

AQ's for 2025 – a summary of information that is to be available on the website on/or about Jan. 22

There have been three meetings with the standards committee about AQ's.

Qualifiers:

RQ's – the regional qualifiers that we are familiar with

EQ's – early qualifiers – these will be tougher to meet than the usual AQ's for FQ's

(these will be based on the average 6th place final results over 5 years)

FQ's – the usual final AQ's that have been used for the qualifying method from regionals

What meets will be able to act as EQ's:

Meets will apply before the season begins

An EQ meet must have at the least two officials (starter and referee)

They must use FAT (operators can be school personnel using the schools equipment)

There must be 6 or more teams participating

Implements must be weighed and measured

These meets must take place between April 1 and Regional weekend

Wind gauges will be a recommendation but will not be required

(extra cost and the need for operators)

Officials:

Starter will be the running referee

Referee will be responsible for the FE's

A well-organized meet will likely need more than two officials

We will find a need for more officials who will have enough training to ref. FE'Stj

Athletes

If an athlete obtains an EQ during a prelim, they will still have to run in the final at that meet

They will not have to run in events at state finals that they EQ'ed in at regionals

An athlete could qualify in more than 4 events for the finals. They will have to declare the events they will run in state finals

Meets:

A meet must run all 17 usual events in the usual order to qualify as an EQ meet

A meet may run an elite event as part of the meet as long as all 17 events are a part of the meet

Relay meets will not meet the EQ requirements

Team size is not going to be a consideration

Boys and Girls event must be run separately

If a meet was met to have 6 or more teams but due to extenuating circumstance has fewer than 6 the meet will count as an EQ meet

Team should be from MHSAA schools

Seeding:

Seeding at finals will be based on an athletes or relays best RQ, EQ, or AQ

This is my best take from our discussion at Site Selection. We were the first MHSAA group to cover this info. Cody used us as a sounding board. This will be cover at Rules and Regs., MITCA and ATOM clinics.

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