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Lights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meet shall be held on a facility that meets the KHSAA lighting standards for all events if held at a time when lighting is required.
Track Facility and Surface	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The track must be marked as a 400 meter track including all appropriate and required relay exchange zones. A six-lane track is required. And eight-lane or more track is preferred due to statewide qualifying standards. It is recommended that the lanes be at least 42 inches wide. Track surface shall be a rubberized (Mondo, Rekortan, etc) surface. Track markings for starting lines, finish line, relay zones and acceleration zones, and hurdle markings should be clearly visible, freshly painted or touched-up as needed. It is recommended that NFHS and KHSAA recommendations for track markings be used. Map of markings & colors should be made available to all coaches and officials participating in the meet. It is recommended that this map of markings be published and posted for athlete use.
Pole Vault	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preference is to have the pit at the main region site; however, an alternate site is possible if approved by the Commissioner's office. It is permissible, if approved by the Commissioner's office, to conduct the pole vault competition at another approved site on the same or a different day. Pole Vault pit and standards for the regional meet must meet all current NFHS rules specifications. Pole vault pad with common 2" cover padding with 2" padding on sides two feet wide the length of each side of the pit covering the hard and unyielding surfaces or where any exposed surfaces are next to the edges or back of the pit shall be required. Vault standards should be properly maintained so that they are easy to move up and down as well as backward and forward. Distance from back of the box must be marked so standards can be moved easily to make sure they are with NFHS distances of the back of the box. Point zero must be marked on the surface under the landing pad from standard to standard. It is recommended that a second crossbar be available in case one breaks during competition. Standard two inch matting pads shall be required to cover all hard and unyielding surfaces. Sufficient measuring tapes, brooms, scales or other equipment to properly manage the event. Preference for regional site selection will be those with a rubberized runway for the pole vault. Beginning in 2015 season all pole vaulting competitions will require the new ASTM approved box collar padding.
High Jump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High Jump pit and standards for the regional meet must meet all current NFHS rules specifications. High jump pad with common 2" cover padding with 2" padding on sides two feet wide the length of each side of the pit covering the hard and unyielding surfaces or where any exposed surfaces are next to the edges or back of the pit shall be required. Standards should be properly maintained so that they are easy to move up and down as well as backward and forward. Surface in front of the pit must be level. It is recommended that a second crossbar be available in case one breaks during competition. Sufficient measuring tapes, brooms or other equipment to properly manage the event. Preference for regional site selection will be those with a rubberized runway for the high jump.



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Discus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discus cage must meet current NFHS standards, including front edges within specified distance of 34.92 degree sector lines. • Sector lines must be clearly visible, painted, otherwise permanently marked or laid out strip. • Discus circle may be painted or metal ring. • Surface should be smooth and level. • The landing area must be level. • Sufficient measuring tapes, brooms, scales or other equipment to properly manage the event.
Shot Put	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shot Put area must have toe board (stop board) to specifications along with ring or painted circle. • Sector lines must be visible, either painted or laid out strip. • Shot Put circle may be painted or a metal ring. • The landing area must be level. • Sufficient measuring tapes, rakes, brooms, scales or other equipment to properly manage the event.
Long/Triple Jump	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long/triple jump pits should have sand surface level with runway and edges of the pit so that athletes are not jumping “down” into the pit. • Concrete pit edges should not be covered but visible at all times. • Takeoff board shall be clearly painted white. • Runways should be level. • Sufficient measuring tapes, rakes, brooms, and other equipment to properly manage the event. • Preference for regional site selection will be those with a rubberized runway for the long jump, and triple jump. This criterion should not be waived if there are sites in the region that meet this standard.
Hurdles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient hurdles for full flights-number of lanes times 10. • It is recommended that two additional hurdles be available in the event that a hurdle is broken during the competition. • Hurdles must meet NFHS standards with no broken cross bars or jagged edges. • Hurdles must be easily adjustable for 30”, 33”, 36” and 39” heights. • Tools and accessories to make minor adjustments, including silicone lubricant shall be available.
Starting Blocks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting blocks sufficient for all lanes. • It is recommended that an extra set of blocks be available in the event that one set breaks during competition. • Blocks must have pedals that are easy to re-position. • Tools and accessories to make minor adjustments, including silicone lubricant shall be available
Timing and Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bib numbers shall be provided by meet management and will be utilized. • The regional meet shall be held using Fully Automated Timing (Finish Lynx, PyroFlash, etc.), either owned by the facility or subcontracted from an appropriate vendor. • The host site must have a valid current license for the Hytek Meet Management Software or utilize a contractor with a license valid to be used at that meet. • Hosting school must host at least one invitational meet with a minimum of five teams during the season utilizing the same timing system and meet management software as will be used in the regional meet. • A backup camera at the finish line is required. • Only authorized pre-meet approved finish line equipment (approved within the rules of the NFHS) shall be used by the referee or jury of appeals to view questioned results.



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Other Meet Management Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hosting school must host at least one invitational meet with a minimum of five teams during the season managed by the regional manager. All efforts should be made to have all key event personnel be the same as will be in place for the regional meet. • The host must have resources to sufficient and appropriately skilled personnel to manage the event based on experience managing large meets. • There shall be easy and convenient access to water available for athletes and others (fountains, cooler refill facilities, etc.) • Host shall have a written emergency and lightning plan on file and distributed to teams along with prepared PA announcements. The KHSAA reserves the right to request copies of these plans in advance of final hosting approval. • A person holding administrative certification or serving as a school administrator (Superintendent, Asst. Supt., Principal, Asst. Principal, Athletic Director, etc.) shall be present at all meets to ensure that situations are able to be promptly and properly addressed.
Ticketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The field shall be configured such that admission can be charged and controlled. • All tournaments shall use pre-numbered, roll tickets, with a complete accounting available to the KHSAA and the participating teams.
Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There must be restroom facilities sufficient to handle the competitors and crowd. Preference will be given to those sites where such restrooms facilities are permanent buildings. • Alternative restrooms at other school adjacent buildings or comparable facilities shall be noted in team instructions.
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There should be adequate parking for the attendance figures as available for the past five years • Host shall have sufficient parking for busses and fans or make alternate arrangements including venue access for those who may have disabilities.
PA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA system must be able to cover all competition areas. • It is recommended that an experienced announcer be used with knowledge of timing and discretion within the meet.
Security, Medical Care and Escorts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There shall be uniformed security provided at all postseason contests. • Emergency medical care shall be provided at all contests. If an ambulance is not able to stay on site, it shall be on-call per notification from tournament management.
Accessible Fans/Students Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There shall be provisions made in all requirements, including but not limited to, parking, seating, restrooms and concessions, to accommodate any needs of fans needing accessible seating or having special accessibility needs.
Special Note regarding older facilities and those without available land for expansion or renovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All specifications are important, and those things listed as required are paramount. However, the KHSAA staff is permitted to use its judgment in reviewing sites that were constructed prior to the adoption of these standards, and is permitted to make exceptions where necessary to ensure the competition is held. • The KHSAA recognizes that some existing facilities have held successful KHSAA postseason events for many years and may have specific instances that may be non-critical and in need of waiver.
Special Note regarding facility safety and competitive fairness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee recognizes that most high school facilities that meet these physical plant standards should be allowed to host events. However, the Committee reserves the right to recommend to the Commissioner's office that a facility that meets the published standards not be used for postseason events. Such reasons may include, but are not limited to – a history of non-compliance with KHSAA rules, an evaluation of the playing surface which yields a conclusion that the facility is either unsafe or gives one or more teams a competitive advantage, lack of ability to identify suitable individuals to perform the necessary functions of a tournament such as financial obligations and distribution, meeting and communication requirements, grounds keeping or other specific areas.