. The announcer will follow the FHSAA script for promotional announcements, player introductions and awards ceremonies. Other announcements are limited to:

- Those of an emergency nature (e.g., paging a doctor, lost child or parent, etc.);
- Those of a “practical” nature (e.g., announcing that a driver has left his/her vehicle lights on); and
- Announcements that FHSAA souvenir merchandise, souvenir programs and concessions are on sale in the facility.

During the contest, the announcer:

- Should recognize players about to attempt a play (e.g., coming up to bat in baseball, punting, kicking or receiving a punt or kick in football, serving in volleyball, etc.);
- Should recognize player(s) making a play (e.g., “Basket by Jones” in basketball, “Smith on the kill” in volleyball, etc.);
- Should report a penalty as signaled by the referee;
- Should report substitutions and timeouts;
- Must not call the “play-by-play” or provide “color commentary” as if he/she were announcing for a radio or television broadcast;
- Must not make any comment that would offer either competing team an unfair advantage in the contest; and
- Must not make any comment critical of any school, team, player, coach or official; or any other comment that has the potential to incite unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any individual.

The announcer should be certain of the accuracy of his/her statements before making them. When in doubt, the announcer should remain silent.

208.11 Public-Address Announcements. Announcements promoting the FHSAA and its interscholastic programs must be read over the public-address system, if available, prior to and during all contests in the state series. See the “Promotions and Programs” page on FHSAA.org for the appropriate script.

208.12 Photography and Videotaping.

(1) The FHSAA, subject to the policies of the host facility, allows still cameras and video cameras to be used at state series events so that participants and spectators may record the excitement and festivities for their own personal entertainment – not for the purposes of commercial re-sale or public re-distribution in any form. Only those duly authorized organizations or individuals who have been granted appropriate rights by contract or by issued credential shall be permitted to sell or publicly display or otherwise redistribute images and sounds of state series contests and then only in accordance with the terms and conditions established by the FHSAA.

(2) Each participating school shall be permitted to photograph, film or videotape, for archival, coaching or instructional purposes, only those state series contests in which its team or contestants perform when arrangements are made with the contest management. Photographers, videographers and their equipment must be positioned so that they do not block the view of any spectator.

(3) Spectators may be allowed to bring handheld video cameras that operate on battery power into the facility. Spectators shall be prohibited from using tripods.

(4) There may be additional guidelines or restrictions for FHSAA Finals state

championship events.

(5) A school that violates these guidelines shall be guilty of unsportsmanlike conduct and will be subject to reprimand and the assessment of a financial penalty by the FHSAA. An organization or individual who violates these guidelines, and in so doing infringes upon the rights of the FHSAA, shall be subject to one or more of the following actions: remedies under breach of contract; revocation of credentials; expulsion from the site of competition; and legal action under applicable state and federal laws.

208.13 All-Tournament/Meet Teams. No employee of the FHSAA nor the local manager may influence in any way the selection of any all-tournament/meet team, including the selection of a most valuable player or other “player of the game.”

208.14 Uniformed Security. The local manager for a state series event is responsible for providing appropriate uniformed security at the event that his/her school is hosting.

208.15 Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The presence and availability of an automated external defibrillator (AED) is mandatory at the site of every FHSAA state championship series contest on the district, regional, sectional and state levels.

209. Media Policies

209.01 Admission and Seating.

(1) **District and Regional Meets.** Media representatives covering a state series event must be admitted free of charge upon presentation of proper news media identification. Space must be set aside to provide for news media representatives whether they be from newspapers, radio stations, commercial television stations and/or cable television stations.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** News media representatives planning to cover the FHSAA Finals state championship meet must secure credentials as instructed by the FHSAA Office, according to the FHSAA Policy on Media Credentials. Requests for credentials should be submitted to the FHSAA Office not later than 5 p.m. EST Monday, Apr. 27, 2009 for Class 1A and Class 2A meets, and 5 p.m. EST Monday, May 4, 2009 for Class 3A and Class 4A meets. Only those representatives requesting credentials by the deadline will be guaranteed seating and informational materials at the meet.

(3) **Student Media.** Each school participating in an FHSAA Finals event may request up to three (3) credentials – for use by student media (i.e., student newspaper, yearbook, TV/video yearbook) who will be covering the school’s participation in the event. These credentials may be issued only to and used only by students.

209.02 Media Rights. The FHSAA owns all media rights to its state series events, including rights to radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts, webcasts, audio and film/video rights, and commercial photography. Radio broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts of state series events are governed by the FHSAA Broadcast Policy. Such broadcasts, telecasts, cablecasts and webcasts must be approved by the FHSAA Office. The following provisions shall apply.

(1) The “Application for Media Rights to FHSAA State Series Event” (Form AT11) to the FHSAA Office by 3 p.m. EST on the business day preceding the event to be broadcast, telecast, or cablecast to avoid a \$25.00 late filing fee.

(2) Radio broadcast rights fees are \$50.00 per event. Tape-delay telecast and

cablecast rights fees are \$250.00 per event. Rights fees for live telecasts and cablecasts shall be negotiated at the discretion of the FHSAA. The FHSAA Office shall invoice the outlet to which rights are granted. Rights fees must be paid by company check made payable to “FHSAA” and mailed directly to the FHSAA Office within 30 days of receipt of the invoice. Outlets that fail to make payment of rights fees by the deadline shall be assessed a \$25.00 late fee and may be denied rights to broadcast, telecast or cablecast future contests.

(3) The FHSAA Radio Network owns exclusive rights to the radio broadcast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. Sun Sports Network owns exclusive rights to the telecast and cablecast of all FHSAA Finals state championship events. EZStream.com owns exclusive rights to the webcast of all state series events.

(4) Approval of radio broadcasts, telecasts and cablecasts of state series contests by the FHSAA Office are final. The FHSAA Office shall fax to the host school a copy of the approved media rights agreement. A host school shall not permit the radio broadcast, telecast or cablecast of a state series contest that has not been approved by the FHSAA Office.

209.03 Post-Competition Procedures.

(1) **District and Regional Meets.** The host school should cooperate with news media representatives in providing them access to a work area and telephone following a state series contest so that they can file their reports on the contest. The local manager also is encouraged to designate a specific area in which interviews are to be conducted. It is recommended the area be covered and that liquid refreshment be provided for the coaches and athletes participating in interviews. The head coach of each competing team is required to cooperate with the news media by participating in interviews as quickly as possible following the conclusion of the contest and providing contest statistics/results if available. Participation by athletes in interviews is voluntary and at the discretion of the head coach.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** A specific area in which interviews are to be conducted shall be established near the finish line. The area shall be covered and liquid refreshment shall be provided for the coaches and athletes participating in interviews.

209.04 Restrictions.

(1) **Access to Locker/Dressing Rooms.** The FHSAA operates under a closed lockerroom policy at all FHSAA Finals state championship events. At no time will news media representatives be granted access to lockerrooms or dressing rooms at any state championship event. Team boxes, team benches, team huddles and dugouts are considered extensions of locker/dressing rooms.

(2) **Access to Competition Area.** Media representatives are not permitted in the competition area (i.e., within the field of play, on the playing court, etc.) at any time during a state series contest until the competition has concluded and a winner has been determined. Photographers shall honor photographer lines and designated areas when marked.

210. Awards

210.01 Team Awards.

(1) **District Meets.** Trophies are available for awarding to the champion and runner-up teams, and may be purchased from the FHSAA’s authorized vendor by the host school or district as an expense of the meet as determined by those school repre-

sentatives present at the district meeting, or individually by the champion and runner-up schools. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals.

(2) **Regional Meets.** Championship trophies shall be purchased from the FHSAA's authorized vendor in advance by the host school for presentation to the girls and boys team champions at the conclusion of the meet. The cost of the trophies shall be deducted as an expense from the meet receipts. Runner-up trophies are available for purchase by the runner-up schools from the FHSAA's authorized vendor. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** Trophies will be awarded to the champion and runner-up in each class in the FHSAA Finals. There shall be no other team awards presented by outside organizations or individuals. In the event of a tie for champion, co-champions shall be declared and no runner-up trophy will be awarded.

(4) **FHSAA Authorized Vendor.** Trophies must be ordered from The Trophy Shop in Gainesville by calling (352) 372-8551. The vendor should also be contacted if problems are experienced in receiving trophies on time and in good condition.

210.02 Individual Awards.

(1) **District and Regional Meets.** Ribbons to be awarded to the first eight placing individuals or relay teams will be furnished to the host school by the FHSAA Office. There will be no other individual awards presented by any organization or individual.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** Medallions to be awarded to the first eight placing (finishing) individuals and relay teams in each event in each class will be furnished to the host school by the FHSAA Office. Medallions to be awarded members of the champion and runner-up teams also will be provided. There will be no other individual awards presented by any organization or individual.

210.03 Awards Ceremony.

(1) **District and Regional Meets.** Formal awards ceremonies may be conducted following the conclusion of district and regional meets at the discretion of the respective meet managers.

(2) **FHSAA Finals.** A formal awards ceremony will be conducted at the FHSAA Finals at 9:30 p.m.

211. Officials

211.01 Assignment.

(1) **District Tournaments.** Official crews for each district meet shall be selected at the district meeting. No high school student shall be permitted to work as a "lead official" in any event.

(2) **Regional Tournaments.** Official crews for regional meets shall be selected by the local director. Referees must be FHSAA-registered track & field officials, unless this provision is waived by the Executive Director at the request of the local director. No high school student shall be permitted to work as a "lead official" in any event.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** Officials for the FHSAA Finals shall be assigned by the meet director. At least one FHSAA-registered official, if available, shall be assigned to each event. Referees must be FHSAA-registered track & field officials, unless this provision is waived by the Executive Director at the request of the meet director.

211.02 Payment.

(1) **District Meets.** The host school for each district meet shall be responsible for paying meet officials from the total revenue of the tournament according to the financial terms stipulated in s.206.01(2).

(2) **Regional Meets.** The host school for each regional meet shall be responsible for paying meet officials from the total revenue of the tournament or game according to the financial terms stipulated in s.206.02(2). Meet referees shall receive a fee of \$50. Sixty (60) cents per mile, per vehicle, one way is the maximum mileage rate.

(3) **FHSAA Finals.** The FHSAA Office shall be responsible for paying meet officials assigned to work the FHSAA Finals.