

March 15, 2017

Dear Coach,

The Elwood Pirate Track and Field Invitational will be held on Friday March 31, 2017 at Elwood High School. A scratch and add meeting will be held at 9:00AM in the multipurpose Room, located on the south side of the school. All changes in running and field events will be made at that time, so please be prompt. Field events will start at 10:00AM and running at 11:30 AM. We will continue to run the 200M as a finals only event in the afternoon session.

Six places will be given in all events and scored 10-8-6-4-2-1. Medals will be given to all six places in individual events and relays. Trophies will be awarded to the championship and runner-up in both boys and girls divisions. There will also be a plaque for combined champion. We will determine this by the average finish of the two teams. In case of a tie, the combined scores will be used.

It is important that you send in accurate entries. Times, distances, and heights will be printed. Starting heights will be determined by entries. Entries and final results will be posted on the Elwood Public School website as well as a copy of this letter, the schedule and the boys and girls entry forms. (<http://elwood.k12.ne.us/sports.html>) Entries are due Friday March 24, 2017 at 5:00PM.. You may send corrections and any scratches and adds by emailing them to jim.kleine@elwoodpirates.org by 3:00PM, Thursday, March 30.

We do allow you to have JV entries, though a full team would require a separate entry fee. Please be aware that if you enter an athlete as JV, he or she would be JV for every event. For instance they could not run a leg of your varsity relay.

The seven fastest times will qualify for the finals in the running events. If a tie occurs for the seventh lane, the athlete with the highest finish in the preliminary heats will qualify. If they have the same finish, a runoff will be held.

In the field events, the athletes will be placed in flights with the best competitors in the last flight. The eight best will qualify for the finals and will compete in reverse order. Remember, running events take precedence over field events, but athletes must check out of the event with the person in charge before leaving.

Our track is a rubberized surface. We require that you use 1/8" spikes. Use of longer spikes will result in disqualification. The pole vault will be held at the east end of the track. We will hold the triple jump on the north runway and the long jump on the south runway. The high jump will be held at the west end of the infield. The discus and shot put will be held on the north side of the school. We will not allow any shots or discuses on the infield. There have been instances of damage to the field in the past. Anyone responsible for such damage will be disqualified from the meet, so please warn your athletes.

The 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 3200 meter run and the 3200 meter relay will be run with a one curve stagger, in alleys. All these races will be run in super alleys. The 1600 meter relay will be run with a three curve stagger.

In all aspects not mentioned, we will follow the NSAA rules and situation books for a determination in case of disputes. The referees for the meet will be Kurt Banzhaf and Larry Rutar.

The trophies will be awarded in front of the crows nest after the completion of the final event. Medals and final results may be picked up shortly after the meet in the High School Lobby.

There will be no dressing facilities available and no athletes will be allowed in the school. Restroom facilities are provided at the east end of the track, in the concession stand building.

All buses should be parked facing east on the street just north of the track. We ask that coaches make sure your areas both on the infield and around your bus are picked up before you leave. Sufficient trash barrels will be provided around the site.

There will be an admission charge of \$5.00 for adults and \$4.00 for students. Please have your athletes, coaches, and bus driver stamped when you arrive.

Enclosed are schedules and entry forms. Please send a complete team roster and entry forms by Friday March 24, 2017, along with the \$110.00 entry fee. If you already have a roster created, feel free to send me that anytime as opposed to filling out the roster sheet that comes with the entry form. Again, please send any scratches and adds by fax or email them to jim.kleine@elwoodpirates.org by 3:00PM, Thursday March 30.

The following teams have been invited to the 2017 meet:

Arapahoe	Elm Creek	Eustis/Farnam	Medicine Valley
Bertrand	Elwood	Loomis	South Loup
Brady	Elwood JV	Maxwell	Southwest

If you have any questions, please contact me

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Sincerely,

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