

Inter County T&F Championships -Nof EAA, 2004.

On behalf of the county, I attended a very positive meeting on the subject of reintroducing the IC T&F championships. The meeting was held on the 11th Oct. and was chaired by Malcolm Rogers. He will issue minutes in due course, but in the meantime I list below the the main points of agreement.

1. Yes the championships will go ahead in 2004. The date will be Sat 21st Aug. This date was chosen because although divorced from the county champs., it avoids clashes with other events. Incidentally , the recommended weekend for the county champs. has been delayed by one week to 15/16th May.
2. The venue for next year will be Cudworth, assuming remedial work has been completed. In future years, the plan will be to rotate the event dependant on the venue being able to meet the needs of a packed programme.
3. The age groups will be male and female together on the one day, spanning - u/15s to seniors, with the u/20s competing as seniors using senior weights and hurdle heights and distances.
4. One athlete per event, but with no minimum standards being imposed.
5. All events will be covered, but it may be necessary to combine certain age groups to help the timetable.
6. For field events it is proposed that the competition will be 4 attempts only.
7. For track events there will be time trials not heats and finals.
8. The relays will be medley relays again as time trials if necessary. For the seniors this means - 200, 200, 400, and then 800m; while for the younger age groups it will be in the following sequence, - 100, 100, 200, and finally 600m. This takes due account of the facts that there will be only one athlete per event and the limitations in distance that can be run by younger athletes on the same day.
9. Guests -no.
10. Financial assistance will be sought from the N of E AA with regard to travelling expenses on a part funding basis, and could be pro rata dependant on the distance travelled as a collective group.
11. Dependant on the success of next years event , there maybe some pairing of the smaller population counties in future years.

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