

## Class A Provisional – Olympic style qualifying standards

For running events of 400 or less and in the following field events: triple jump, long jump, discus, shot put, and javelin the following shall occur: In the case when less than 18 competitors have qualified for an event at the state track and field meet, a provisional qualifying standard will be used to select additional competitors to fill a maximum of two heats or flights which is equivalent to 18 competitors.

Only athletes who have met the provisional standard during the outdoor season would be selected. Coaches will be notified if they have an athlete that need to be utilized using the provisional standard. Athletes would be selected in order of performance.

Rationale:

1. The state competition should include the top 18 competitors in each event. Some seasons provide weather challenges that make meeting the state standards prior to the regional competitions extremely difficult and other years the weather plays into fantastic performances. Allowing for a provisional qualifying standard guarantees a full competitive field at the state meet.

2. The provisional standard would maintain the level of competition at the state meet.

Scenario: 1. Athlete A has the fastest provisional standard in the 100-meter hurdles. Athlete B and Athlete C are tied with the second fastest provisional standard. In the 100-meter hurdles 16 athletes have qualified for the state meet and have declared to run the event. Athlete A will be entered under the provisional standard to make the total number of contestants 17. Athletes B and C will not be entered because that would make the total number of contestants over 18.

Scenario 2. In the 200-meter dash, 19 athletes have qualified for the state meet, and 3 have declared they will NOT run the 200 for a total of 16 in the event. Athlete A and B have the two fastest provisional qualifying standards and have declared they would run the 200. Both athletes would be added to the state meet to make for a total field of 18.

Scenario 3. In the 300 hurdles, 15 athletes have qualified for the state meet and all 15 have declared to run in the event. No athlete has met the provisional standard. No athletes would be added to the event