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Dear Grade School Physical Education Instructors and Track & Field Coaches,

Please read thoroughly.

Track and field is a wonderful sport that provides opportunities to all boys and girls to participate. Currently at Arrowhead High School we have approximately 200 boys and girls participating in track & field. We thank all physical education instructors and grade school track and field coaches for supporting our program through the work you do with the kids in your school.

The Arrowhead Grade School Track & Field Meet for this year has been scheduled for

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017 ( 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders) 4:30 coaches meeting, 4:45 field, 5:45 running**

For the grade school athletes (**4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger**), we will run the 100 yd dash and 100 yd mini hurdles on the football field between **4:45 pm and 5:45 pm**. We will continue with the long jump and possibly the high jump, if time allows, for those younger athletes (4<sup>th</sup> grade and younger), from **5:45 pm to 6:45 pm**.

The 2017 goal of the Arrowhead Grade School Track & Field Meet is to revive the prestigious status of the meet. The focus will be on the athletes to showcase themselves to the high school coaches and experience more selective and competitive competition. There was a need to distinguish this Arrowhead Grade School Invite from the developmental 'All Comers' meets offered during the weeks leading up to this meet.

#### MEET INFORMATION for the Middle School Scored Competition

1. Goals
  - A. Have fun!
  - B. Promote good sportsmanship in a positive yet competitive atmosphere.
  - C. Promote the sport of track and field so athletes desire to pursue more.
  - D. Showcase talented athletes in the sport of track and field.
  
2. Participants
  - A. Each feeder school in the Arrowhead Union School District is welcome to participate. Home schooled kids residing in the district are allowed to compete.
  - B. Each school will run as one team, regardless of size. There will not be color designated team divisions.
  - C. Teams will be composed of boys and girls in 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.
  - D. No 4<sup>th</sup> graders are allowed.
  - E. Remember ages and grades are not distinguished at this meet.
    - i. All 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders compete against each other.
    - ii. For informational purposes, please include the athlete's grade on the entry form.
  - F. Uniforms are not mandatory, but similar looking shirts for your school will promote school spirit and is helpful to meet management, especially for relays.

3. Entries
  - A. Each team is allowed 3 entries per event and 2 relay teams.
  - B. Each athlete is allowed a maximum of 3 events including relays.
  - C. Due to the limited entries allowed, we suggest focusing on the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to fill your team first. This will be an event to showcase your best athletes.
  - D. Events offered are 100 m hurdles, 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600 4x100, 4x400, HJ, LJ, Shot Put.
  
4. Awards
  - A. Scores will be tallied according to the point system below.
  - B. Points will be awarded as follows: 8<sup>th</sup> place – 1 point, 7<sup>th</sup> place – 2 points, 6<sup>th</sup> place – 3 points, 5<sup>th</sup> place – 4 points, 4<sup>th</sup> place – 5 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 6 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 8 points, 1<sup>st</sup> place – 10 points.
  - C. A traveling trophy will be awarded to the winning girls' and boys' teams.
  - D. Ribbons will be awarded in each event for 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> place.
  - E. Arrowhead track team t-shirts will be awarded to the male athlete of the meet and the girl athlete of the meet.
  
5. Seeded Heats
  - A. We will make seeded heats.
  - B. Please use this simple system to categorize your runners:
    - i. 1 = Faster Heat
    - ii. 2 = Average Heat
    - iii. 3 = Slower Heat
    - iv. Please indicate the seed next to the name of each athlete.
  
6. Rosters
  - A. Please submit - simple name rosters (with grade, but without event entries) to Jill Bradley at [jbradley33@wi.rr.com](mailto:jbradley33@wi.rr.com) any time prior to **Sunday, May 14.**
  - B. **Team rosters are due to Jill Bradley at [jbradley33@wi.rr.com](mailto:jbradley33@wi.rr.com) no later than noon on Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - C. **Final event selections are due by noon on Tuesday, May 16.**
  - D. Any minor changes to your line ups can be emailed to Jill Bradley as late as Tuesday night, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.
  - E. Final changes can be made at the track on Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - F. Scratch and replace only, allowed.
  - G. Coaches should come as quickly as possible upon their arrival to the track, to the finish line scorer's table, on the South end of the track, where final changes can be made to the entries.
  
7. Coaches
  - A. Please pick up your coaches packet at the same above location.
  - B. The packet will include: Athlete numbers, summer camps, meet records, heat sheets, order of events, and voting ballots – one each for the girl athlete of the meet and the boy athlete of the meet.
  - C. Coaches Meeting at 4:30 near the finish line and results table.
  
8. Event details
  - A. The shot put will be 4 kg (8 lbs. 13 oz) for both boys and girls. Three puts allowed.
  - B. The hurdle race will be 100 meters, with 5 hurdles, 30" high, 17 meters apart.
  - C. High jump starting height is 3'2" – 3 misses at a height end your competition.
  - D. The long jump runway will have two available take-off boards to choose from. One board will be closer to the sand pit than the 8 foot painted white board. Three total jumps allowed.
  - E. Starting blocks will be available, but are not required.

9. Entry Fee
  - A. You will be charged \$40 per girl team and \$40 per boy team. Max of \$80 per school.
  - B. Please make checks payable to Arrowhead High School.
  - C. Please either bring the check with you to the meet on the 17<sup>th</sup>, or mail the check to Ryan Mangan (Activities Director) in care of Arrowhead High School, 800 North Ave, Hartland, Wisconsin 53029.
  - D. This fee covers the cost to run the meet and provides a small amount of support to the boys and girls track and field programs at AHS.
  - E. Include your school name and designation as ‘AHS Grade School Meet’ with your payment.
  
10. Fans
  - A. Please share with your parents, fans, and spectators that they are to cheer from the stands and not the infield. No events will start until the infield is clear of parents, fans, and spectators.
  - B. Please also share with your team that no food or drink will be allowed in the infield and on the track.
  
11. Events for 4<sup>th</sup> graders and younger
  - A. Football Infield 100 Yard Dash
  - B. Football Infield 100 Yard Mini Hurdles
  - C. Long Jump.
  - D. The high jump may be available as long as time allows.
  
  - E. Open to all girls and boys in 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 1<sup>st</sup> grade, kindergarten, and younger!
  - F. Ribbons for all participants!
  - G. No times will be kept.
  - H. Please meet on the East side of the track – closest to the tennis courts
  - I. We will call races to the starting line when the gender and grade are ready.
  - J. There will not be a posted time schedule. We will run one race after another with no delays.
  - K. Spread the word!! This is a great chance to come out and enjoy the sport of track and field!

If you have any questions please contact us!

Yours in Track,

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