



Dear Coaches, Club Owners, and Meet Hosts,

For many years, the states of Region 5 have collected individual head taxes to fund camps, clinics, and other activities. These funds have been collected from meet hosts as a part of the meet entry fees. The process of collecting and distributing these funds has become overly burdensome and complicated for Meet Hosts and State chairs. **Consequently, the regional board has approved a change from the per-head/per-meet process to a single fee system.** A method that is successfully used by many other states and regions.

Starting in the Fall of 2023:

- The Region will collect a regional membership fee of up to \$20 per registered athlete. The exact amount will be determined by the regional board. For the 23-24 season the Regional Board has approved a \$15 fee. The membership fee is due to the State Chair by January 1st of each competitive year.
- States may collect a membership fee of up to \$10 per registered athlete. Exact amount to be determined by state membership. The membership fee is due to the State Chair by January 1st of each competitive year. Both fees may be paid on one club check.

In the past, we have received rebates from the national office. Unfortunately, these have recently been eliminated. The lost income has partially been replaced by direct grants from the Men's National Scholarship Fund. The amount collected under the new system will be equivalent to that collected in the past. This is not an increase in the amount of monies collected.

What this means in practice.

Clubs will collect the Regional and State membership fee at the beginning of the season. Probably at the same time as booster fees, etc. Mail that fee on one club check to the State Chair by Jan 1. If athletes join your program after that date, you can submit those fees as they occur.

The Region 5 Board