

Lower Peninsula Division 3 (Kathy Hutfilz and Rudy Godefroidt)

The end of the 2021 track and field season came to an end Saturday, June 5th. The Division 3 meet was held at Jenison High School under the direction of Athletic Director Tim Ritsema. The community and schools out did themselves getting their facility ready for the hundreds of athletes, coaches, officials, workers and spectators. The meet finished at 4:28 p.m. for the girls and 4:35 p.m. for the boys. The temperature was 87 degrees at the end of the meet.

The officiating team worked very well together to give the athletes the best day, and to make up for the year lost due to COVID. Rudy Godefroidt and Fred Smith clerked. They had the athletes organized and had given instructions prior to turning them over to the starters. The starters for the meet were Barry Hobria, Dave Britten and Erika Raffin.

The referees were Jim Gibbons, George Babcock, Bob Fulcher and Kathy Hutfilz. They rotated throughout the facility covering the field events as well as the running events. The referees also helped the umpires watching the runners and covering exchange zones. The umpires were Dan Bentschneider and Bill Rubin. They were joined by Mark Haney and Mike Raffin when the high jumps were completed; and Lee Mitchell, Gary Maike and Tony McHattie when the long jumps finished. We had all the areas covered once the afternoon session of running began.

No meet is complete or can be run efficiently without numerous student workers. The young people from Jenison schools were outstanding. The hurdle crew, starting block crew to field event workers did a great job! Many hands make the meet run smoothly.

In the girls division, Grass Lake and Pewamo-Westphalia tied for first place with 41 points each. The third place team was Bryon with 34 points. We had four State Records set in the girls division. Lani Bloom from Ithaca in the 1600 with a time of 4:48.89; Sarah Marvin from Bryon in the shot put with a put of 50'9" and in the discus with a throw of 160'0"; and Lexus Bargasser from Grass Lake in the 400 with a time of 55.54.



The D3 long jump crew and friends kept things rolling along

In the boys division, Grass Lake was first with 68 points, Benzie Central was second with 34 points and Pewamo-Westphalia was third with 30 points.

An interesting fun fact from the D3 meet. Grass Lake had a brother and sister finish first in seven events. Lexus Bargasser, a junior, scored first in the 100, 200 and set a record in the 400. Her brother Brennen, a senior, scored first in the 100, 200, 400 and anchored the 4x100 relay.

Lower Peninsula Division 4 (Dave McPhail)

On a hot, sunny day made more tolerable by a steady wind, Hudsonville proved to be a top-notch venue and a great host for the Division 4 State Final.