

Regional and State Track & Field Championship Qualifying Procedure

Regional Entry Deadline:

Regional entries must be done by the head coach of each school by **Saturday, May 2, 2026, by 9:00 pm**. It is the coaches' responsibility to enter their athletes into their classification's regional championship meet on nc.milesplit.com by the entry deadline.

Regional Entry qualifications and restrictions

There are no qualifying standards for regionals. We will accept the top 16 entries by mark in each event per classification based off entries done by each school's head track head coach by the entry deadline. Only times that are FAT will be accepted in the running events. Coaches can enter up to (3) three athletes per event; however, coaches should use their best judgement when entering their athletes into the regional meet. Remember, we are only accepting the top 16 entries in each event per classification.

What happens if there are ties making regional entries go over 16 qualifiers in an event?

In the events where ties occur at the qualifying mark (16th place), all tied athletes will be accepted into the Regional meet **up to a maximum field size of 24**.

If accepting all tied athletes exceed 24 total entries, then **none of the tied athletes at that mark will be accepted**, and only athletes above the tie will qualify.

How do I find out who has qualified for Regionals?

After the entry deadline, the meet director will download entries from nc.milesplit.com and cut the field to the top 16 entries in each event for each classification. An entry list will be posted on each regional's nc.milesplit.com meet page, the NCHSAA website, and emailed to coaches by 9 am Sunday, May 3, 2026. Once the entry list has been posted, coaches will have until 10:00 am Monday, May 4 to submit any late entry and scratch any athletes. If any athletes are scratched, athletes who were just outside the top 16 will be moved up. **The final list of meet qualifiers will be released by 3:00 pm on May 4**. Once the final list of qualifiers has been posted, there will be no more scratches allowed.

How do athletes qualify for the NCHSAA State Track & Field Championships

1A-7A Classifications

Athletes that finish in the top four (4) of their events at their regional championship meet will automatically qualify for the NCHSAA Track & Field State Championship Meet. If there are ties for 4th place, ties must be broken for 4th place with the proper tie breaking procedure for that event.

Wildcard qualifiers: We will also take the next four (4) best times/marks in each event across all three regions combined (East, Central, and West) from athletes that did not finish in the top four of their events at their regional championship meets.

In the event of ties for these wild card qualifying spots, the first tie breaker will be regional place finish in their event (the higher the athletes placed in their region for their event). The second tie breaker will be regional entry mark (i.e. season best).

8A Classification

Athletes that finish in the top six (6) of their events at their regional championship meet will automatically qualify for the NCHSAA Track & Field State Championship Meet.

Wildcard qualifiers: We will also take the next four (4) best times/marks in each event across both regions combined (East and West) from athletes that did not finish in the top four of their events at their regional championship meets.

In the event of ties for these wild card qualifying spots, the first tie breaker will be regional place finish in their event (the higher the athletes placed in their region for their event). The second tie breaker will be regional entry mark (i.e. season best).