

N. C. TRACK & CROSS COUNTRY COACHES ASSOCIATION

Founded 2002

DePaul Mittman, Executive Director
6204 Bay Hill Ct.
Greensboro, NC 27410

Ph: 336-255-3403
depaulmittman@bellsouth.net
www.nctccca.org

January 17, 2018

Track & Field Officiating Clinic

Rationale

As the NCHSAA Indoor and Outdoor State Meet Director, an area that I have found that needs attention is track and field officiating. For football, basketball, baseball, softball, wrestling, soccer and volleyball, a booking agent is contacted to handle the officials. These agents are tasked with providing trained, knowledgeable, and certified officials for the athletic contests. Track and field is unique in many ways. Track is self-officiated: there is no booking agent. All track coaches are required to serve as the officials. This has proven to be problematic. There are several different events (18) with each event having its own set of rules. Each year, there is a constant carousel of changes in the coaching arena. A large number of the current coaches are not up to date on the rules of the event they are being required to officiate. Furthermore, some of the coaches are novices to the sport and are ill-equipped to handle the task of officiating a track and field event. Too often when a rule has been misapplied, the response is “I didn’t know” or “We have always done it this way.” This is a disservice to the sport, the student-athletes and the coaches.

Track and field officiating should be held to the same standards, expectations and requirements as other sports in terms of certified and trained officials. A solution to this problem is a track and field officials’ clinic. Note: this is an officials’ and meet management clinic not a coaching clinic. This officials’ clinic will strengthen the track and field staff of each school, middle and high, in your system.

Track & Field Officiating Clinic Details

Site: Western Guilford High School, 409 Friendway Road, Greensboro, NC 27410

Dates: Friday, February 23, 2018. Registration: 5:00 pm Clinic Sessions: 5:30 pm -9:00 pm
Saturday, February 24, 2018. Registration: 9:00 am Clinic Sessions: 9:30 am– 1:00 pm
(The same information is presented both days.)

Clinic Sponsor: Western Guilford Track Boosters

Clinic Presenter: DePaul Mittman, NCHSAA State Meet Director, USATF Nationally Certified Official

1. Topics:

- a. Meet Management: How to efficiently host a track meet.
- b. Officials duties and positioning
- c. Event rules
- d. Explanation of equipment needs
- e. Certification: NFHS Officials Certification Test

2. The clinic is for open to high schools, middle schools, USATF, AAU coaches and officials.

3. Each school will receive one NFHS Rule Book, NFHS Case Book and NFHS Officiating Manual.

4. **Clinic Cost:** \$125.00 per school. Each school may bring as many coaches as they wish. The coach must be a member of the school's teaching/coaching staff. Schools must pre-register by Thursday, February 15, 2018.
5. **Late Registration:** Those schools registering after February 15, 2018 will **NOT** receive the NFHS Rule Book, NFHS Case Book and NFHS Officiating Manual.
6. **Non-school coaches (USATF and AAU):** \$50.00 per coach. Each AAU, USATF coach will receive one NFHS Rule Book, NFHS Case Book and NFHS Officiating Manual. Those AAU and USATF coaches registering after February 15, 2018 will **NOT** receive the NFHS Rule Book, NFHS Case Book and NFHS Officiating Manual.
7. If you have additional questions, contact
DePaul Mittman, Email: depaulmittman@bellsouth.net, Phone: 336-255-3403
8. **Payment:** Make all checks payable and mail to:
Mittman Athletic Consulting and Meet Management
6204 Bay Hill Ct.
Greensboro, NC 27410

Clinic Registration form is attached. I look forward to working with you.

DePaul Mittman
NCTCCCA Executive Director
NCHSAA State Meet Director