The state's best in high school track and field converge in Bloomington this weekend as the IHSAA conducts the 45th Girls State Finals on Friday, the Fifth Unified State Finals in partnership with Special Olympics Indiana, and the 115th Boys State Finals on Saturday.

Each meet will be contested at the Robert C. Haugh Track and Field Complex on the campus of Indiana University with field events beginning at 3 pm ET and running events at 4:15 pm ET each day while the Unified festivities will get underway Saturday at 12 pm ET.

The boys meet, the oldest event in any sport sponsored by the IHSAA dating back to 1904, features six returning state champions while the girls meet has three returning winners across four different events.

Greencastle’s Emma Wilson is the returning champ in both the 1600 and 3200 and is the top seed in the later race (10:31.69). She won the cross country state title last October in Terre Haute.

The Warren Central girls are the two-time defending champions and will be looking to equal the school’s run of three straight titles from 2006-08.

Nakita Turner-Lee of Brebeuf Jesuit, the top seed in the 100 Hurdles, ran a 13.86 last week which is better than the state meet record of 13.95.

The Carmel boys have won three straight state crowns and no one has strung together four in a row since Gary Roosevelt’s stranglehold of nine straight from 1981 to 1989.

Results will be posted at IHSAA.org as the meets progress each day and on Twitter at @IHSAA1.
Defending Team Champion: Warren Central (two-time defending champs).

Defending State Champions in Field (Individual Events)

Career State Championships (Individual and Relay Events)
1: Tierra Sydnor (11) Hamilton Southeastern 12-2.

State Championships Won by This Year’s Participants (Individual and Relay Events)
1: Maria Anderson (11) Noblesville.
1: Sheniya Brown (12) Ben Davis.
1: Olivia Burgess (10) Hamilton Southeastern.
1: Camille Christopher (12) Hamilton Southeastern.
1: Kennedy Drish (11) Hamilton Southeastern.
1: Abigail Little (11) Noblesville.
1: Mia Mackenzie (12) Hamilton Southeastern.
1: Tierra Sydnor (11) Hamilton Southeastern.
1: K’Ja Talley (10) Warren Central.
1: Shelby Tyler (11) Noblesville.

Top Seeds
1600 Meter Relay: North Central (Indianapolis) 3:53.50.
High Jump: Katie Isenbarger (12) Zionsville 5-11.
Shot Put: Alicia Tiney-Williams (12) Fort Wayne Northrop 47-0.5.

Girls Sectional Champions (32)
Benton Central, Bloomington South, Brownsburg, Center Grove, Chesterton, Connersville, East Central, East Noble, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Northrop, Hamilton Southeastern, Homestead, Jeffersonville, Jennings County, Lake Central, Lawrence North, Morgan Township, Munster, North Central (Indianapolis), Northwestern, Norwell, Penn, Pike, Plymouth, Southridge, Terre Haute South Vigo, Vincennes Rivet, Warren Central, Warsaw Community, West Lafayette, Yorktown.

Active Sectional Championships Streaks
12: Warsaw Community.
10: Fort Wayne Northrop.
9: Floyd Central.
7: Munster, Warren Central.
6: Benton Central.
5: East Central, Homestead, Jeffersonville, North Central (Indianapolis), Pike.
4: Center Grove, Lawrence North, West Lafayette, Yorktown.
3: Bloomington South, Hamilton Southeastern, Norwell, Penn, Terre Haute South Vigo.

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships

First Time-Sectional Champions
Morgan Township, Vincennes Rivet.

Girls Regional Champions (8)
Bloomington South, Brebeuf Jesuit, Floyd Central, Fort Wayne Northrop, Hamilton Southeastern, Lake Central, Warren Central, Warsaw Community.

Active Regional Championship Streaks
13: Bloomington South.
10: Fort Wayne Northrop.
7: Warren Central, Warsaw Community.

Most Consecutive Regional Championships

First-Time Regional Champions
Brebeuf Jesuit.
For the fifth year, the Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA) will host the Unified Track & Field State Finals as part of its ‘Champions Together’ partnership with Special Olympics Indiana (SOIN) on Saturday afternoon in Bloomington.

The Unified State Finals begin at 12 pm ET - one hour earlier than previous years and consist of five events including 100 meters, 400 meters, 400 meter relay (separate heats for each gender), shot put and long jump. Admission is $10 and also gains entry into the IHSAA Boys Track & Field State Finals which begins at 3 pm ET.

Bedford North Lawrence, Carmel, Columbus North, Elkhart Memorial, Fishers, Floyd Central, Griffith, Merrillville, Perry Meridian and Warren Central are the 10 schools that make up this year's field.

Last year’s state champion, Merrillville, will look to repeat as champion as it finished fourth in last weekend’s Kokomo Regional to be among the top five advancing teams. Teamwork is an emphasis in unified sports thus an overall team state championship is awarded rather than individual awards.

Unified Sports enables persons with and without intellectual disabilities to participate on the same team for sports training and competition. All participants in Saturday’s festivities have qualified as part of their team rather than as individuals.

For the fifth year, schools individually scheduled regular season competitions that culminated with the IHSAA state tournament. While the IHSAA provided the framework for the competition, including rules and officials, Special Olympics Indiana provided technical support to schools participating in Unified Track and Field, as well as financial grants to a number of schools to assist with costs.

2017 State Champion: Merrillville.

Schools Competing (10): Bedford North Lawrence, Carmel, Columbus North, Elkhart Memorial, Fishers, Floyd Central, Griffith, Merrillville, Perry Meridian, Warren Central.

Returning Schools from 2017 (3): Columbus North, Merrillville, Perry Meridian.

Sectional Champions (8): Bedford North Lawrence, Carmel, Columbus North, Elkhart Memorial, Jasper, Merrillville, Warren Central, Western.

Regional Champions (2): Carmel, Columbus North.

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Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

UNIFIED WEBSTREAM

JCConnect will stream Saturday’s Unified Track and Field meet here:
http://www.urstreet.tv/sports
Defending Team Champion: Carmel (won each of last three years).

Defending State Champions in Field (Individual Events)
1600: Gabe Fendel (12) Hamilton Southeastern.
300 Hurdles: Shaton Vaughn (12) Fort Wayne Northrop.
Discus: Tyler Gilbert (12) Western.
Shot Put: George Karla (12) Hamilton Southeastern.
High Jump: Nate Patterson (12) Plymouth.

Career State Championships (Individual and Relay Events)
7: Matthew Terrell, Ben Davis, 2007-09.
6: Ivan Fuqua, Brazil, 1928-30.

State Championships Won by This Year’s Participants (Individual and Relay Events)
1: Justin Becker (12) Carroll (Fort Wayne).
1: Damian Clay (11) North Central (Indianapolis).
1: Malcolm Corbett (12) North Central (Indianapolis).
1: Gabe Fendel (12) Hamilton Southeastern.
1: Tyler Gilbert (12) Western.
1: Isaac Guerendo (12) Avon.
1: Trey Harris (12) Carmel.
1: Eli Konow (10) Carmel.
1: Cole Maguire (12) North Central (Indianapolis).
1: Nate Patterson (12) Plymouth.
1: Cameron Shank (12) Carroll (Fort Wayne).
1: Shaton Vaughn (12) Fort Wayne Northrop.

Boys Top Seeds
3200 Meter Relay: Carmel, 7:51.10.
100 Meters: Justin Becker (12) Carroll (Fort Wayne) 10.60.
110 Meter Hurdles: Tremaine Gonzalez (12) Silver Creek 14.18.
200 Meters: Jahn Riley (10) Pike 21.75.
400 Meter Relay: Avon 41.73.
400 Meters: Braden Corzan (12) Chesterton 47.55.
300 Meter Hurdles: Shaton Vaughn (12) Fort Wayne Northrop 37.74.

Active Sectional Championships
16: Floyd Central.
8: Avon.
7: Carroll (Fort Wayne).
4: North Central (Indianapolis).
3: Jasper, Penn.

Most Consecutive Sectional Championships
41 by Jeffersonville (1973-2013).

First-Time Sectional Champions
Boone Grove, Fountain Central, Hagerstown, Vincennes Rivet.

Boys Regional Champions (8)
Avon, Bloomington South, Carroll (Fort Wayne), Center Grove, Elkhart Central, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Merrillville, Pike.

Active Regional Championships
4: Carroll (Fort Wayne).

Most Consecutive Regional Championships
10 by Gary Roosevelt (1981-90); 10 by Warren Central (2003-12).

First-Time Regional Champions
Avon, Evansville Reitz Memorial, Pike.
**MEDIA INFORMATION**

**Tournament Administrator:** Paul Neidig, Assistant Commissioner  
**Tournament Director:** Brian Brase

**Media Host:** IHSAA Communications Assistant Rob Kimes will be on hand to assist in your coverage of the state meet.

**Media Credentials: Deadline is Thursday, May 31, 2018, 4 pm ET.** Please note that the 2017-18 IHSAA State Finals Media Credential will NOT allow admission to this event as a specific credential is required – no exceptions. Legitimate working news media should apply for credentials by e-mailing (with name of individual applying) IHSAA Sports Information Director Jason Wille at jwille@ihsaa.org. E-mail requests MUST originate from a recognized business account; e-mails from personal accounts (ie: gmail.com, yahoo.com, aol.com, etc.) will not be accepted.

**Media Will-Call:** Approved requests will be left to claim by the individual at the ticket windows behind the track stadium. Identification is necessary to pick up credentials.

**Parking:** The parking lots to the west of Fee Lane next to the IU Tennis Center are the best option and a shuttle will be available to transport spectators to the main entrance. All parking in the area is free of charge during the state finals except in areas designated by Indiana University.

**Media Work Area:** News media will be able to work from a covered (though not enclosed) seating area next to the press box along the front straightaway. Ample seating and free wireless internet access will be available through Indiana University. Please see Rob Kimes in the press box with any questions.

**Programs & Results:** Complimentary copies of the state finals program which include heat sheets for each boys and girls event will be available to members of the media upon claiming your media credential. Results will be posted to the IHSAA.org website and tweeted at @IHSAA1 shortly after each event both days.

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### 2017-18 IHSAA STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**FALL SPORTS**  
**Sept. 29-30**  
**GIRLS GOLF**  
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel  
Team: Zionsville  
Individual: Kayla Benge, Plainfield  

**Oct. 13-14**  
**BOYS TEAM TENNIS**  
North Central HS, Indianapolis  
Team: Carmel  

**Oct. 20-21**  
**BOYS SINGLES & DOUBLES**  
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis  
Singles: Patrick Fletchall, Carmel  
Doubles: Will Emhardt & Drew Weigel, Park Tudor  

**Oct. 27-28**  
**BOYS & GIRLS SOCCER**  
Sellick Bowl, Butler University, Indianapolis  
Carroll Stadium, IUPUI, Indianapolis  
Class A Girls: Evansville Mater Dei  
Class A Boys: Fort Wayne Canterbury  
Class 2A Girls: Evansville Memorial  
Class 2A Boys: Evansville Memorial  
Class 3A Girls: Penn  
Class 3A Boys: Harrison (West Lafayette)  

**Oct. 28**  
**BOYS & GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**  
LaVern Gibson Course, Terre Haute  
Girls Team: Zionsville  
Girls Indiv: Emma Wilson, Greencastle  
Boys Team: Carmel  
Boys Indiv: Gabe Fendel, Hamilton SE  

**Nov. 4**  
**VOLLEYBALL**  
@ Worthen Arena, Ball State Univ, Muncie  
Class A: Lafayette Central Catholic  
Class 2A: Andrean  
Class 3A: New Castle  
Class 4A: Avon  

**Nov. 24-25**  
**FOOTBALL**  
Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis  
Class A: Pioneer  
Class 2A: Southridge  
Class 3A: Evansville Memorial  
Class 4A: East Central  
Class 5A: Columbus East  
Class 6A: Ben Davis

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**WINTER SPORTS**  
**Feb. 9-10**  
**GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis  
Team: Carmel  

**Feb. 16-17**  
**WRESTLING**  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis  
Team: Indianapolis Cathedral  

**Feb. 23-24**  
**BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING**  
IU Natatorium, IUPUI, Indianapolis  
Team: Carmel  

**Feb. 24**  
**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis  
Class A: Marquette Catholic  
Class 2A: Central Noble  
Class 3A: Northwestern  
Class 4A: Warren Central

**March 10**  
**GYMNASTICS**  
Worthen Arena, Ball State University, Muncie  
Team: Chesterton  

**March 24**  
**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Bankers Life Fieldhouse, Indianapolis  
Class A: Morristown  
Class 2A: Oak Hill  
Class 3A: Culver Academies  
Class 4A: Warren Central

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**SPRING SPORTS**  
**June 1**  
**GIRLS TRACK & FIELD**  
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

**June 2**  
**UNIFIED TRACK & FIELD**  
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

**June 2**  
**BOYS TRACK & FIELD**  
Robert C. Haugh Track & Field Complex, Indiana University, Bloomington

**June 1-2**  
**GIRLS TEAM TENNIS**  
North Central HS, Indianapolis

**June 8-9**  
**GIRLS SINGLES & DOUBLES**  
Park Tudor HS, Indianapolis

**June 9**  
**SOFTBALL**  
Bitteriger Stadium, Purdue University, West Lafayette

**June 12-13**  
**BOYS GOLF**  
Prairie View Golf Club, Carmel

**June 15-16**  
**BASEBALL**  
Victory Field, Indianapolis

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