

To: Section Meet Managers

Thank you for your involvement in the True Team Series. We feel that True Team Track is a very important facet of High School Track and Field in Minnesota. Without the active involvement of the Section Meet Managers there would be no True Team Series.

Many of you have hosted the section meet before and know the things that need to get done. The attached packet is intended to be a guide for those that are hosting for the first time or a check list for experienced managers to look over.

Schools will once again register for the meet using the following link,

<https://forms.gle/SakETwSWvest15RC6>

Please provide this link to all ADs in your section.

**MAKE IT CLEAR THAT TEAMS SIGNING A CONTRACT WITH YOU DOES NOT REGISTER THEM OR TAKE CARE OF THE TRUE TEAM ENTRY FEE.**

#### 2026 True Team Fees

- CLASS A: \$140 FOR BOTH BOYS & GIRLS (\$70 FOR EITHER)
- CLASS AA: \$170 FOR BOTH BOYS & GIRLS (\$85 FOR EITHER)
- CLASS AAA: \$200 FOR BOTH BOYS & GIRLS (\$100 FOR EITHER)

Schools should remit payment directly to Mark Alcorn at the address provided below, with checks made payable to *Minnesota True Team Track*. Beginning in January, we will issue regular updates regarding teams registered in your section and payments received. Coaches will receive an official meet invitation through Athletic.net from Tony once payment has been received.

Please note that any section True Team meet created on Athletic.net by individuals other than the True Team Committee will be removed

**Payments must be received by April 3, 2026, to participate.**

Our hope is that things will go smoothly and that all teams and coaches will have a pleasant experience. Frustrations may (will) occur, but we will all continue to do the best we can, and the True Team Series will continue to get better each year. Your input following the meet and adherence to timelines will help us in this regard. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mark or me. If we do not have the answer, we know where to get it. We try hard to give same-day service.

Sincerely,

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Section Meet Coordinator  
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507-319-4602

## Section Meet Manager's Checklist Prior to the Meet

1. December:
  - a. Contact all the teams in your section to find out who will be participating in your section meet provide them with the following link to register. Include the meet date, entry fee and start time. You can send out a detailed meet schedule later.
  - b. Find the personnel needed to run and score the meet. True Team will not be requiring Hy-tek for the scoring software.
  
2. January:
  - a. We will provide regular updates starting in January to update you on the participating team and if the fee has been collected.
  
3. Early March:
  - a. Regularly follow up with teams that have expressed interest in participating but have not yet submitted payment. Kindly remind them that payment must be received by Mark no later than April 3, 2026; otherwise, they will not be permitted to compete in the section meet.
  
4. Early/Mid-April:
  - a. Send whatever meet information you deem necessary to competing schools, this is really your meet program.
  - b. Put together a program with the random heat and lane assignments, rosters, and numbers if you are using them and any other information you think necessary to run a smooth meet.
  
5. In the weeks prior to the meet
  - a. You will receive the awards for your meet in the mail.
  - b. Make sure all workers contacted and know their assignments.
  
6. Meet day - HAVE FUN!!!

At your pre-meet, Coaches Meeting:

  - a. Determine where your section meet will be held next year, the date and who the Meet Manager will be. Any time, dates or location of the meet must be voted on and passed by majority of the coaches.
  - b. Announce to all participating teams that the winning team from each section plus four wildcard team will advance to the State Meet. If a section champion elects not to participate in the State Meet the other seven section champions plus five wildcard teams selected from the 8-section 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> place teams to make up the 12-team field for the State Meet.
  - c. Remind Coaches that if their team finishes in the top 5 of the section meet to go to the true team web site to get state meet information. Wildcard results will be posted by 7:00 PM on Saturday.

# After the Meet

**\*\*\*Email Mark Alcorn: [jmarkalcorn@gmail.com](mailto:jmarkalcorn@gmail.com) and Tony Einertson [teinertson@mac.com](mailto:teinertson@mac.com)**

1) Meet results must be posted on Athletic.net

If your meet is on or before Wednesday this file is due 12 hours after the conclusion of your meet.

If your meet is on Thursday this file is due by 8 AM on Friday of that week.

If your meet is on Friday this file is due by midnight on that Friday.

2) Fill out the True Team Post -Meet Report by going to the following link. (link will be provided)

# Points of Emphasis 2026

1. State Meet Location: Eden Prairie High School
2. 12 teams compete at the State True Team Meet. The top team from each section, plus an additional 4 teams from the 2 – 5 place teams at the section meet.
3. Team will submit a roster via athletic.net. We will not be limiting the section roster to 50 this year. A link will be provided to teams after the April 3, 2026, payment deadline. Only teams that have paid will receive the link. This will not supersede you asking teams to inform you of their internet to participate in December, only to verify their registration and collection of rosters. Teams will be asked to submit rosters 7 days prior to the meet so that the meet file can be sent to meet managers for distribution.
4. Please provide the name of your timing company to [tony.einertson@austin.k12.mn.us](mailto:tony.einertson@austin.k12.mn.us) he will work with the timing company making sure they have all information needed to time and score the meet.
5. Coaches of teams finishing in the top 5 will be asked to go to <http://www.mshsca.org>. click on track and field – True Team – State Meet information to get state meet information. We will be sending several e-mails out to coaches explaining this.

## 6. ENTRY FEE:

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- **We are asking that participating schools send their entry fee directly to Mark Alcorn address above as soon as possible with checks payable to MN True Team Track & Field.**
- **Any team entry fees not in Marks hand by April 3, 2026, will mean the team will not compete.** If they do compete, they will be taken out of the results by the true team committee, and the meet will be re-scored.

7. It should be noted by Meet Managers that in the Wild Card Selection Process, High Jump heights will be rounded down to the next even number of inches (for example: when we are selecting the Wild Card Teams, 5'7 3/4" will become 5'6"), care should be exercised in selecting starting heights and the size of the increments. In the Pole Vault, heights will be rounded down to the next lower multiple of **6 inches for example 9'10" will become 9'6"**