

# Important Bulletin Changes and Notes

## FALL SPORTS

- Field Hockey
  - The committee decided that after a goal is scored, the defense is responsible for returning the ball to the center for the restart. (p. 15)
  - Competing teams will switch uniform designations. The home team will now wear dark-colored uniform tops and socks to showcase their primary school colors. The away team will wear white tops and solid white socks. (p. 16)
- Football
  - During rounds of the region and state tournaments, the committee has decided that if a site has limited seating to one side of the stadium, then the home team shall be assigned to that side of the field. (p. 24)
- Golf
  - The bulletin includes language that the slope function must now be turned off on distance measuring devices. (p. 33)

## WINTER SPORTS

- Basketball
  - The committee decided to modify the use of running time. During the regular and postseason, once a 35-point differential exists, a running clock will begin and remain in effect unless the spread reaches 25 points and below. (p. 8)
    - Also, the clock will still stop during free throws, but now the clock will continue to run if in the final minute of the game. (p. 9)
  - The committee added clarification about pregame warm-up at the school sites during the region tournament. Individuals or teams may not practice using basketballs from 90 minutes prior to the designated tip-off until the 20-minute warm-up period immediately preceding the game. The words “in a gym” have been added to designate the specific location of where basketballs may not be utilized. (p. 11)
  - The bulletin now includes a note to clarify that any schools who offer to be a host site of the state semifinals are eligible to host their own school in this round. (p. 13)
- Indoor Track
  - Language involving throwing implements was included to inform that the approved implements will be taken to the site for warm-up and competition and will remain there until the event is over. No other implements will be

allowed in the competition area and implements cannot be shared between athletes without permission. (p. 17)

- The committee voted to implement a scratch rule. After the start of the region or state meet, once an athlete scratches or does not start an event, the athlete is then scratched from all remaining events they may have entered in that meet. Athletes who have competed in events prior to the scratched event are still eligible to advance and compete in the next meet in the series. (p. 17)

- Region Meets

- The number of verifiable entries per individual event in the region meet will drop from 18 to 12. (p. 18)
- The scratch deadline for individual events has changed to three calendar days, from four, before the start of the meet. (p. 18)
- Each region meet will now advance the top two individuals and top two relay teams to the state meet instead of the top three, in addition to the next top nine times or marks from all regions in a classification. (p. 19)
- The meets will now be scored for the top six in each event, not the top eight. (p. 20)

- State Meets

- The following language was taken from the outdoor bulletin and added for clarification of participants. (p. 20)

1. *Each event at the state meet will have a minimum of 16 participants.*

- (a.) *If a scratch is made, prior to the deadline, by one top 2 from the region, the next best finisher from that region will be entered in to the state meet.*
- (b.) *If a scratch is made, prior to the deadline, by a participant in the "next best 8", the next highest ranked athlete will be entered in to the state meet.*
- (c.) *If a region has less than 2 finishers to advance as part of the "top 2" group, the remaining spot(s) will be filled the next highest ranked athlete(s) from all regions in that classification.*

- Six places, instead of eight, will be scored in the state meet and those top six finishers will be awarded medals. Ribbons will no longer be used for any placement. (p. 21)

➤ Wrestling

- The date of when a two-pound weight allowance will be added to each weight class was moved up to December 22 from December 25. (p. 33)