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## Hosting Hershey's Track & Field Games as Part of Your School's Field Day Events

Attention Physical Education Teachers! Did you know that by incorporating these easy steps into your field day that your students may qualify for a Hershey's Track & Field Games meet? Follow these simple steps developed by Hershey's long-time supporter and friend, the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE). It will be a wonderful opportunity for your students to experience the great tradition of the famous Hershey's Track & Field Games and possibly move on to a district meet (where applicable), state meet or North American Final! Sign up today! Your students will thank you!

1. Get approval from your school principal to include Hershey's Track & Field Games into the school-wide field day.
2. Use the lesson plans developed by NASPE in your physical education classes prior to field day so that students have the opportunity to learn and practice the events. The lesson plans require the Hershey's Fast Track To Sports Kit as a resource.
  - Register as a Local Coordinator in Hershey's Track & Field Games Event Manager at <https://meetmanager.hersheystrackandfield.com/> and register your meet as a closed event.
  - Request a Hershey's FastTrack to Sports kit\* when you register your event on-line within event manager. Once your event is registered and approved, an Activation Kit\* will be shipped to you. Both kits are free of charge when you register to host an event and while supplies last.
3. Work with your state chair and your school principal to set a date for the field day (including a rain date) and make the necessary facility reservations.
  - If an official track is not available for your events, talk to your state chair and consult the official rules to insure you are providing a safe and appropriate environment for your students to compete. You may need to be creative when marking lanes, etc.
4. Develop your field day plan – identify all of the activities that will be included, identify a location for each activity, and a plan for students to transition from one activity to another.
5. Identify the equipment necessary to support all of the field day events.
6. Recruit volunteers – make sure to include starters, timers, those who will measure the distances of the softball throw and standing long jump, and those who will record the students' times. These volunteers will require a brief training on their duties.
  - You will need additional volunteers to insure adequate supervision of all students at all times.
7. Develop an emergency plan in the case of sudden bad weather or injury.
8. Following the field day events, work with your state chair to make sure you submit the necessary information for the top finishers to advance to the next level of competition by submitting the online meet results form and the participation report within event manager.
9. Thank all those who helped – conducting a successful field day is definitely a group effort!

\*Hershey's FastTrack to Sports kit includes:

- An instructional DVD including over 20 activities and tips from track & field Olympic medalists, a starter guide including coach's cards, and track & field legends on trading cards for the kids.

\*Activation Kit includes: softballs, measuring tapes, whistles, batons and stopwatches