



OCCTCA Statement – Indoor Meet in Norman

We want to take a moment to acknowledge the concerns raised following the recent indoor meet in Norman.

First and foremost, we are grateful for the incredible support from athletes, families, coaches, and spectators. The level of interest and participation across all four divisions was tremendous and speaks to the continued growth of track & field in Oklahoma.

Hosting all four divisions in a single day was not the original plan. Due to weather-related cancellations and facility scheduling conflicts, we were ultimately limited to one day of facility access. In order for the meet to occur at all, divisions were consolidated into a single day, the only remaining option, as the alternative would have been to cancel the meet entirely. While this allowed student-athletes the opportunity to compete, the compressed schedule and volume of participants and their fans created logistical challenges that impacted the overall spectator experience.

The Oklahoma Cross Country & Track Coaches Association is responsible for the operation of the track meet itself. Facility access, spectator arrival times, admission procedures, security, seating, and required vendors are governed by host facility policies and fall outside our jurisdiction. While these constraints exist, we recognize that the spectator experience matters and plays an important role in the success of these events.

Feedback from families and spectators has been documented and shared, and we will continue advocating for improved communication, planning, and coordination moving forward. It is also important to note that this facility is currently the only indoor track complex in the state of Oklahoma, making collaboration essential to providing local competitive opportunities for our student-athletes.

Thank you to everyone who supported our athletes and to those who provided constructive feedback as we continue working to improve future events.

Sincerely,
OCCTCA Board