

TRACK BY-LAWS
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1. Boys and girls meets will run together.
2. The order of boys and girls events will follow the MHSAA guidelines in both regular season and League meets.
3. In regular season meets, each contestant will be allowed four attempts in the long jump, shot put and discus, with finals. In the shot put and discus, the attempts shall be either two at a time or all four at once. In the League meet, attempts in these events will be determined by following National Federation guidelines.
4. In regular season meets, the starting heights for jumping events will be as follows, unless there is mutual agreement to start higher:
 - a. High Jump: Girls - 4 feet Boys - 5 feet
 - b. Pole Vault: Girls - 6 feet Boys - 8 feet
5. In regular season meets with three teams, team scoring will be kept as three dual meets. All Metro League meets with FAT timing will be pre-seeded, allowing athletes in any heat (or flight) to score.
6. The League does not recognize junior varsity meets. Junior varsity competition at dual meets will be in conjunction with varsity competition.
7. Each school is to send at least two competent workers to help at the League meet.
8. Qualifying for the League Meet: a 3-year average will be used of 8th place in the league meet as a standard for additional qualifiers. In addition, if an athlete is in the top 10 on Athletic.net in the Metro standings in any event after Regionals, they may be entered as well.
9. The League meet will be conducted by MHSAA regulations, including all seeding and determination of number of heats.
 - i. There will be eight places picked for scoring in the League track meet as per National Federation Rules. Scoring will go 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1. Medals will be awarded to the first 3 places only.
 - ii. The league meet will be held on a weekday in the week following the MHSAA Regional meet. The host school will determine the League meet starting time, with not more than a 30-minute break between the last semi-final heat and the beginning of the finals.
 - iii. In the league meet, the pole vault will begin at 3:00 PM, followed by the

field events at 4:00PM. The running events will begin at 5:00PM with no preliminary heats being conducted.

- iv. FAT (Fully Automatic Timing) will be used at the FML meet and costs incurred will be covered by the league.
 - All entries for league contests will need to be entered on www.athletic.net by 7pm on the night before the meet.
 - The FAT timer will score the meet and post the results on www.athletic.net.
- v. If a school wishes to host a League junior varsity meet, it is that school's responsibility. No trophies or awards of any type are to be awarded.
- vi. Athletes that compete in the JV league meet are not allowed, under any circumstance, to compete in an individual event at the League Meet. They are allowed to compete in relays at the League Meet in the event of an unforeseen injury or illness.

MEET MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Push the high jump and pole vault to start first, using the first two judges available.

Have a sheet prepared with names of athletes entered prior to start of the meet. This will save time in signing in for field events or reporting names after running. Lineup is open to change during the meet.

Announce the closing time of an event (long jump) 15 minutes before it closes. When it is closed, it is final.

Once signed in to an event, an athlete must scratch prior to the start of the event (first attempt) or it counts as an entry.

Advancing runners must go around lapped runners (regular season meets).

Use of numbered stakes in throwing events, numbered cards in running events, relay cards, and other time saving devices are encouraged.

Field event rules should be copied and given to field event judges.

PERTINENT GENERAL BYLAWS FOR ALL F.M.L. SPORTS

2. The site of conference championship meets is to be determined by the Flint Metro League Constitution.
3. Schools shall not be allowed to compete in League meets unless that school has played a League schedule in that sport.
4. Schools will not be allowed to add individuals to their athletic teams between the last League date and League meet dates for the purpose of competing in the meet.
5. Final scoring for all Flint Metro League sport offerings that combine season record with a season ending League tournament or League meet shall be as follows:
 - 2 points for Dual Meet wins (3 points in soccer)
 - 1 point for Dual Meet tie
 - No point awarded for loss

Dual meets and the League meet(s) shall be weighted equally to determine the overall League champion.
12. In case of a school being closed due to inclement weather, all non-varsity events may be postponed or canceled. The playing of all varsity or combined varsity and JV matches will be determined by the athletic director and administration of the schools involved.
13. In case of inclement weather, the following criteria shall be met:
 - A. Contests postponed due to weather should be made up prior to final League tournaments, even if this necessitates a school canceling or postponing a non-League contest to do so.
 - B. When one or more schools cannot attend a multi-team League event (four or more schools) due to a weather related or act of God event, the event is to be postponed and rescheduled for the next available date, with the League picking up any costs for officials who show up to work the originally scheduled event.
15. Noise making devices, including the human voice, will not be allowed

- to be used in an unsportsmanlike manner. The home team management will have the right to remove any such object, or person, from the sporting activity.
16. The Flint Metro League takes the position that the practice of good sportsmanship is essential and that all members should adopt a common policy. Member schools are expected to implement a plan to promote responsible behavior by fans and all persons associated with athletics. It is suggested that schools use contest programs, the media, bulletins, and meetings as a means for promoting good sportsmanship. Member schools should also have plans for the monitoring of home and away contests and for dealing with those persons who violate the principles of responsible behavior.
 17. During league competitions and tournaments, the host school administration, the sport administrator, and/or designee of either, is charged with the authority to act on any situation that might arise that is not covered herein.
 18. Home school will contact league-approved media to report contest results.
 20. Grievance and Protest Procedure:
 - A. All protests must use the following procedure:
 1. The principal/designee of the protesting school will notify the League president and its opponent(s) by phone the following school day of the intent to protest.
 2. All violations and protests will be directed to the League president in writing. This protest must be done in writing by a school administrator within 72 hours of the event.
 3. The League president will appoint a three member committee of non-involved schools to determine whether the protest is valid and make a recommendation for a course of action to be voted on by the conference membership not involved in the protest.
 - B. Courses of action possible when a violation is determined and a protest is upheld include:
 1. Letter of censure (duplicate will be sent to each member school and any game official who may have been involved)
 2. Forfeiture of League contest(s)
 3. Probation for one year in the sport involved
 4. Ineligibility for championships (such ineligibility to be in

the sport involved only, for one year only, and the year involved to be determined by the membership); no all-sports points awarded that year

5. Other courses of action as deemed appropriate to the violation
- C. All contests in which an ineligible player or players are used shall be forfeited and the score be that of a forfeited contest. This includes League championship tournaments.
- D. If use of an ineligible player or players by a League champion is determined, and forfeitures under section C above prevent a team from maintaining its championship, the championship for that sport for that year will be awarded to the second-place team and All Sports Award points adjusted accordingly. In the event of co-championships, the remaining championship team would maintain its championship.
22. The only League awards to be made in any sport are the ones sanctioned by the League.
23. The FML will NOT recognize an MVP athlete for each sport.
24. Each varsity sport will be allowed a Coach of the Year selection. That coach will be presented a certificate.
26. To receive FML honors, an athlete has to finish the season in good standing. The definition of “good standing” is to finish the season on the team and meet minimum requirements for that sport’s awards.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFIERS FOR THE 2019 LEAGUE MEET

BOYS						GIRLS					
	2016	2017	2018	AVG	AQ		2016	2017	2018	AVG	AQ
100m	12.19	11.67	11.64	11.83	11.83	100m	na	13.79	13.61	13.70	13.70
200m	na	23.88	23.54	23.71	23.71	200m	30.81	28.32	28.15	29.09	29.09
400m	53.62	54.78	54.30	54.23	54.23	400m	67.13	64.95	64.41	65.49	1:05.49
800m	131.76	130.52	126.32	129.53	2:09.53	800m	166.27	159.45	159.58	161.76	2:41.76
1600m	285.58	283.67	288.37	285.87	4:45.87	1600m	382.64	345.30	364.22	364.05	6:04.05
3200m	633.64	635.95	630.76	633.45	10:33.45	3200m	854.52	773.28	781.55	803.11	13:23.11
110m H	18.30	17.94	17.88	18.04	18.04	100m H	19.22	17.97	18.08	18.42	18.42
300m H	44.75	46.23	46.21	45.73	45.73	300m H	50.83	52.07	53.23	52.04	52.04
4x100m	48.83	54.50	46.25	49.86	49.86	4x100m	na	na	56.42	56.42	56.42
4x200m	100.05	123.57	101.19	108.27	1:48.27	4x200m	125.71	na	124.96	125.33	2:05.33
4x400m	na	na	228.55	228.55	3:48.55	4x400m	298.64	na	288.63	293.63	4:53.63
4x800m	581.74	na	547.12	564.43	9:24.43	4x800m	na	na	na	na	na
Shot	474.50	511.00	506.50	497.33	41'4"	Shot	357.00	345.50	351.50	351.33	29'3"
Discus	1300.00	1391.00	1407.50	1366.16	113'8"	Discus	1010.00	945.00	1010.00	988.33	82'4"
HJ	64.00	64.00	64.00	64	5'4"	HJ	52.00	54.00	54.00	53.33	4'5"
PV	120.00	108.00	120.00	116	9'8"	PV	96.00	90.00	90.00	92.00	7'8"
LJ	229.25	230.00	214.00	224.41	18'8"	LJ	179.50	169.25	167.50	172.08	14'4"