A MESSAGE FROM JENN ROBERTS UHLIG, CHSAA ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER
Happy Spring! I am so excited to be preparing for the 2021 State Track and Field Championships. Thank you all for your work this season for student athletes and coaches across the state. You have helped create a memorable experience in these uncertain times. It doesn't happen without all of you. If anyone is interested in volunteering to work the 2021 State Track and Field Meet June 24-26, please feel free to reach out to Lane Ververs or myself. Have a great rest of the season.

CHSAA ONLINE CERTIFIED OFFICIALS LIST
Once again an updated Certified Officials list for 2021 is presently on the CHSAA 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 CHSAA for athletic directors, meet directors, coaches, assignors, officials etc. to access and hire certified officials for their Qual Meets. A number of meets have offered to pay mileage to certified officials this season to ease the expense of officials having to travel several miles to work a meet with the high cost of fuel that we have been experiencing. Thanks to all of those schools who have reached out to officials in this way.

30 METER EXCHANGE ZONE
There have been a few requests for us to revisit the 30 Meter Exchange Zone for officials regarding the 800 Meter Medley. The races that require a 30-meter exchange zone are the Spring Medley, 4 x100m relay, and the 4 x 200m relay. The question that comes up most often is, what is the exchange zone for the #3 runner coming in to hand-off to the 400m runner. The answer is, it is a 30-meter exchange zone. Some meets have run this leg of the Medley with a 20-meter exchange for the incoming 200-meter runner to hand-off to the 400m runner. Not correct. Since most tracks are not marked for this exchange, some officials have been laying tape down across each lane and or tennis balls, or small orange cones etc. to identify the start of the 30m zone to assist both runners. There is NOT a relay in the State of Colorado that has a combination/mixture of the 20m & 30m exchange zones.

COMBINING GIRLS AND BOYS IN EVENTS
A question was recently brought to our attention whether it was legal for girls to run in the 3200-meter run simultaneously with the boys. While it seems to make sense to combine a small number of male and female athletes in the 3200m, CHSAA had ruled several years ago that genders are NOT to be combined while competing in qualifying meets. If they are, the results for that event would be pulled from the rankings. Combining athletes when necessary, in Non-Qual meets is not a problem since there are few of those around anymore.

ARE ELECTRONICS ALLOWED ON THE INFIELD?
Officials have noticed a large increase in the number of athletes on the infield on their phones, talking, texting, etc. What is the position officials should take on this? What is the role of the Meet Director in communicating no electronics on the field? Athletes may not view video, pictures, etc. while participating unless it is after their race in a non-restrictive area. They may view video etc., with their coach in between jump, throws, etc. Athletes may not be communicated with electronically while competing. It comes down to picking your battles at regular season meets. Officials have a great deal of responsibility during a meet and should we also be expected to serve as the electronics police? Meet management and coaches should be responsible for this aspect at all Qual Meets. However, at the State Meet, it is easier to enforce by asking athletes to put phones away due to the large number of officials prior to it getting to the DQ level. It appears to be worse in the field events, but unless we see an athlete filming another athlete, we should think twice about spending time dealing with it.

2021 OFFICIALS HANDBOOK
The 2021 handbook may be found on CHSAANOW.com then to CHSAA.org click on officials from drop down menu.
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.

COVID has had an impact on inventory/shipping. Some shirts are available for immediate shipping. 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 X2XL and $39.00 for XXXL, XXXXL. Availability is subject to change on some items!

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(Subject to Change)

May 31, 2021
Last day for officials to have completed necessary requirements within the certification process to officiate the Spring 2021 T&F Season and the Fall 2021 Cross Country Seasons.

June 2, 2021
2021 NFHS 100 question "TEST REVIEW" opens on ARBITER

May 31, 2021
June 19, 2021
End of the regular T&F Season

If you Have Questions, Comments, Suggestions, or Concerns, Please Contact Us.

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