

Qualifying for the NSAA State Track and Field Meet (updated 3.24.21)

Class A. There will be FOUR Class A district meets.

- **INDIVIDUAL RUNNING EVENTS:** The winners of the first FOUR places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next EIGHT fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **RELAY EVENTS:** The winners of first, second and third places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next FOUR fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT, DISCUS):** The first FOUR places in each event shall qualify for the state meet, plus the next EIGHT best performances of the non-qualifiers across all districts. In the case of a tie for the last qualifying spot, all of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (POLE VAULT, HIGH JUMP):** The first FOUR places in each event shall qualify for the state meet, plus all who equal or exceed the additional qualifier mark at the 2021 NSAA Class A District Track Meet. The additional qualifier mark is determined by using the average height of 8th place at the State Meet for the past 3 years.
- Athletes placing first, second, third or fourth must have cleared 9' 6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault and 6' 6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
- Regardless of place would mean that in RELAY events at district meets, any relay team who finished 4th -7th place in their district meet could qualify for the state track meet if their time was one of the four fastest times of non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the four fastest of the non-qualifiers.
- Regardless of place would mean in the individual running events with preliminaries and finals, the next 8 fastest times of the non-qualifiers may come from "finals" competition only. This means in the events with preliminaries and finals, 5th-8th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 8 fastest time of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. In the individual running events that are run as "finals only", 5th-12th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 8 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted.
- In the event the FAT timing system would fail in any district in any running event, any individual running event would qualify the top 6 places and any relay event would qualify the top 4 places. This would pertain only to those events where the FAT failed. In the event of a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify in that event.

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Class B. There will be SIX Class B district meets.

- **INDIVIDUAL RUNNING EVENTS:** The winners of the first THREE places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SIX fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **RELAY EVENTS:** The winners of first and second places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next FOUR fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT, DISCUS):** The first THREE places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SIX best performances of the non-qualifiers across all districts. In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot, all of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (POLE VAULT, HIGH JUMP):** The first THREE places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus all who equal or exceed the additional qualifier mark at the 2021 NSAA Class B District Track Meet. The additional qualifier mark is determined by using the average height of 8th place at the State Meet for the past 3 years.
- Athletes placing first, second, or third must have cleared 9' 6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault, and 6' 6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
- Regardless of place is to mean that in relay events, any team who finished 3rd – 6th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state track meet if their time is one of the four fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the four fastest of the non-qualifiers.
- Regardless of place would mean in the individual running events with preliminaries and finals, the next 6 fastest times of the non-qualifiers may come from "finals" competition only. This means in the events with preliminaries and finals, 4th-8th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 6 fastest time of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. In the individual running events that are run as "finals only", 4th-9th place could qualify for the state track meet if their district finals time was one of the next 6 fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted. It would not matter what place in their respective district they finished, but that the time was one of the four fastest of the non-qualifiers.

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Class C. There will be NINE Class C district meets.

- **INDIVIDUAL RUNNING EVENTS:** The winners of the first TWO places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SIX fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **RELAY EVENTS:** The winners of FIRST place in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SEVEN fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT, DISCUS):** The first TWO places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SIX best performances of the non-qualifiers across all districts. In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot, all of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (POLE VAULT, HIGH JUMP):** The first TWO places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus all who equal or exceed the additional qualifier mark at the 2021 NSAA Class C District Track Meet. The additional qualifier mark is determined by using the average height of 8th place at the State Meet for the past 3 years.
- Athletes placing first or second must have cleared 9'6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault and 6'6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
- Regardless of place is to mean that any competitor in an individual running event who finishes 3rd through 8th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state meet if their time is one of the six fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted.
- Regardless of place is to mean that any relay team who finishes 2nd through 8th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state meet if their time is one of the seven fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted.

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Class D. There will be NINE Class D district meets.

- **INDIVIDUAL RUNNING EVENTS:** The winners of the first TWO places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SIX fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event. There shall be a maximum of 24 qualifiers. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **RELAY EVENTS:** The winners of FIRST place in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SEVEN fastest times of the non-qualifiers, regardless of place in a finals event, with a maximum of 16 relay teams qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying spot, none of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (LONG JUMP, TRIPLE JUMP, SHOT PUT, DISCUS):** The first TWO places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus the next SIX best performances of the non-qualifiers across all districts. In case of a tie for the last qualifying spot, all of those tied shall qualify.
- **FIELD EVENTS (POLE VAULT, HIGH JUMP):** The first TWO places in each event will qualify for the state meet, plus all who equal or exceed the additional qualifier mark at the 2021 NSAA Class D District Track Meet. The additional qualifier mark is determined by using the average height of 8th place at the State Meet for the past 3 years.
 - Athletes placing first or second must have cleared 9'6" or higher to qualify in the boys' pole vault and 6'6" or higher in the girls' pole vault.
 - Regardless of place is to mean that any competitor in an individual running event who finishes 3rd through 8th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state meet if their time is one of the six fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted.
 - Regardless of place is to mean that any relay team who finishes 2nd through 8th in their respective district meet could qualify for the state meet if their time is one of the seven fastest times of the non-qualifiers from all districts submitted.

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Ties.

Individuals tied for the district's last state qualifying spot in races of 200 meters or less must compete for that qualifying spot in a run-off. Only the winner of the run-off will qualify for the state meet. In all other individual events those individuals tied in the district meet or in time comparisons for the state meet will not qualify unless the tied individuals ran in the same race, and one was picked ahead of the other.

- In the field events, those tied for the last qualifying spot shall qualify if places cannot be determined by using the tie breaker rule for field events.
- Relay teams tied for the fastest time will not qualify for the state meet.
- Ties in time comparisons for the relay qualifiers will be broken by giving preference to the team(s) with the highest place in head to head competition. If the tie for qualifying still exists, those teams tied will not qualify.

Additional Qualifiers.

- If there is a tie for an extra qualifying spot, those individuals tied will not qualify unless the tied individuals ran in the same race, and one was picked ahead of the other.
- There are no additional qualifiers in the relays.
- In addition to the regular qualifiers in boys' Pole Vault and High Jump, all qualify who equal or exceed the additional qualifier mark at the 2021 NSAA District Track Meet. The additional qualifier mark is determined by using the average height of 8th place at the State Meet for the past 3 years.

BOYS FIELD EVENTS

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Pole Vault</u>	13-2	13-0	13-5	12-6
<u>High Jump</u>	6-3	6-3	6-1	6-0

- In addition to the regular qualifiers in girls' Pole Vault and High Jump, all qualify who equal or exceed the additional qualifier mark at the 2021 NSAA District Track Meet. The additional qualifier mark is determined by using the average height of 8th place at the State Meet for the past 3 years.

GIRLS FIELD EVENTS

	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>D</u>
<u>Pole Vault</u>	10-0	10-0	9-10	9-0
<u>High Jump</u>	5-1	5-1	5-0	4-11

Heat and Lane Assignments (Updated 3.24.21)

100-200-400 Meter Dashes, 300 Meter Hurdles, 100 Meter Hurdles & 110 Meter Hurdles:

Class C and Class D will have three preliminary heats.

The first place winner in each heat and the next five fastest times will qualify for the finals in the state meet.

**NOTE – If the fully automatic timing system is not functional and manual timing is implemented, the first and second place finisher from each heat and the two fastest thirds will qualify for the finals.

- The winners of the district qualifying meets will be assigned to heats, with the fastest winner in heat I, the second fastest winner in heat II, the third fastest winner in heat III, the fourth fastest winner in heat III, the fifth fastest winner in heat II, etc.
- The second places in the district meets will then be placed in the same manner that the winners were placed. The second places and additional qualifiers will follow where the previous place left off.

Heat 1 to Include

1st Fastest District Winner
6th Fastest District Winner
7th Fastest District Winner
3rd Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
4th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
9th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
1st Fastest Additional Qualifier
6th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Heat 2 to Include

2nd Fastest District Winner
5th Fastest District Winner
8th Fastest District Winner
2nd Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
5th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
8th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
2nd Fastest Additional Qualifier
5th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Heat 3 to Include

3rd Fastest District Winner
4th Fastest District Winner
9th Fastest District Winner
1st Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
6th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
7th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
3rd Fastest Additional Qualifier
4th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Class B will have three preliminary heats.

The first place winner in each heat and the next five fastest times will qualify for the finals in the state meet.

**NOTE – If the fully automatic timing system is not functional and manual timing is implemented, the first and second place finisher from each heat and the two fastest thirds will qualify for the finals.

- The winners of the district qualifying meets will be assigned to heats, with the fastest winner in heat I, the second fastest winner in heat II, the third fastest winner in heat III, the fourth fastest winner in heat III, the fifth fastest winner in heat II, and the sixth fastest winner in heat I.
- The fastest second place winner will be placed in heat II, second fastest in heat III, the third fastest in heat I, the fourth fastest in heat I, the fifth fastest in heat III and the sixth fastest in heat II.
- The fastest third will be placed in heat III, the second fastest in heat I, the third fastest in heat II, the fourth fastest in heat II, the fifth fastest in heat I, and the sixth fastest in heat III.
- **The 6 additional qualifiers will be placed the same way as the district winners above.**

HEAT 1--To include

1st Fastest District Winner
6th Fastest District Winner
3rd Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
4th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
2nd Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
5th Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
1st Fastest Additional Qualifier
6th Fastest Additional Qualifier

HEAT 2--To include

2nd Fastest District Winner
5th Fastest District Winner
1st Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
6th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
3rd Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
4th Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
2nd Fastest Additional Qualifier
5th Fastest Additional Qualifier

HEAT 3--To include

3rd Fastest District Winner
4th Fastest District Winner
2nd Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
5th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
1st Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
6th Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
3rd Fastest Additional Qualifier
4th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Class A will have three preliminary heats.

The first place winner in each heat and the next five fastest times will qualify for the finals in the state meet.

****NOTE** – If the fully automatic timing system is not functional and manual timing is implemented, the first and second place finisher from each heat and the two fastest thirds will qualify for the finals.

- The winners of the district qualifying meets will be assigned to heats, with the fastest winner in heat 1, the second fastest winner in heat 2, the third and fourth fastest winners in heat 3.
- The fastest second place finisher will be placed in heat 2, the second and third fastest second place finishers will be placed in heat 1, the fourth fastest second place finisher will be placed in heat 2.
- The first and second fastest third place finishers will be placed in heat 3, the third fastest third place finisher will be placed in heat 2, the fourth fastest third place finisher will be placed in heat 1.
- The first fastest fourth place finisher will be placed in heat 1, the second fastest fourth place finisher will be placed in heat 2, the third and fourth fastest fourth place finishers will be placed in heat 3.
- The first, fourth and seventh fastest additional qualifiers will be placed in heat 2; the second, third and eight fastest additional qualifiers will be placed in heat 1; the fifth and sixth fastest additional qualifiers will be placed in heat 3.

Heat 1 to Include

1st Fastest District Winner
2nd Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
3rd Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
4th Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
1st Fastest 4th Place Finisher
2nd Fastest Additional Qualifier
3rd Fastest Additional Qualifier
8th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Heat 2 to Include

2nd Fastest District Winner
1st Fastest 2nd Place Winner
4th Fastest 2nd Place Finisher
3rd Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
2nd Fastest 4th Place Finisher
1st Fastest Additional Qualifier
4th Fastest Additional Qualifier
7th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Heat 3 to Include

3rd Fastest District Winner
4th Fastest District Winner
1st Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
2nd Fastest 3rd Place Finisher
3rd Fastest 4th Place Finisher
4th Fastest 4th Place Finisher
5th Fastest Additional Qualifier
6th Fastest Additional Qualifier

Lane Assignments--Preliminaries and Finals:

Fastest time in the district or preliminaries assigned to lane 4.
Second fastest time in districts or prelims assigned to lane 5.
Third fastest time in district or prelims assigned to lane 3.
Fourth fastest time in districts or prelims assigned to lane 6
Fifth fastest time in districts or prelims assigned to lane 2
Sixth fastest time in districts or prelims assigned to lane 7.
Seventh fastest time in districts or prelims assigned to lane 1
Eighth fastest time in districts or prelims assigned to lane 8.
In case of identical times, the higher place will take precedence.

400 Meter Relay, 1600 Meter Relay.

Two sections against time. The qualifier's times from districts the basis for assignment to sections. The fastest qualifiers will be assigned to second section.

3200 Meter Relay

One section, to be run in super alleys. Positions are assigned as follows:

- Alley 1 (Lanes 1-8) to include the 6th fastest time to the 16th fastest time. #6 will have the inside position.
- Alley 2 (Lanes 5-8) to include the 1st fastest time to the 5th fastest time. #1 will have the inside position.

800 Meter Run

Two sections against time. The qualifier's times from districts as the basis for assignment to sections. The fastest qualifiers will be assigned to second section.

To be run in Super Alleys. Alley positions in each section are assigned as follows:

- Alley 1 (Lanes 1-8) to include the 5th fastest time to the 12 fastest time. #5 will have the inside position.
- Alley 2 (Lanes 5-8) to include the 1st fastest time to the 4 fastest time. #1 will have the inside position.

1600 Meter Run & 3200 Meter Run

One section, to be run in 2 super alleys. Positions are assigned as follows:

- Alley 1 (Lanes 1-8) to include the 9th fastest qualifier to the 24th fastest qualifier. #9 will have the inside position.
- Alley 2 (Lanes 5-8) to include the 1st fastest qualifier to the 8th fastest qualifier. #1 will have the inside position.