



Spring Games

Coaches Notes



General Event Reminders

- **Athletics will be held at Venue Location.**
- Coaches, chaperones, and parents must keep off all fields of play (e.g. track) during competition. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the disqualification of the athlete.
- **Please refer to the parking map and instructions for the venue** – it is bit trickier to park, but there will be volunteers to guide you. **(Include link to PDF of map if applicable)**
- This venue map for coaches will be helpful for navigating this new venue! **(Provide a map of venue with layout of games. Include where sign-in, each event, staging and any other important areas will be)**
- Set up rules for schools regarding them bringing their own equipment; chairs, pop up tents, coolers, etc.
- It is very important that all coaches and athletes show great sportsmanship at all times. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated and may result in disqualification and/or removal from the venue. Sportsmanship extends to the seating area! Please only take the space you need and be respectful of your neighbors.

Medical

- Medical is located **(designate area)**. Medical volunteers are available to treat all people at the venue – not just athletes. If a serious health issue arise (like a heart attack), please call 911 first, and then send someone to the medical tent to ask for assistance.
- Medical volunteers have been trained to remove an athlete from competition if there is any chance of a concussion. The athlete will not able to return to play until a doctor has examined the athlete and given clearance for play. This, of course, has been put into place to ensure a safe competition for all athletes.

Facility Emergency Evacuation Plan

If weather is extreme and safety is an issue (i.e. tornado, severe thunderstorm), everyone will be directed into gym, located on the south side of the stadium. An airhorn signal of three short blasts will be made if cover should be taken immediately. One long blast will follow when inclement weather has passed. **(Set up a plan if different than ours and implement it. Make sure you communicate plan with your Games Management Team and Coaches/Teachers.)**

Lunch

- **Please do not send coaches, chaperones, or other personnel to wait on the volunteers working to distribute lunches; this only hampers the process.** It will be announced when lunches are ready, and is located near the medical tent on the south side of the stadium. **(Designate area)**
- IF providing lunch inform what is on the menu.

Awards

- Awards will be given as each division finishes. **Designate and inform area of awards.** Remember to pick up your athletes at the athlete pick-up tent
- **It is acceptable to remove your athlete out of awards staging if they need to be staged for another event.** Just remember to tell the staging managers for that event, so they can make sure the escorts know you are removing them for awards to be staged for competition. And also make sure to take the athlete back so they may receive their award.

The wonderful volunteers at athletics to ensure you and your athletes have a wonderful time!

Include important volunteers and their role in the games. Give coaches/teachers a person of contact.



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Information Central & General Competition Points of Emphasis

- Include all information about actual competition.
 - What will take place (events)
 - Where the events will be held
 - Rules and guidelines for coaches/teachers regarding their athletes during competition
 - Any other important information that pertains to the competition

Event Points of Emphasis (SOI Rules)

- Shot Put
 - The shot shall be put from the shoulder with only one hand. The shot shall touch or be in close proximity to the neck or chin and the hand shall not be dropped below this position during the act if putting. The shot should not at any time be brought behind the line of the shoulder.
 - The competitor cannot touch the top of the iron band, stopboard or painted circle.
 - It is a foul if the athlete improperly releases the shot.
 - The competitor must not leave the circle before the implement has landed.
 - When leaving the circle, the athlete must do so from the rear half. There is no rule on where an athlete should enter the circle.
- Standing Long Jump: Both feet must leave the ground at the same time.
- Running Long Jump: the minimum distance is one meter.

Protests (IF you allow Protests. It is not recommended for Spring Games)

- It is a coaches' right to file a protest if the coach believes there has been an infraction of the rules. **Judgment calls** (including maximum effort disqualifications) are **not** an infraction of the rules. Protest forms are always included in the HOD packet, and are also with the competition managers. In order to file a protest:
 - Must be a representative at the coaches meeting for that program,
 - Must be a certified coach,
 - Must be within 30 minutes of the incident/infraction.
- If a coach files a protest, the sport rules committee will discuss and rule on the protest.

Additional Activities

Include any additional activities that may be included in your games here.