

Wheelchair Athletes Participation at WIAA State Track and Field Meets

Goal: To enable the wheelchair track and field athlete the avenue to contribute to team scoring in a track meet.

- I. A team trophy will be awarded to teams for the able-bodied athletes.*
- II. A team trophy will be awarded for the combined scores of the wheelchair athletes and the able-bodied athletes from the same school.*

Details of Inclusion in the WIAA State Track and Field Meet:

1. Eligibility
 - A. A wheelchair athlete is anyone with a permanent physical disability. A statement of disability must be on file with the school nurse or designated personnel responsible for student health issues.**
 - B. All wheelchair athletes must meet the rules established by the WIAA and individual school districts.
 - C. All wheelchair athletes must qualify to the state meet through the district meet procedure.
 - The wheelchair athlete must meet or exceed the minimum standards established by the WIAA at the qualifying district meets. See Attached Standards
2. Events: Each competitor is limited to four of the following events:
 - A. 100 Meter
 - B. 200 Meter
 - C. 400 Meter
 - D. 800 Meter
 - E. 1600 Meter
 - F. 3200 Meter
 - G. Shot put
 - H. Discus
 - I. Javelin
3. Scoring
 - A. A wheelchair athlete will compete **against the same gender** for individual honors. **The wheelchair athlete will vie for team honors within their respective classification and gender.**
 - B. **ie. When** a wheelchair athlete competes against another wheelchair athlete of the same gender, and finishes first, two points will be awarded to his/her team.

The second place finisher receives one team point. If three wheelchair athletes participate then the points will be awarded three, two and one. This scoring system will continue as illustrated in the table below.

10	8	6	5	4	3	2	1
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			5	4	3	2	1
				4	3	2	1
					3	2	1
						2	1
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C. If the wheelchair athlete is competing solo against the standards established by the WIAA then he/she will be awarded one team point for meeting or exceeding the standards for that event.

4. Track Equipment

A wheelchair participant shall compete in Track events in a manually operated wheelchair that meets legal specifications as follows:

- A. A wheelchair should have a **maximum** of three wheels.
- B. The diameter of the two largest wheels (including the inflated tire) shall not exceed 28 inches. Other wheels' diameters shall not exceed 20 inches (including the inflated tire) **and not be smaller than 10 inches.**
- C. Only one push rim shall be attached to each large wheel.
- D. The chair's seat, including the cushion, shall not exceed 25 inches in height.

5. Field Equipment

An athlete may throw from his/her wheelchair or a throwing frame. Both must comply with the following standards:

- A. The throwing frame sitting surface including the cushion must not exceed 75 cm in height.
- B. If the frame has a holding bar, it must be fixed (no articulating joints).
- C. No part of the throwing frame or wheelchair may be outside the circumference of the circle.
- D. The size of the discus, shot, and javelin for wheelchair participants shall be the same as for all other male and female participants.

6. Standards

EVENT	BOYS	GIRLS
100-meter dash	0:40	0:45
200-meter dash	1:25	1:35
400-meter dash	3:00	3:15
800-meter dash	6:00	6:30
1600-meter dash	10:00	11:00
3200- meter dash	15:50	20:00
Shot put	6'0"	4'0"
Discus	15'0"	8'0"
Javelin	15'0"	8'0"

If a contestant fails to meet the required standard in an event, he/she shall not be awarded a place or any points in the event. NOTE: Track standards do not apply to cinder tracks.

7. Awards

A. Team Trophies **presented to 50% of the schools represented in a classification up to a maximum of 4 total trophies.**

B. Individual Medals **presented to 50% of the individuals represented by gender up to a maximum of 8 medals.**