

Who's Who Editorial Philosophy

Our top two goals are to get as many Track & Field and Cross Country student-athletes who earn it into the publication each year, and to be accurate reporters of both their seasonal performances and the overall history of the sport in the state.

Our philosophy is that we are providing a service to our readership and to the sports of Track & Field and Cross Country in Oregon. It is our duty to provide the best service we are capable of. We see one of our roles as being the unofficial record keepers for these two high school sports in the state of Oregon. As such, we see it as our responsibility to make determinations on the legitimacy of marks.

The following are the principles *Who's Who* uses in gathering and organizing data, and in selecting individuals and teams for honors each year.

Information Gathering:

We believe it is the responsibility of each coach to keep accurate PR lists of every student-athlete who does anything for his/her team during the year. Our primary source of information are results posted on Athletic.Net. We believe that coaches are doing the sports, the athletes, and us a service by keeping team PR lists updated on Athletic.Net. Coaches could further help the process by reporting any additional out-of-season marks to Athletic.Net or to us directly. Finally, we believe that *Who's Who* is a combination of efforts, and as such, all assist in its development and production. We who publish *Who's Who* are the last stage in a series of steps necessary for the publication to be created.

Organizing Information:

We believe it is our duty to be fair and impartial in the collection and organization of the data we receive. No school, coach, student-athlete or event will be entitled to special treatment.

For statistical reporting, we believe that it is better to err on the side of caution. Therefore we will round up FAT-appearing times if we are unsure of their accuracy. In all other non-FAT cases, should a question arise regarding a mark, we will take the more conservative approach, especially if the mark in question should be an all-time mark. We follow the guidelines of *Track & Field News* in the conversion of marks. Since 2003, we have left FAT times stand on their own. For hand-held times in races of 200m or less, the hand-held time shall be rounded up to the nearest tenth and .24 is added (ie, a 10.92 hand-held time rounds to 11.0 + .24 = 11.24h) for hand-held times above 200m but 400m or less, the hand time is rounded up to the nearest tenth and .14 is added. Nothing changes in distances over 400m. These conversions allow a fair comparison between hand and FAT times.

Dual Meet Rankings:

Rankings are based on marks from team's PR lists found on Athletic.Net. Dual meet rankings are done by gathering all the PR lists from schools and running mystical/hypothetical duals between them. From these results, a top-10 list is derived for each Classification.

Coach of the Year:

Our selection for 'Coach of the Year' will always be the coach of the team that wins the dual meet rankings. It is our feeling that having a well-rounded team is an indication of good coaching and a strong team-centric approach.

Athletes of the Year:

The 'Athlete of the Year' is chosen based on the following criteria: (1) marks which rank the student-athlete in all-time top-10 for events; (2) quality of marks v. national rankings; (3) competitive record at the state meet, and; (4) versatility. In short: who is the most outstanding student-athlete per classification in the state? While we emphasize Track & Field performances, at times Cross Country performance may further inform deliberations. Nominees are generated by the *Who's Who* staff, through we welcome nominations from coaches.

Master Event Lists:

The intent of the Master Event lists is to chronicle a student-athletes performance in this academic year. It will include not just the competitive spring season, but also any PRs which stem for the winter season, as well as any mark completed post-season through the end of August. This is how *Who's Who* has always reported on these marks, and replicates the reporting policy of USATF.