



June 24-26, 2021

Welcome to the WIAA State Track & Field Championships. Please carefully read the following information/instructions and share them with your Athletic Director, assistant coaches, athletes, and spectators who will be attending the State Track & Field Meet.

UW-LA CROSSE
(Veteran's Memorial Stadium)

SPECTATORS

Attendance will be limited to 5500 fans per day. Priority considerations will be given to actual participants and coaches.

Schools: Each school will have set aside the equivalent of 5 admissions per qualifying athlete, and will have the opportunity to provide those admissions to their athlete and coaches. These admissions will be spoken for via a Google Doc that will be generated by Kassie Mortimer kmortimer@wiaawi.org Athletic Directors will complete and submit the Google Doc with names of who is to receive the admissions by 4:00 on Monday, June 21.

General Public: At 8:00 am on Tuesday, June 22, all remaining tickets (approximately 500 per day) will go on sale to the general public. They can be purchased on the WIAA website by following this link: [\[link\]](#). Any tickets that are unsold to each of the qualifying schools/athletes will also go on sale on Tuesday morning.

Ticket Price: \$16 for an all-day pass

There will be no walk-up ticket sales. Spectators can purchase online until tickets are gone.

1. Spectators should have no contact with the athletes while on the competition site.
2. Masks – are encouraged.
3. Social-distancing should be maintained throughout the course.

THE 2021 MEET STRUCTURE

The information about the 2021 State Track & Field Meet has been reviewed by Sports Medical Advisory doctors and has been approved as the race format for the State Meet. The daily meet schedule can be found here:

<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Track/2020/State%20Meet%20Schedule.pdf?ver=qhTjvo0VpMilxAF7m94FXg%3d%3d>

COVID ADJUSTMENTS TO STATE TRACK & FIELD 2021

The COVID adjustments to the State Meet can be found here:

<https://www.wiaawi.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=d58Kl1qWO2g%3d&portalid=0>

****Please note that if any portion of the State Track & Field meet is moved indoors due to inclement weather, spectators who wish to view the indoor events will be required to wear a mask.**

TEAM PACKET & COVID PAPERWORK

Each team must have a completed the COVID-19 – Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist Verification Form. The form is to be given in exchange for the Team Packet.

Consider handling collection of COVID paperwork and distribution of team packets (including race numbers) in the parking area, prior to teams unloading their bus.

COVID-19 – Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist Verification Form: (Scroll to page 2)

<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Health/Covid/WIAA-Fall-Culminating-Event-Req-Verification.pdf>

WIAA Tournament Accountability

- When arriving at the venue for a contest, coaches will exchange the verification form signed by the coach and athletic director acknowledging that the students have been prescreened and the tracing sheet is accurate.
- When departing for the contest, coaches take their tracing sheet and verification form signed by the coach and athletic director acknowledging the tracing sheet's accuracy. If a coach cannot, or does not produce the tracing sheet when verification is requested, it shall be reported to the WIAA office by the opposing coach.
- Failure to produce the verification form and/or the tracing sheet will result in a forfeit. **SUBSTITUTIONS – Please review the following:**
- There is a provision per WIAA Board of Control Covid-19 accommodations permitting replacement of a team or individual who has qualified from one level to the next but is unable to continue due to Covid-19 related circumstances.
- The provision extends ONLY to the most recently defeated team or the individual in the next place. Note: if the next place finisher is two individuals or more tied, there will be no replacement.
- There is no provision for moving up any other team or individual.
- Notification should be given as early as possible so the most recently defeated team or the individual in the next place can prepare. There is, however, no deadline. Substitution can be made up to the day of the event.
- If a vacancy occurs because there is no available or eligible team or individual, the scheduled opponent receives a forfeit.
- **A school whose team or individual is unable to continue in the tournament program is expected to IMMEDIATELY notify the following:**
 1. WIAA office.
 2. School hosting next round of competition.

COVID-19 - COACH/ATHLETE SYMPTOM CHECKLIST VERIFICATION FORM 2020-2021

I certify that our school has completed the prescreening of each person in our traveling party and team today before traveling to our WIAA Tournament contest. We have read, understand, and agree to abide by all of the information contained within the WIAA Return to Fall Sports Considerations. I further certify that if I have not understood any information contained in this document, I have sought and received an explanation of the information prior to signing this statement.

_____ **Circle one:** Regional | SubSectional | Sectional | State Sport

Opponent	Contest Date
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School Name _____

Coach's Signature _____

Please Print Name	Date
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Athletic Director's Signature _____

Please Print Name	Date
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This form must be completed and carried to the WIAA Tournament contest. Schools involved in the contest will exchange a copy of this form. Coaches must also carry with them a copy of the COVID-19 Coach/Athlete Symptom Checklist and produce it if requested by the opposing team and/or host school.

STATE MEET QUALIFYING INFORMATION

- Qualifiers & qualifying standards for the WIAA State Track & Field Tournament will be available on the WIAA website (<http://www.wiaawi.org>) Friday, June 18, qualifying standards at 12 noon, qualifiers at 1 p.m., heat sheets at 5 p.m.
- Choose Sports then Track & Field (Boys or Girls), 2019 State Track & Field Meet, and choose the Qualifiers/Lanes. You will be able to view, print, or download the information from the file.
- State results will also be available at the end of each day of the State Meet by clicking the State Tournament results link.
- Corrections - Coaches are requested to immediately identify any errors in spelling competitors names, listing of year in school, school name, etc. Corrections must be emailed (costertag@wiaawi.org) to the WIAA by 10 a.m. Monday, June 20, to be included in the program.

PREMEET INFORMATION

- Date:
 - Thursday, June 24 (Division 3)
 - Friday, June 25 (Division 2 and All Wheelchair athletes)
 - Saturday, June 26 (Division 1)
 - RAIN DATE IS SUNDAY, JUNE 27 (any day of the meet that gets rained out will be moved to Sunday)
- Location
 - Veterans Memorial Stadium, located in La Crosse, WI. City map can be found here [\[link\]](#)
- Housing:
 - The WIAA discourages overnight stays. Each day the start time has been moved to 11:00am to accommodate travel.
 - The residence halls will not be available for competing athletes and their coaches.
- Parking:
 - Parking permits may be purchased online, at Parking and Transportation Services, or at the Recreational Eagle Center. Parking and Transportation Services is located at the parking ramp at the intersection of Farwell and 17th streets on campus. The office is open by 8 a.m., and permits may be purchased in the office. Staff will also be available at the Recreational Eagle Center. Vehicles without permits will receive citations.
 - Full event parking is \$20 per car, \$25 per bus. Daily parking is \$8 per car and \$20 per bus. Day passes will be sold at UWL entrances each morning. (cash only).
 - Buses must park on Farwell, 16th, and 17th Streets. Unattended buses parked in UWL lots will receive citations.
 - Instructions to order an online permit (Cost includes a vendor fee and is the same price as it is on campus.):
 1. Visit this link to order a permit.
 2. Select Standard Auto or Bus. Bus parking is defined as any vehicle that takes up more than one space. Certain vans may be too large to park in a standard space.
 3. Select All Days or daily parking for June 1 or June 2. Selecting All Days provides parking from Thursday-Sunday and includes overnight parking on campus.
 4. Select the number of permits and add them to the cart.
 5. Select Continue Checkout under Guest Checkout.
 6. Enter the billing information and payment information. It is not necessary to include vehicle information or to create a user account. Required information is indicated by red asterisks.
 7. Customers will receive a receipt with individually numbered permits. The permits should be printed out and displayed on the dashboard.
 8. Permits are valid for any UWL lot. Police may direct customers to park in certain lots depending on when they arrive to campus each day.
- Please contact Parking and Transportation Services at 608.785.8061 or by email < parking@uwlax.edu > with questions.

STADIUM CLOSED

- No one will be allowed into the UW-La Crosse stadium this year until the stadium opens for warm-ups on the morning of the meet.

PACKET PICK-UP

- Packets will be available for pickup from 9:00am to 2:00pm on each day of the meet.
- If all individuals (coaches, managers, athletes, etc.) are not in attendance when the team envelope is picked up, the envelope with the appropriate materials should be left for those arriving later.
- No one will be allowed free admission inside the track facility without the proper identification (coaches/managers - wristband; athletes - contestant number).
- Schools with pole vault qualifiers will be provided one special wristband which will allow access to the coaching box located in the infield. Wristbands will be distributed prior to the start of the event by the head event judge. Individuals who fail to cooperate with event judge instructions will have their privileges revoked. Limit 1 wristband per school even if that school has more than 1 qualifier.
- Coaches of athletes in the high jump, long and triple jump will have exclusive access to monitored coaching boxes inside the fence but outside of the track. One coach from each school with a qualified athlete (in the specific event) will have access to the box. Absolutely no unauthorized personnel permitted. Wristbands will be distributed prior to the start of the event by the head event judge. Individuals who fail to cooperate with event judge instructions will have their privileges revoked. Limit 1 wristband per school even if that school has more than 1 qualifier.

RADIOS AND WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES, ETC.

- Wireless communication devices (headsets, radios, etc.) except for the official equipment used by meet management and meet officials are illegal. Cellular phones are permitted in noncompetition and non-restricted areas.
- Stereo tape decks and other related radio equipment are prohibited.
- Individuals bringing such equipment will be instructed to return the item(s) to their vehicles.
- iPods are allowed.

UMBRELLAS/TENTS/SHELTERS/COOLERS

- Team camps will be allowed at the State Meet in a designated area. Tents must be placed no closer than 3-6 feet apart.
- Personal size umbrellas are allowed on the infield. Single person golf umbrellas or an umbrella attached to a chair are acceptable.
- Beach umbrellas, umbrellas with fold-down sides, or umbrellas driven into the turf are prohibited.
- Tents/self-made shelters will not be allowed inside the track and field facility (stadium and competition areas).
- Small tents/self-made shelters not larger than 8' x 10' will be allowed in the warm-up field, parallel to Reuter Hall.
- Access to set up team tents will be allowed each morning when the venue opens for warm-ups at 9:45 am.
- Please make sure all tents are labeled with school name and contact number.
- Individuals trying to bring illegal items into the grandstand will be told to return them to their vehicles.
- No coolers will be allowed into the permanent stands.

VIDEO TAPES

1. Electronic devices are legal under the following conditions (NFHS 3-2-8):
2. Not used to transmit information to athlete during race or trial.
3. Not used to question/protest officiating decisions.
4. Operates off a portable power pack. There are no provisions to plug in an electrical outlet to charge batteries.
5. The filmer does not create meet management or other spectator related problems.

MEET DAY INFORMATION

Admissions

- Athletes are to use their individual track number for free admittance through any of the entrance gates. This policy applies only on the athlete's day of competition. Exception: Teammates of a wheelchair athlete, may enter on Friday to support their teammate in competition, even if they have competed on a different day.
- Coaches/managers (three) will be allowed free admission by wearing the appropriate nontransferable wristbands through any of the entrance gates.
 - The wristband is good for admission only for one day. Individuals who lose, remove, or alter their wristbands will not be allowed free entry and must purchase a new band.
 - There will be no additional admissions available for 2021
 - The WIAA will not write receipts for schools that buy admission tickets and/or extra wristbands for assistant coaches/team managers, etc.

AWARD WINNERS

- Place winners (1 -6) should report to the awards area in the infield as soon as their event is completed. After receiving their medals, award winners will then be escorted to a media area for interviews south of the stadium.
- The WIAA has secured a professional photographer (Visual Image Photography) to take pictures of the athletes on the awards stand after they have been draped with their medals. Parents and coaches will be able to purchase pictures for a minimal amount. Forms to order pictures will be distributed at the meet.
- All award winners must be dressed appropriately in their team uniform.
- Hats, sloppy shorts, sweatshirts with college names, etc., must be removed.

MARKING MATERIAL

- Athletic tape will be the only allowed marking material permitted as a check-mark(s) for the High Jump and relays.
- The competitors must immediately remove the tape when their competition is completed.

RESULTS

- Meet results will not be distributed, but will be posted after each event on boards at the south end of the grandstand.

RESTRICTED AREAS

- Restricted areas where no one except appropriate competing athletes, event coaches with credentials, and meet personnel are allowed and where athletes are prohibited from removing any portion of their team uniform, excluding shoes, are:
 1. The track infield.
 2. Clerk of course tent.
 3. Start and finish areas.
 4. Flagged/roped off field event competition areas.

SCRATCHES/ERRORS

Scratches and program errors should be reported immediately to the Information Table - north end of stadium. You will be provided a card to complete to identify your scratch/error.

SPIKES

- Flats or pyramid spikes which do not exceed one-fourth (1/4") in length when measured from the sole to the tip of the spike will be allowed.
- All spikes will be checked at the athletes' entrance gate to the track - adjacent to the Clerk of Course tent.
- No spikes will be sold at the State Meet site.

TIME SCHEDULE

<https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Sports/Track/2020/State%20Meet%20Schedule.pdf?ver=qhTjvo0VpMilxAF7m94FXg%3d%3d>

- There is no precise meet time schedule. The only established times are for the first field and running events each day.
- Competition will begin on Thursday and Saturday at 11:00am. Competition will begin at 10:40 on Friday, as it includes all divisions of the Wheelchair championships. The meet will proceed at a normal pace.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR WARM-UPS

Thursday and Saturday

9:00 – 10:30 Coaches and Athletes may check in implements for use in competition (discus and shot)
9:00 – 2:00 Coaches may pick up team envelopes
9:45 a.m. Stadium opens for warm-ups – all athletes
10:45 a.m. On-track warm-up time concludes
10:55 Opening Ceremonies

Friday Only

9:00 – 10:30 Coaches and Athletes may check in implements for use in competition (discus and shot)
9:00 – 2:00 Coaches may pick up team envelopes
9:00 a.m. Wheelchair Athletes only on track for warm-ups
9:30 a.m. Stadium opens for warm-ups – all athletes
10:30 a.m. On-track warm-up time concludes
10:35 Opening Ceremonies

▪ Track Restrictions

- Entire track: Lanes 1 & 2 - general jogging warm-up
- Southeast Corner: Lanes 4 & 5 - girls' 300 H
Lanes 7 & 8 - boys' 300 H
Lanes 9 & 10 wheelchair warm-up
- Northeast Corner: Lanes 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, & 9 - relay hands off
- Northwest Corner: Lanes 4 & 5 - sprint starts
Lanes 6 & 7 - girls' 100 H
Lanes 8 & 9 - boys' 110 H
- Southwest Corner: Lanes 4, 5, & 6 - sprint starts
Lanes 7, 8, & 9 - relay hands-off

- Once competition begins, field event athletes will be allowed to warm-up on the infield between jumps/flights, etc.
- Once the competition begins, the only individuals allowed in the infield are the competing athletes in the pole vault, high jump, long & triple jump, and individuals receiving awards. Only pole vault coaches with appropriate credentials will be allowed in the infield coaching box.
- Athletes and coaches must immediately leave the infield area once their event is completed.
- 30 minutes of warm-up time will be available between groups (i.e., Div. 2 boys and Div. 3 boys) with the final 10 minutes exclusively for athletes in the first flight.
- Athletes in the discus, shot put, long & triple jump will be given 15 minutes of warm-ups between flights and 10 minutes between trials and finals.

ASSEMBLE AREA

Track contestants will assemble in area of the clerk of course trailer at the north end of the track behind the starting area for the 100 Meter Dash. Coaches, managers, and spectators are not permitted in this area.

JURY OF APPEALS

- The jury of appeals will consist of: Kate Peterson Abiad (WIAA, Meet Manager) Jim Steinberg (Oconomowoc, Throws Referee), Mary DeYoung (DePere, Jumps Referee), and one girls coach and one boys coach provided by WISTCA.
- See “Jury of Appeal” process and procedures on page 2 of the Regional & Sectional Tournament Information.

HIP NUMBERS

Hip numbers will be issued to each runner at the Clerk of Course Trailer. These numbers are by lane assignment or starting position.

- In relays only the fourth runner will wear the hip number
- The Clerk of Course will assist with the number placement.

RELAYS

There will be no relay card to fill out. A school may only use the individuals listed on their original Regional Entry Form, unless there is a WIAA appeal.

- The competing four runners will be designated when the team checks in with the Clerk of Course.
- The WIAA will provide all of the competition batons. Schools must furnish their own practice batons.
- It is no longer necessary to have all competing members of a relay team report to the Clerk’s tent.
- In the event a member of the relay is involved in another event he/she may self-report to the appropriate exchange zone. The athlete now assumes final responsibility for being in compliance with relay uniform rules and knowledge of the correct lane and exchange zone.

RE-RUNNING RACES

The Jury of Appeals will follow the National Federation guidelines for re-running a race:

1. A race rerun will be avoided if at all possible.
2. Reruns will be considered only in races or relays with individual legs of 400 meters or less.
3. The disadvantage of the interfered competitor compared to the disadvantage of the original place winners in a rerun will be carefully evaluated.

STARTING

- Bags will be provided at the starting line for runner’s personal items.
- UW-La Crosse will provide all starting blocks. Runners wanting to use “Moye” blocks must bring their own.
- UW-La Crosse track athletes will be standing on the back of all starting blocks.
- A curved line (waterfall) start will be used for all 1600 and 3200 meter races

TIMING

- The WIAA has contracted Prime Time Timing for timing at the State Meet.
- Two fully automatic timing and photo finish systems (Lynx) will be used.
 - To break ties timing to one-thousands of a second will be used.
 - Fully automatic timing operator may recall a race if the FAT system malfunctions.

IMPLEMENTS

Athletes must use their own school shots and discus. All implements must be checked to make sure they meet National Federation specifications.

- Implements will be checked at the north end of the stadium, starting at 9:00 a.m. each day.
- Check-in procedure
 - Athletes will be allowed to check in their implements (maximum of two) on the day of their competition.
 - Implements will be marked with tape indicating the name of the athlete’s school.
 - All implements will be impounded and inspected.
 - Implements which meet National Federation specifications will be taken to the competition site by State Meet personnel when the appropriate warm-up period starts.
 - Implements not meeting National Federation specifications will be impounded at the check-in booth until competition is completed.

- An athlete may only use another competitor's implement with permission from that individual.
- The WIAA will provide house implements for use by any athlete.

STARTING HEIGHTS

The starting heights of the Pole Vault and High Jump will be indicated on the tentative State Qualifier Lists, which will be available on the WIAA website Track & Field (Boys or Girls), 2021 State Track & Field Meet, and click on the Information tab after 5 p.m. on Friday, June 18. Do not call the WIAA requesting this information! The heights will be determined by counting down using the performance of the eighth best athlete, then subtracting at least two increments (4" High Jump and 1' Pole Vault).

HIGH JUMP

- Only one check-mark is allowed.
- During warm-ups, if an athlete wants the bar in place it will be set at the opening height.

TAKEOFF BOARDS

Two pits will be used simultaneously for Long and Triple Jump competition.

- The take-off boards for Triple Jump will be at 28' & 32' (girls) and 36' & 40' (boys).
- The take-off boards for Long Jump will be at 10 feet.
- No other scratch lines will be allowed.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Pre-order State Tournament apparel (T-Shirts, Sweatshirts, Joggers, Caps, etc.) at [\[link\]](#)
 - **OPEN: Friday, June 18**
 - **CLOSE: Thursday, July 1 at 11:59 pm**
- Programs – Available on line only this year at www.wiaawi.org
- Important Phone Numbers
 - Kate Peterson Abiad WIAA
 - (715) 344-8580 (office)
 - (715) 496-0456 (cell)
- **Beverages/Food**
 - Beverages and food will be available at the concession stands near the entrance of the stadium
- **Explore La Crosse – La Crosse Convention and Visitors Bureau**
 - For the convenience of our spectators Explore La Crosse has put together Downtown La Crosse Guides & Map and a Downtown Visitor Discount Card (print & take to La Crosse for special spectator discounts). For more information, please check out the Explore La Crosse website or give them a call (608) 782-2366. They are excited you're coming and want to make your time in La Crosse very enjoyable.
- **Handicapped Patrons**
 - Any handicapped patrons with a permit or the special license plate will be allowed to park in the handicap spots in the lot directly in front of the stadium. Wheelchair patrons should enter the main concourse and follow signs to the elevator. An elevator will provide them access into the upper stadium. Please provide this information to your spectators.
- **Information Area**
 - A General Information area for athletes, coaches, media, etc., will be located at the same table where the school envelopes are distributed - north end of stadium. This table will also serve as the "Lost And Found" area. After the meet is completed, all items turned in will be brought back to the WIAA office in Stevens Point.
- **Media Passes**

High school paper/yearbook photographers will not be given media passes or allowed into restricted media areas. Please contact Todd Clark in the WIAA office for information for the media. tclark@wiaawi.org (715)-344-8580 office.

- **Medical**

The WIAA will have a physician, and UW-La Crosse trainers available. They will assist only with injuries which occur at the State Meet. They will not be available for taping your athletes prior to competition.

- Their decision regarding continuation of an injured athlete is final.
- The training room is located under the stadium (south end). Coaches will be admitted to the training room by identifying their need for medical attention to the individuals at the Information Table - north end of stadium.
- If you have your own team trainer, they may assume the responsibilities of your athletes. Your team trainer, however, will not be allowed into competition areas or the UW-La Crosse training room.

- **Rest Rooms/Dressing Rooms**

Restrooms are available under the stadium, plus portable restroom are located in various areas around the facility. Athletes must come dressed for competition. There are no facilities available for dressing or showering.

UAVS (DRONES)

- Refer to Policy for UAV's at WIAA Tournament Series Event
- <https://www.wiaawi.org/Portals/0/PDF/Media/wiaadronepolicy.pdf>