

For Immediate Release:

Standouts to lead Michigan in Midwest Meet of Champions

Zack Hill of Allendale High School, Tommy Brinn of Otsego, Becca Addison of Grand Haven and Christienne Linton of Romulus head the list of track and field standouts that will represent Michigan in the Midwest Meet of Champions at Withington Stadium at Jackson High on Saturday.

A complete list of all competitors is available here:

http://michigancrosscountry.com/michigan_track_cross_country_forum/showthread.php?tid=900

So that you can find your local participants.

Field events start at noon with the boys' pole vault. Track events begin at 1 p.m. with the girls' 3,200-meter relay. Admission is \$5.

Hill will compete in the boys' shot put and discus after winning his second consecutive titles in each event in the Lower Peninsula Division III finals on May 30. Brinn will run in the 800 after winning his second consecutive title in that event in the Division II finals.

Addison is entered in the girls' 800 after winning that event and finishing third in the 1,600 in the Division I finals. She won both those events as a junior last year and was the No. 4-ranked girls' 800 runner in the nation by Track & Field News magazine.

Linton will run in the girls' 100 intermediate hurdles and 300 low hurdles after finishing second and first, respectively, in those events in the Division I finals.

The Midwest Meet of Champions, which began in 1974, is one of the oldest postseason high school track meets in the nation. It has showcased some of the finest senior performers from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio since its inception, and from Illinois from 1977-96.

Michigan Indiana and Ohio will each have three entries in the 13 individual boys' and girls' events and one entry in the four relay races in the team-scoring competition. The top six finishers in individual events will score points on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis. The scoring system for the relays will award 10 points for first place, six for second and two for third.

Ohio is the defending boys' champion and has won eight of the last 10 titles. Michigan has won three consecutive girls' championships and won or shared 11 of the previous 13 titles.

Saturday's meet will conclude a four-year run for the Midwest Meet of Champions at Jackson High. It will be held in Indiana from 2010-13 with Fort Wayne Northrop High hosting the event next year. It is scheduled to be held in Ohio from 2014-17 before returning to Michigan in 2018 for the start of another four-year cycle.

Earl Jones, Brian Diemer, Jim Spivey, Maicel Malone and Candice Davis are some of the athletes who competed in the Midwest Meet of Champions as high school seniors and later won medals in the Olympic Games or World championships.

Jones and Diemer won bronze medals in the men's 800 and 3,000 steeplechase, respectively, in the 1984 Olympics. Spivey was the bronze medalist in the 1,500 in the 1987 World championships.

Malone won gold medals as a member of the United States' women's 1,600 relay team in the 1993 World championships and 1996 Olympics. She also ran a leg on silver-medal winning foursomes in the 1997 and 1999 World championships.

Davis was the silver medalist in the women's 60-meter hurdles in the 2008 World indoor championships.

For more information about the meet, go to www.midwestmeetteammich.com.

Midwest Meet of Champions

Saturday, June 13, Admission \$5

At Withington Stadium at Jackson High Schol

11:30 a.m. Parade of athletes, coaches and officials
11:50 a.m. National anthem to be sung by Eric and Chrissy Griffon
12:00 p.m. Pole Vault – Men, followed by Women
12:05 p.m. Shot Put – Men, followed by Women
12:10 p.m. Discus – Women, followed by Men
12:15 p.m. Long Jump – Women, followed by Men
12:20 p.m. High Jump – Men, followed by Women
1:00 p.m. 4 x 800-Meter Relay – Women
1:15 p.m. 4 x 800-Meter Relay – Men
1:35 p.m. 100-Meter Intermediate Hurdles – Women

1:40 p.m. 110-Meter High Hurdles – Men
1:45 p.m. 100 Meters – Women
1:50 p.m. 100 Meters – Men
2:00 p.m. 4 x 200-Meter Relay – Women
2:10 p.m. 4 x 200-Meter Relay – Men
2:15 p.m. 1,600 Meters – Women
2:25 p.m. 1,600 Meters – Men
2:35 p.m. 4 x 100-Meter Relay – Women
2:40 p.m. 4 x 100-Meter Relay – Men
2:45 p.m. 400 Meters – Women
2:50 p.m. 400 Meters – Men
3:00 p.m. 300-Meter Low Hurdles – Women
3:05 p.m. 300-Meter Intermediate Hurdles – Men
3:15 p.m. 800 Meters – Women
3:20 p.m. 800 Meters – Men
3:25 p.m. 200 Meters – Women
3:30 p.m. 200 Meters – Men
3:40 p.m. 3,200 Meters – Women
3:55 p.m. 3,200 Meters – Men
4:20 p.m. 4 x 400-Meter Relay – Women
4:25 p.m. 4 x 400-Meter Relay – Men

Presentation of the Star of Stars awards will take place near or at the end of the meet.

Presentation of team awards will take place after the meet.