

**The information below is a compilation of the responses to the questions asked when you registered for the clinic.**

1. Would you like all state meets –D1, D2, D3&D4 and MOC- to be held at UNH?

40 yes/41 no

2. State meet field events tend to change order from year to year and from venue to venue. Running events never change order. Should the field event order in state meets always be the same?

61 yes/ 14 no

3. Is everyone happy with the way athletes qualify for the championship season?

69 yes/ 9 no

4. If not happy, what are your suggestions?

- In Outdoor track, the meets shouldn't have to be FAT for a thrower to qualify for the State meet.
- Find consistency and validity for all performances, track and field.
- Can we move all state meets in the spring to the same day (Saturday) and have them be at SNHU? Run all 3 Divisions combined or back to back? Norwell MA had the best setup for New Englands as well. Coaches could be at field events and running events at the same time with field events being on 1 side of the track. UNH does not have a set up that would make this easy for coaches who have field event and running event athletes for post season events.
- My only problem with the current system is the rule that field event results should be required at only FAT meets. Not every school has the resources to have home meets with FAT and that puts those programs at a disadvantage.
- We don't always have a full field of athletes in every event. We should lower provisionals to get enough to fill all available spots at championship meets.
- Different standards to qualify based on the division of the school or have provisional standards for Indoors
- 100 and 200 meter qualifying times should be FAT only-- no conversions. In these events, tenths matter most. There are enough opportunities to get FAT times now-- many non invitationals do them too now. Local meet hand timers can often be barely trained, or trained wrong. The hand versus true FAT times skews the battlenotes, skews coaches' entry decisions, and can put athletes who qualified on FAT alone at a disadvantage in seeding.
- Geographical regional qualifier meets the Tuesday prior to the Divisional Meets. For example, NORTH, SOUTH, EAST, WEST...Top 3 Advance, next best 4 (or 6) over-all advance. In the qualifiers, no relays, 4 event max, scratches by Thursday, relay declarations by Thursday.

5. With the advent of the girls' pole vault, girls are doing all the same events as the boys. Should New Hampshire be proactive and make the Decathlon/Heptathlon into the Decathlon/Decathlon?

41 yes / 35 no

6. Indoor track has a different system for scoring meets. (We are aware of the National Federation requirements). Should scoring meets differently be considered?

30 yes/ 34 no

7. Some states contest extra events in spring track like the 5000m, mile walk and hammer throw. Should New Hampshire consider adding events to our schedule

34 yes/ 45 no

8. What events should we consider?

- 5000m run
- Hammer and 5K
- 5000m., Steeple Chase (2k or 3k), other relay events
- Hammer
- 5000m, Hammer Throw
- Race walk
- hammer throw
- 5000 or official Mile not 1600.
- Hammer and race walk
- 5k
- Hammer
- Hammer
- 5000 and 400 hurdles

- 400H for outdoor instead of 300. Another throwing event for indoor.
- 5000m and hammer
- 5000
- 400 hurdles, Hammer, Steeple
- hammer/5000
- 5000M
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- Weight throw/hammer throw
- a walk event
- sprint medley relay
- Hammer Throw, Pole Vault
- Against elimination, but maybe some creative tweaking. Pole vault is an issue for sure-- both facilities and the coaching time and training needed. . Maybe have more opportunity to share coaching, and have special vaulting practice days, or separate qualifying events/ vault jamboree for those schools that don't do it any more/ meets that don't have it.. Maybe Doug Lang would have some ideas how to make this work-- he does so much with Patriot Pole Vault Club to promote the event. Might have to consider making it a non scoring event at the dual/tri/ weekday meets. 3200-- I am not advocating dropping it!!! But maybe Steeple-- like hammer, would need to coordinate with colleges. Change the 1600 to the mile. It just makes more sense. It is the distance our culture and society uses for distance measurement. Change 3200 to 2 miles. Or go international on both-- 1500/ 3000 I think we need to expose our athletes to as many events as possible, so we should be open to adding things. Would have to see if coaches/clubs would be willing to lead the way/ start training sessions. That might mean not offering every event every meet. That would allow events to develop without feeling we need to do them every meet. We already do that with 4 x 800. Or, for the less traditional events, maybe have a non scoring championship day at SNHU, Plymouth, Colby Sawyer or??? Racewalk, Hammer, Steeple, 400H, mixed relay... Play it up, have some special individual awards, find sponsors who might give something-- USATF clubs that want to promote stuff, USATF NE supplying grant money...
- 5000m
- Racewalk

9. Some coaches have mentioned eliminating the Pole Vault due to the high cost of a PV Pad System(could cost approx. \$18,000 for a new pit). Are there any events that should be eliminated?

16 yes/ 64 no

10. Which events should be eliminated?

- Pole vault
- PV, absolutely unfair event on a number of different levels.
- Pole Vault
- Meet of Champions 4X800
- Pole Vault
- Should consider removing Triple Jump. Injury rate is too high.
- I would like to see more discussion on the "no watches" rule.
- Pole vault
- It is hard for schools to compete at the team level if their school does not allow them to participate in pole vault due to safety concerns and price of equipment.
- Pole Vault
- I don't want to remove pole vault, but completely understand why it probably should be. I would not argue against its removal.
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