

Gothenburg hosting junior high championship

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The fourth annual Nebraska Junior High Championship track and field meet Saturday in Gothenburg promises to be bigger and better than ever.

Hosted by the Cindermates, the meet is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m.

The top 24 seventh- and eighth-grade boys and girls in each individual event plus the top 16 relays have been invited to compete based on results posted by coaches on www.athletic.net, a track and field record keeping Internet site.

Over 100 schools will be represented at the meet including boys and girls from Gothenburg and Brady.

Field events begin at 11 a.m.. They include high jump, pole vault, long jump, triple jump, shot and discus.

Running events are set to start at noon. Preliminary races will be run in the 100-meter dash and 100-meter hurdles. All other races will be final heats run against time.

Running events include: 100, 200, 400, 800, 1600, 100 hurdles, 200 hurdles, 4x100 relay, 4x400 relay and 4x800 relay.

Entries have been finalized and include several area athletes.

Medals will be presented to the top six in each event.

Additionally, an outstanding male and outstanding female athlete award will be presented.

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Team scores will be kept and plaques for runner-up and team championships will be presented.

Gothenburg's junior high girls won the team title in 2010 and 2011. Last year's champions were the Ord girls and Thayer Central boys.

For additional information, visit the school website at www.gothenburg.k12.ne.us and click on the Nebraska Championship meet link on the left side of the page.