

GYTOA Local Rules Meeting

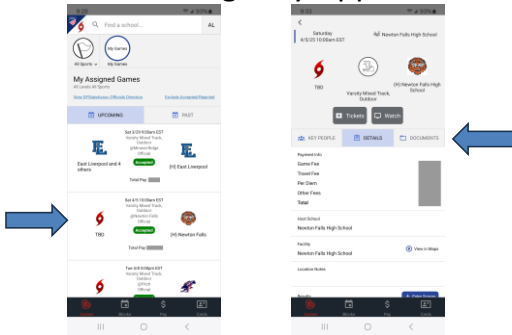
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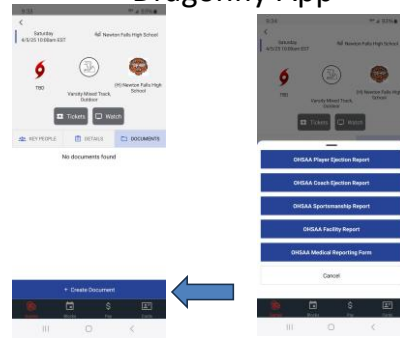
Clearing up old business...

- Assistance from a nonrestricted area
 - Allowable to provide fluids from nonrestricted area as long as no interference occurs
 - Case Book Situation 4-6-5M, page 39
- Headgear as concussion protection
 - If hard and unyielding a waiver is needed

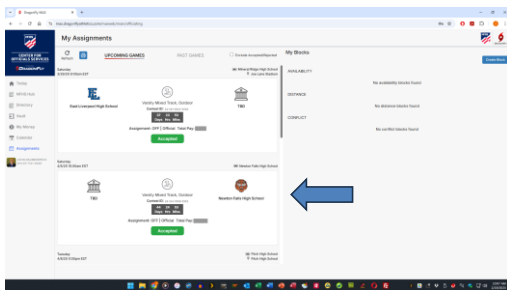
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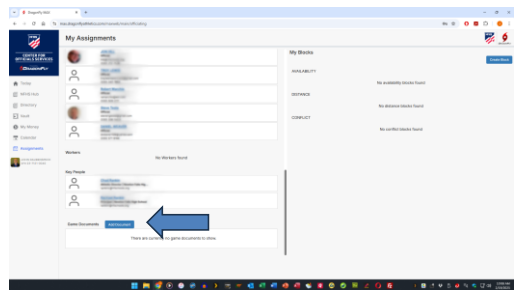
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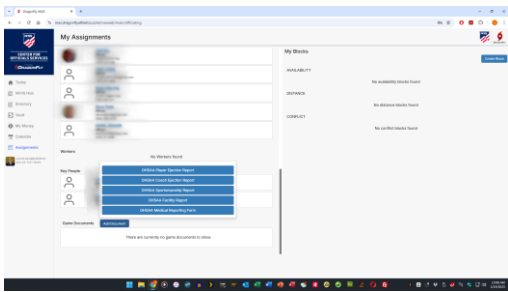
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NFHS stuff

- Various NFHS resources can be found here: <https://www.nfhs.org/activities-sports/track-fieldcross-country/>
- These resources include new rules and their interpretations, and many others
- There are links to a variety of training materials at gytoa.com

Referee

- Rule 3-4, pages 14-15; Officials Manual pages 10-12
 - Authority begins upon arrival and ends 30 minutes after last results are posted
 - Still retain clerical authority until all reports are filed (eg, DQ, unsportsmanlike conduct report)
 - Sole responsibility for determining if a rerun will occur and who will participate (Rule book guidelines – page 13)
 - Meet with meet management, field event judges, head finish judge, head umpire, scorer, FAT personnel, clerks
 - Be familiar with exchange zones
 - Jury of Appeals – none in Ohio – can still consult head field judge, field referee, other officials
 - Responsible for making sure laps are counted and announced to competitors correctly

Referee

- What do you need from the host school?
 - Program, rosters, order of events, meet regulations, 2-way radio (if available) – cell phones also work well
 - Pre-meet communications to coaches
 - Restricted areas
 - Starting heights, scratch lines, spike length
 - Qualifying procedures
 - Restricted areas
 - Is there a head field judge?
 - Where are results posted? Where is the scorer?
 - How many places are being scored?
 - Athlete check-in location, scratches and substitutions

Referee

- Pre-meet conference with coaches
 - Coaches' verification form, roster, uniforms, Inhaler or other medical forms
 - Restricted areas
 - Emphasize good sportsmanship
 - Location of field events, athlete check-in area, scratches and substitutions
 - Where can coaches find you if an issue arises?
- Notification of disqualified athlete and coach
- Sole authority for ruling on issues not covered in the rules
- Communicate with field event judges if there is no head field judge
- Declaring facilities unfit for competition, splitting of points
- Re-runs – when should it be done, who should be included – Rule 3-4-3, page 14

Referee

- Possible DQ
 - Who, what, when and where
 - Communicate to coach (and competitor) ASAP
 - **No other official should talk to coaches, athletes or spectators regarding a possible violation**
- Ejection – unsportsmanlike conduct
 - Form to fill out (online – ohsaa.org)
 - Contact with school, OHSAA
- Weather situations – when to suspend, when to resume, how long can you wait out the weather?
- Will hats/gloves be allowed?

Marshal

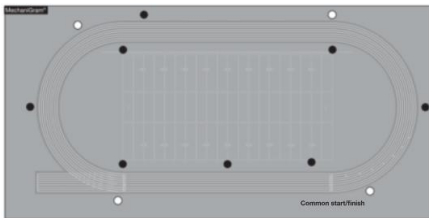
- Rule 3-12, page 19 in rule book; officials' manual page 57
- Red/white flag at finish line
- Let the starters know when the finish line is ready
- Keep competition areas free from all persons except officials, contestants, and other individuals authorized by the games committee
- Be polite but firm – know when athletes need access to jumping areas
- May help as lap counter

Umpires

- Rule 3-11, page 19; Officials' Manual – pp 26-31
- Be where ya gotta be to see what ya gotta see – positioning at exchange zones.
- Before the athletes show up
 - Get specific assignments
 - Confer with referee
 - Get familiar with exchange zones (Rules 5-10-7, 5-10-9)
- Specific rules to apply
 - Rules 5-9, 5-10, 5-11, 5-12, 5-13, 5-14
 - Uniform rules – OHSAA manual pages 15 – 18
- **You should not engage with coaches, athletes or spectators about possible violations!**

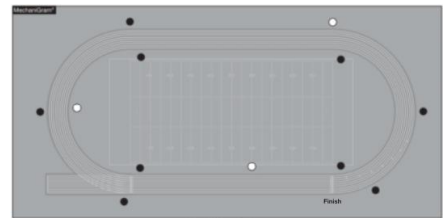
Positions

(white circles indicate most important positions)



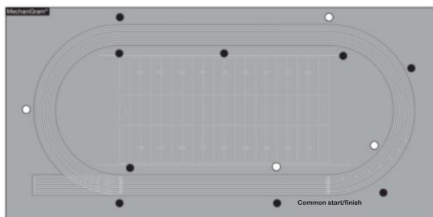
General Assignments (400m, 800m, 1500m, 1600m, 3000m and 3200m)

4x800 Relay



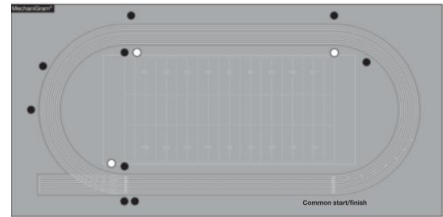
4 x 800m Relay

4x400 Relay



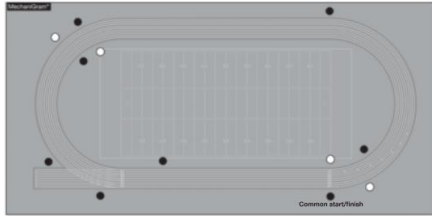
4 x 400m Relay

4x100 Relay



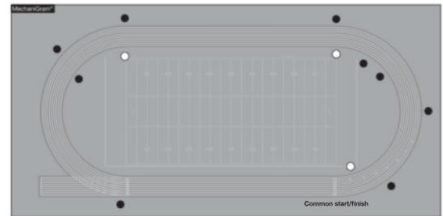
4 x 100m Relay

4x200 Relay



4 x 200m Relay

Sprint Medley Relay



800m Medley Relay (100-100-200-400)

In Conclusion

- Next meeting is Wednesday, March 5 – MCCTC
- Topics will be Seeding, Clerking, Starting, Finish Line, Scoring
- Don't forget to finish your state rules meeting on Dragonfly
- Watch your emails for the online local meetings from BJ Duckworth