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Dear Coach;

In taking on the responsibility of handling the official stats, of the league I feel that it is very important that each coach cooperate with me in getting ALL of their results to me as soon as possible. In the past there have been many athletes whose names never appeared on the list because they did it while placing only 2nd or 3rd and in many cases there were some excellent times for 4th place finishers.

The idea of compiling standings in the league for each event is to motivate as many kids as we can so that they will strive to reach the top ten list or better. Many of the runners that realize they are not going to place in the money in the big meets can reach some type of consolation by getting to the top ten.

Many of the coaches in the league feel that if they submit all of their times so that everyone else in the league will see them it would be a handicap to their team when they meet other teams. To me this is very childish and really uncalled for. We have to beat each other on the track and not in the newspaper so the good runners, throwers, jumpers and hurdlers are going to win despite what goes on in the papers. After all in the long run we want our league to be at its strongest when we compete on the region and section levels. I feel that if we can motivate every possible athlete in the league to do his (or her) best it is going to help us later on. So don't think for one minute that any of your kids don't like to see their names in the paper for if you do your only kidding yourself. They love it. So let's get all of the results in as soon after your meets as possible.

I will take every time that you submit and record it in my files, no matter how fast or slow, good or bad, and at the end of the year each runner will know how he actually fared with the rest of the league. Don't complain if one of your athletes names are missing it only means you didn't submit it.

Thanks,

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