A MESSAGE FROM JENN ROBERTS UHLIG, CHSAA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
We are happy to have T&F back this spring and we are certainly happy to have all of you back for another season. As of April 16, 2021, CDPHE has turned all guidance over to the Local and County Health Departments as well as all School Districts for variances in Season D. We realize, much like this entire year, we are in very fluid times and have had to adapt to these variances handed down to the CHSAA. For the remainder of Season D Sports and Activities, all T&F Meet Directors will work with their Local and County Health Departments as well as their School Districts to determine the requirements for holding a meet in that County. As officials, please know that meets can vary from county to county regarding numbers, masks, and social distancing. Please make sure you contact the meet director in advance for any guidance prior to the meet. For those meets that require masks for athletes, they may remove and secure their mask just prior to the start of their race, throw, jump. Once their race, throw, jump is completed they must replace their mask if that is what is required in that county. We appreciate your understanding and willingness through all of this to still create a memorable experience for our student-athletes in the State of Colorado and we Look forward to a great T&F season culminating at the State Event.

A MESSAGE FROM GARY STRUBE, CTFOA PRESIDENT
As far as officials, our job remains the same and that is to officiate the sport as we have done in the past. It will not be our job to be the COVID police as that is the responsibility of meet management and coaches. As officials, it may be that we will be required to wear masks while working with and in the presence of coaches, athletes and workers. If that is the case, I understand that there will be times you may feel more comfortable lowering your mask for reasons of comfort, breathing, sun, etc. when possible. Use your best judgement. Again, we must follow the County, Local Health Department and School District guidelines at each site. If we are unable to do so for whatever reason, it would be best not to accept the assignment. It is awesome to be back with you again. Stay healthy.

THE CTFOA HAS LOST ANOTHER COLLEAGUE & FRIEND
It was brought to our attention that our association has recently lost another colleague and friend in Joe Arrazola. Joe was a long-time coach and CTFOA official. No matter what medical obstacles Joe was faced with, he never ever gave up! We will miss our friend as he joins our colleagues who have recently gone before him!

OFFICIATING DUES FOR THE 2021 SPRING T&F SEASON AND THE 2021 FALL CROSS COUNTRY SEASON
For the Spring 2021T&F season and the Fall 2021 Cross Country season, the CTFOA has lowered the amount that returning officials will be paying in dues as a result of the COVID pandemic that was cause for CHSAA to cancel the 2020 T&F season. Dues for all returning officials from 2020 are now due in the amount of $25.00. You may access your dues form by going to CHSAANOW.com, then arrow over to CHSAA.org and click on officials from the drop-down menu. Click on track on the next screen. The dues forms for returning officials and new officials are toward the bottom of the page. Once Monica Tillman gets your check, she will mark you paid. State Registration Dues (see next page) are new this year and they are now due as well.

OFFICIALS RULES CLINIC(S) (UPDATED INFORMATION FROM MARCH 1, 2021 NEWSLETTER)
As of this printing, there are no virtual clinics or refresher test required prior to the start of the T&F Season this Spring. As additional information becomes available, we will post it on the official’s section of the CHSAA website. Please check this site frequently.
STATE REGISTRATION FEES THROUGH ARBITER
CHSAA has instituted this new process for the payment of our State Registration fees directly through ARBITER for 2021. This fee is in addition to your CTFOA dues. Please go to CHSAANOW.com, arrow over to CHSSAA.ORG, and select officials from the drop-down menu. On the next screen click on Track. You will then see instructions for STATE REGISTRATION ON ARBITER. This site will give you step by step directions for you to complete this registration.
ARBITER accepts Credit & Debit cards. NOTE: MAKE SURE YOU GO TO THE ABSOLUTE VERY BOTTOM OF EVERY PAGE AND FILL OUT THE NECESSARY INFORMATION OR YOU WILL RUN INTO DIFFICULTIES WITH THIS REGISTRATION PROCESS ON ARBITER.

CLOSING DATE FOR THE NFHS 100 QUESTION TEST HAS BEEN EXTENDED
The closing date for the NFHS 100 question test that was originally scheduled to close on April 18, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. has been extended to June 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

OFFICIATING “FEES” FOR THE 2021 SPRING T&F SEASON & THE FALL 2021 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON
To access the fee schedule for the 2021 seasons, go to CHSAANOW.com. Arrow over to CHSAA.org. & go to drop-down menu to officials and click on Game Fees.

SCHEDULE OF 2021 STATE “QUALIFYING” MEETS
Presently, the schedule of Qual Meets is still in the process of being updated on the CHSSAA website. You may view this list of Qual Meets by first going to CHSAANOW.com. Move cursor over to CHSSAA.org and from the drop-down menu click on Coaches. On the next screen move your cursor up to Sports & Activities at the top of the page and click on Track from the drop-down menu. Go to Current Information on the left side of the screen and then click on the Qual Meets by state that have been released for recent updates. Only these Qual Meets on the CHSSAA website are approved meets.

CERTIFIED OFFICIALS REQUIRED FOR ALL T&F QUALIFYING MEETS
As in years past, Certified Officials are required for all Qualifying T&F Meets this spring. Track coaches may not serve as a Starter, Assistant Starter, Field Referee or the Running Referee in order to avoid any possible conflict of interest situations at this time. It is however a possibility that IF we experience a shortage of officials in the near future due to the number of meets that are scheduled on the same day, those Qual Meets that have a small number of teams attending may be approved to use only three CERTIFIED OFFICIALS in advance of any meet. Those three officials being a certified, (1) Starter, (1) Running Referee who may also serve as the back-up starter and (1) Field Referee (if approved by CHSAA. The Clerk of the Course at a QUAL meet does NOT have to be a certified official this season and especially not taking the place of one of the three certified officials mentioned above. Sites hosting Qual Meets have been able to find knowledgeable clerks who are not certified and who do a good job in that position. The running referee must be highly cognizant of athletes while they are checking in with a non-certified clerk and while coming onto the track especially if uniforms are an issue. The running referee must also be available to help the non-certified Clerk if and when necessary. Coaches may run field events if necessary as it is sometimes difficult to find knowledgeable help in these events. If a coach should happen to run into a situation while running a field event that involves a possible rules violation, that coach must contact the Field Referee immediately so he/she can make the final decision and not the coach or person running a field event. At the present time there are several meets across the state that have grown in the number of teams that will be attending their meet thus hopefully eliminating much of the strain on getting the required number of officials at these meets.

CHSSAA ONLINE CERTIFIED OFFICIALS LIST
The new and updated format of the Certified Officials list for 2021 is presently on the CHSSAA website. This list of officials has been re-formatted to only show the Name of the official, their EMAIL, and City or Town in the interest of attempting to protect as much personal information as possible. Due to the fact that this list changes almost daily, Monica and I will do our best to ensure the most up to date list is on CHSSAA for athletic directors, meet directors, coaches, assignors, officials etc. to hire officials for their Qual Meets.

CHSSAA 2020-2021 ALL SPORTS CALENDAR
This calendar is updated frequently and may be found on CHSSAA. This calendar is updated frequently and may be found on CHSSAA. Arrow over to “INFO” and click on calendars. Click on 2020-2021 and you are there.

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**NFHS TRACK & FIELD INFORMATION FOR 2021**
The NFHS has posted valuable information on their website(s) for the 2021 T&F Season for officials. Here are some of those sites. (A) Go to NFHS.org & click on “Activities & Sports” at the top of the screen. (B) Then click on “Track & Field / Cross Country”. Scroll down the page to “Rule Changes” and then click on T&F / Cross Country Rule Changes. Once finished with that section, return to the original screen and under “General” you can click on (1) 30-meter exchange zones and (2) Clerking Essentials. Then, under “Rules” you can click on (1) T&F Comments on the Rules, (2) T&F Points of Emphasis, (3) T&F Rules Interpretations. Also, be sure to access the 2021 Track & Field “Pre-Meet Notes” as well.

**2021 OFFICIALS HANDBOOK**
The 2021 Officials Handbook may be found on the CHSAA Officials website. You may access this site by going to CHSAA.org and click on Officials from the drop-down menu, click on Track and you are there.

**2021 SPRING T & F & 2021 XC SEASON “REQUIRED OFFICIALS UNIFORM” FOR REGULAR SEASON, REGIONALS & STATE**
When working in the capacity as a certified official at any regular season qualifying meet, regional meet and/or the state meet, all Certified Officials are required to be in official uniform. If you are in need of an optic yellow or fluorescent orange CTFOA shirt and/or jacket, please contact Christine at Rock Soft Chenille as soon as possible and she will assist you. Christine now offers a new brand of shirt that is less likely to snag (with a pocket). These shirts are slightly more expensive and they only come in optic yellow and in men’s sizes only! The shirts we have had in the past are still available for purchase. Please contact Christine soon to ensure you receive your shirt prior to the season as COVID has had an impact on inventory/shipping on these shirts as it has had on almost everything else. Some shirts are available for immediate shipping in men’s and women’s sizes. CTFOA officials’ shirts are to be worn along with black, khaki, tan, stone-colored shorts and/or long pants when working meets. Christine accepts credit/debit cards and she will mail your shirts/jackets to your home or business. Embroidery and shipping are included in the price of all shirts/jackets. The original polo shirts come in women’s and men’s sizes S, M, L, XL for $25.00 and 2XL for $27.00 and 3XL, 4XL are $29.00. CTFOA jackets including embroidery are available in Optic Yellow and/or Fluorescent Orange for $50. The new brand of shirt (in Optic Yellow (safety yellow)) is $35.00 up to XL, $37.00 for XXL and $39.00 for XXXL, XXXXL. Availability is subject to change on some items!

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

(Subject to Change)

**February 1, 2021**
First day to start paying dues to Monica @ CHSAA for Spring 2021 T&F & Fall 2021 XC Seasons.
Use New Officials form or Returning Officials form on the CHSAA Officials website. Make checks out to the CTFOA and mail to Monica. Once she receives your dues; she will contact you with further instructions and information.

**March 8, 2021**
NFHS online test opens on ARBITER at 6:00 p.m. for NEW OFFICIALS ONLY. Returning officials may also take this test as well, but it is not required again in 2021

**April 26, 2021**
First day of T&F practice

**MAY 3, 2021**
First day for T&F Meets to be held

**MAY 7, 2021**
Last day for all officials to certify

**June 1, 2021** (New Closing Date for NFHS Test)
Colorado T&F Test for 2021 closes at 11:59 p.m. This date has been extended to enable all veteran officials to take the test as a refresher during the 2021 season.

**June 2, 2021**
2021 NFHS 100 question test opens for review at 12:01 a.m.

**June 19, 2021**
End of regular T&F season.

**June 24, 25, 26, 2021**
State Meet @ JEFFCO STADIUM.
If you Have Questions, Comments, Suggestions, or Concerns, Please Contact Us.

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