



Colorado High School Activities Association Colorado Track and Field Officials Association

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CTFOA Clinic, Saturday, February 5, 2011

The 2011 CTFOA new rules clinic will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Denver Southeast as part of the CHSCA Track Clinic on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at 11:00 AM. The Red Lion Hotel Denver Southeast is located at 3200 S. Parker Road in Aurora, CO, at the Parker Road and I-225 interchange. To get to the hotel you will need to take the Dam Road/Vaughn Way exit off of South Parker Road. If you have any concerns, the Red Lion's phone number is 303-695-1700.

There will NOT be a separate rules review session to cover exam questions like there has been in the past. Officials wishing to form independent study groups to discuss exam questions are welcome to remain at the hotel after the clinic.

All exams MUST be completed online this year—no paper exam copies will be accepted for grading purposes! The online format will allow you to know your score immediately and help CTFOA gather officials' contact information more accurately. Instructions for completing the online exam will be presented after the completion of the new rules clinic. We will try to have computers with Internet access available for officials to log on the Arbitersports.com website. These computers will NOT be available to complete the test, but rather, to give officials a chance to log on the online test website.

Any officials not attending the officials' new rules clinic will be required to attend one of the satellite officials' rules sessions held by a certified official who attended the new rules clinic on February 5, 2011. (See section below for discussion on satellite sessions)

Many of you already paid your 2010-2011 dues by the June 30, 2010 deadline (\$38 for returning officials), but if you haven't paid your dues yet you can still pay for them at the clinic. There is a late fee added to the dues for returning officials which brings the total to \$48. New officials only have to pay the \$38 dues and successfully complete the officials' exam to join the ranks of NFHS-certified officials. New officials must attend the new rules clinic on February 5, 2011, or a satellite rules clinic to become a certified official. (See the section below regarding satellite clinics)

Satellite Officials' Certification Sessions

If you are unable to attend the February 5, 2011 CTFOA new rules clinic in Aurora, there will be satellite clinics held in different parts of the state. The availability of these satellite clinics depends on a certified official arranging to hold one of these clinics. The hosting official **MUST** have attended the certification clinic in Aurora to be able to certify other officials at the satellite meeting. Be sure to check the CHSAA website for additional information on scheduled satellite clinics. If you are interested in hosting a satellite certification clinic please contact Gary Strubel to verify you are eligible to host such a clinic and then your satellite clinic will be listed on the schedule.

2011 CTFOA ONLINE TEST

To access the CTFOA online test, when it becomes available, officials should read the following information and complete the indicated steps:

There are two Arbiter accounts the officials will be using: account 103372, CHSAA Central Hub, and account 104518, CHSAA Track and Field. The following are the directions:

1. Login to ArbiterSports.com and click on CHSAA Central Hub, account 103372. Username and password is the same for both accounts in ArbiterSports. In account 103372, Click on the Test Tab and begin taking the test. (WHEN IT BECOME AVAILABLE)
2. Account 104518 is the registration account. All officials taking the test must also complete their online registration by answering the required questions, felony misdemeanor, teaching license revoked, and independent contractor. These questions can be found by logging into account 104518, and clicking on Profile/Custom Fields.

A big "Thank You" to Gary Strubel and Tom Robinson, CHSAA Assistant Commissioner and Officials Liaison, to automate the track officials' certification process!

CTFOA/NFHS Fee Increase To Be Discussed At CTFOA Executive Board Meeting Friday, 2/4/11

The Executive Board will meet at the Red Lion Hotel Denver Southeast at 5:30 pm on Friday, February 4, 2011. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) has increased their fees and the Executive Board will discuss CTFOA's response to the fee increase from NFHS. Please contact any of the Executive Board members if you have any other questions or concerns that you want to bring to our attention. Contact information for each of the Executive Board members is included at the end of this newsletter.

USATF Certification

Richard Schornstein, Officials Chair for Colorado USATF, will have information about becoming certified as a USATF official and helping officiate at USATF meets. If you are already a USATF certified official there will be a refreshers clinic held:

*Friday, January 14, 2011, Colo Spgs, 2:00, at the USAF Academy indoor track officials' room, prior to the All-Comers meet, contact Rich Schornstein, 719-265-1811, kidz1023@comcast.net or Spook Halik, 719-964-7058, spooker@aol.com.

*Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the Balch Fieldhouse Flatirons Club room, prior to the Potts Invitational, contact Dan Pierce, 303-931-4690, dptrack@gmail.com.

2011 Warrior Games

Over 200 disabled active-duty service members and military veterans will compete in the 2011 Warrior Games to be held May 16-21, 2011, in Colorado Springs, CO. The U.S. Olympic Committee will host the 2011 Warrior Game at the Olympic Training Center for the second year. The events will include shooting, swimming, archery, track and field, cycling, sitting volleyball and wheelchair basketball.

The track and field competition will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011, at Garry Berry Stadium on the campus of Wasson High School. The meet is scheduled to start at 8:00 am and be finished before 2:00 pm. Track events to be held are the 100m dash, 200m dash, 800m run, and the 4x100m relay. Field events to be held are the shot put for men and women and the discus for just the men.

Volunteer officials are needed to help run the meet. There are minor rules modifications for disabled events that will be discussed at the meet site. This meet is the week of the state track meet, but we hope you can spare a few hours to help these courageous athletes!

Officials' Mileage Fee

For the 2011 track season, the mileage fee is \$0.40 cents per mile (round trip) for any official who travels more than 20 miles one way to work at a track meet. The maximum mileage to be paid is 75 miles. The exception is that officials in the Metro Denver or Colorado Springs Metro area will receive a \$2.00 stipend for travel to a site to officiate. Be sure to communicate with the meet director to ensure this stipend will be paid.

NFHS Website

The National Federation of High Schools' (NFHS) website has improved their officials section and it is a great resource area! You must create an ArbiterSports account in order to access the main features of the site, but it is well worth it! The Track and Field & Cross Country Officials section, titled "Within The Oval," is the launching point for rules information and other officiating resources.

Pre-Meet Notes

Available again this year, the **Pre-Meet Notes** newsletter is great resource for track officials accessible through the NFHS/ArbiterSports website. (<http://www.nfhs.org/official.aspx>) On this website are links to rules changes, points of emphasis, and pre-meet notes. The pre-meet notes section has really good discussion about the rationale for the rule changes and points of emphasis. It is highly recommended that all officials download the file and read through the articles on topics regarding the change to the pole vault warm-up and jewelry rule warning. The 2011 Pre-Meet Notes document is 13 pages, but it is worth it to download and print if you get the chance!

Track Officiating Resources

The following information was enclosed as part of an email from one of the track officials' email listserves. You may want to review the following information as a resource to use when officiating high school track meets.

"Our book, [Officiating High School Track and Field](#), and our power point clinic presentation of over 150 slides have been updated to include the latest changes introduced for the 2011 season. The book and clinic program are designed to help train meet directors, meet officials, and give coaches a thorough understanding of track and field.

The book and clinic presentation address rules, procedures, responsibilities, and proper mechanics. Numerous forms, charts, and diagrams aid in the administration of the track and field meet. Responsibilities and duties are listed for pre-competition, during the competition, and post-competition. The material will benefit experienced officials and coaches as well as the beginners.

The www.tfficiating.com website will give you content of the book and the clinic presentation. Many excerpts and reviews are available for your review. Positive feedback has been received from numerous states that are using the program to train their track and field officials." **

***The inclusion of this website in the CTFOA Newsletter does not serve as an endorsement or critique of the information included on that website. The website is included in this newsletter only as a potential source of information for CTFOA member track officials.*

Thank You From The Executive Board

On behalf of Gary Strubel, Jim Gjerde, KC. Logan, Bob Blair, Rhonda Blanford-Green and Thomas Southall, we want to thank each of you for your help at the 2010 State Track and Field Championships and also the 2010 State Cross Country Championships. These two outstanding sporting events are a rewarding experience for the coaches and student-athletes of Colorado due to your hard work, professionalism, and commitment. We look forward to seeing you at the officials' clinic and at the many track meets around the state this spring.

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