

# 57th Annual “Elmer Ball” Track & Field Invitational



**Hosted by Oxford High School**

**Saturday, April 27th, 2019**

# Welcome to Wildcats Stadium!



On behalf of Oxford Community Schools, we are proud to have you as our guests at this event!

The 57th running of the Oxford Invitational, later renamed the “Elmer Ball Invite” after the longtime Wildcats mentor, has become one of the most competitive track & field invitational in the state of Michigan.

While many things have changed – Oxford Blue turf, a new track and even a new stadium—much has remained the same. The same principles of teamwork, school pride, hard work and commitment established by Coach Ball have been continued by the current staff of coaches and volunteers today.

We hope you find our facilities and hospitality worthy of this extraordinary event.

## Honoring Coach Elmer Ball

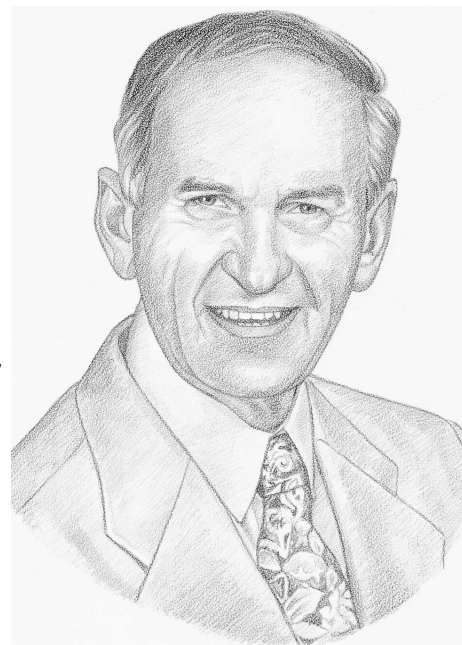
A mentor to thousands of students in and outside the classroom, Elmer Ball is regarded as not only the most successful track & field coach in Oxford history, but one of the most successful coaches in the history of Oxford athletics.

Ball began teaching in Oxford in 1954 after graduating from Central Michigan University with a bachelor’s degree in Drafting and a minor in History. During his 36-year career, he taught not only drafting, but wood working and mathematics. Prior to his time as a Chippewa, Coach Ball attended Reed City High School where he earned five letter awards in the sports of football, basketball and track and field.

As the Wildcats’ head cross country coach from 1963-74 and again from 1995-96, Ball’s teams established a 123-21 dual meet record, claiming four MHSAA regional championships and four league titles. The boys’ team finished as the 1971 state runner-up behind individual state champion Doug O’Berry. Previously, Ball coached Jim Goodfellow to a cross country state title in 1969.

If his cross country accolades weren’t enough, Ball’s name is synonymous with Oxford High School Track and Field. He was an assistant under legendary coach Lee Noftz from 1964-80 and was promoted to head coach in 1981. He led the Wildcats to a 101-18 record in dual meets, eight league championships, an Oakland County co-championship and the MHSAA Class ‘B’ Boys’ Track Title in 1991. When Ball stepped down after the 1992 season, he had coached 11 individual state champions in as many years on the job.

A leader not only in the teaching ranks, Ball was also a leader in his avocation as well, serving as president of the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association (MITCA) in 1975 and earning numerous awards from the organization. Elmer was named Oakland County Coach of the Year in 1988 and 1991 and earned MITCA Coach of the Year honors in 1983 and 1991 as well. Ball was honored with MITCA’s Charles Sweeney Award in 1988 for outstanding service to the sport of track and field, his school, community, and MITCA. Sweeney Award recipients epitomize the definition of “Coach.”



Ball was inducted into the Oxford High School Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010.

Sadly, we lost Coach Ball as he went to be with his wife, Jeraldine, on February 28, 2017. Although Coach has left us, the profoundly positive mark that he placed on the track program, his athletes, the student body as a whole, and the rest of the Oxford Community will live on.

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### \*SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8:00 am Gates Open-Packet pick-up at concessions stand.
- 9:05 am Coaches meeting located behind the press box.
- 9:30 am **Prelim and Field Event scratches due.**
- Field event scratches to be done at event site with event official.
  - Prelim scratches to be done at the timers at the finish line.
- 9:40 am 1st Call Field Events
- 9:45 am 2nd Call Field Events
- 9:50 am 3rd Call Field Events
- 9:55 am National Anthem—**Field Events Begin**
- 10:00 am Girls High Jump (Boys to follow)
- Boys Discus (Girls to follow)
- Boys Pole Vault (Girls to follow)
- Girls Shot Put (Boys to follow)
- Boys Long Jump-open order (Girls to follow)
- 10:30 am 3200m Relay **Finals—GIRLS RUN FIRST IN 2019**
- Prelims**
- 11:10 am 100m Dash Prelims (to Finals)
- 11:35 am 100m Hurdles and 110m Hurdles Prelims (to Finals)
- 12:00 am 200m Dash Prelims (to Finals)
- 12:30 pm **Finals Scratches Due**
- Lunch Break until 1:00 p.m.
- 1:00 pm National Anthem – **Finals Begin**
- 100m and 110m Hurdles
- 100m Dash
- 800m Relay
- 1600m Run (\*multiple sections if needed\*)
- 400m Relay
- 400m Dash
- 300m Hurdles
- 800m Run (\*multiple sections if needed\*)
- 200m Dash
- 3200m Run
- 1600m Relay

*\*Times are approximate. Events may begin earlier than scheduled if possible.*

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### Meet Guidelines

**Meet Manager:** Andrew McDonald

**Starters and Clerks:** Deborah Archer , Paul Matson, Ken Seidenwand, LaRue Williams  
Announcer-Joe Beldyga

#### FACILITY GUIDELINES:

- Full concession stand located at North end of the stadium
- No locker rooms available, trainer will be available for entire meet.
- Please keep athletes out of school unless severe weather strikes.
- Please warn athletes not to jump fences, they will be warned once then disqualified for the remainder of the meet.
- WARM-UP area will be from the goal line to the 20 yard line of the north end zone.
- NO FOOTBALLS or FRISBEES in the fenced area.

#### COACHES INFORMATION:

- Coaches meeting at 9:05 am
- Coaches, the press box and timing tent is for our workers. Please address any questions or concerns with the meet officials.

**FIELD EVENT GUIDELINES:** Athletes are not to check out to running events until second call.

**Throws:** **Boys Discus** and **Girls Shot Put** first.  
3 throws per entry: 2-1 format.  
Top nine to finals: 3 throws, 1-1-1 format  
Minimum Distance measured:  
-Discus: 100'- Boys, 75'-Girls  
-Shot: 28'-Girls, 40'-Boys  
\*\*\*1st **legal try** will be measured regardless of distance, those meeting minimums thereafter\*\*\*

**Long Jump:** **Boys** will jump **first**-90 minute open pit, Finals to follow (top nine-open order), followed by the girls.  
Minimum Distance measured: Girls 14', Boys 18'  
\*\*\*1st **legal try** will be measured regardless of distance, those meeting minimums thereafter\*\*\*

**High Jump:** **5 Alive Format**  
**Girls First:** Starting Height: 4'2", 3" first two raises, 2" thereafter  
**Boys Follow:** Starting Height 5'4", 3" first two raises, 2" thereafter

**Pole Vault:**  
**Boys first:** Starting Height 8', 6" raises  
**Girls follow:** Starting Height 6', 6" raises



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## Schools Scheduled to Compete

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 Auburn Hills Avondale	 Fraser	 Pontiac	 Utica
 Birmingham Seaholm	 Lake Orion	 Rochester	 Waterford Kettering
 Bloomfield Hills	 Livonia Stevenson	 Rochester Adams	 Waterford Mott
 Chicago (Kenwood)	 Macomb Lutheran North	 Rochester Hills Stoney Creek	
 Clarkston	 Orchard Lake St. Mary's	 Romeo	
 Farmington	 Oxford	 Troy	

## Downtown Oxford Dining Guide

- **24th Street Grill (American)** – 13 S. Washington Street (248) 628-1217
- **Casa Real (Mexican)** – 21 S. Washington Street (248) 969-2801
- **McDonald's** – 655 N Lapeer Rd (248) 628-2780
- **Oxford Tap (American)** – 36 S. Washington Street (248) 236-0380
- **Red Knapps (American)** – 2 N. Washington Street (248) 628-1200
- **The Golden Dragon (Chinese)** - 32 S Washington Street (248) 628-9800
- **The Ox Grille (American)** - 23 S. Washington Street (248) 628-1400

Others can be found at [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g42570-Oxford\\_Michigan.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g42570-Oxford_Michigan.html)

# Thank you once again for attending the 57th Elmer Ball Oxford Invitational!!!

## We look forward to seeing you again next year!



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### Meet Records

Year	Girl's Record Holder	Record	Event	Record	Boy's Record Holder	Year
2012	Brittany Mann Country Day	42'5 1/2 "	Shot put	61'5"	Connor Bandel Oxford	2016
2012	Brittany Mann Country Day	148'3"	Discus Throw	204'2"	Connor Bandel Oxford	2016
2012	Anna Fochesato Brandon	5'5"	High Jump	6'10"	Jonathon Beeler Holly	2010
2012/ 2017	Maddie Pierce Brandon Elise Carter Birmingham Seaholm	17'5"	Long Jump	22'9"	CJ Braithwaite West Bloomfield	2012
2018	Colleen Campbell Lake Orion	12'0"	Pole Vault	15'3"	Justin Fiedor Holly	2010
2017	Tamea McKelvy Oak Park	11.96	100m Dash	10.6	Stephen Murphy Lamphere	2009
2017	Tamea McKelvy Oak Park	23.83	200m Dash	22.0	Chris Rolle Oxford	2010
2016	Anna Jefferson Oak Park	55.12	400m Dash	48.68	Donnie James Oak Park	2018
2016	Dorriann Coleman Oak Park	2:15.67	800m Dash	1:53.92	Cameron Cooper Oak Park	2017
2012	Sarah Barron Notre Dame Prep	4:52.37	1600m run	4:19.71	T.J. Carey Lake Orion	2013
2012	Erin Finn West Bloomfield	10:25.14	3200m run	9:19.24	T.J. Carey Lake Orion	2013
2018	Grace Stark White Lake Lakeland	14.06	100m Hurdles 110m Hurdles	14.26	Ross Williams B'ham Groves	2013
2017	Madison Eaton Lake Orion	44.52	300m Hurdles	38.82	Jordan Waymer Lake Orion	2013
2017	Oak Park K. Tate M. Brooks A. Sharp T. McKelvy	48.58	4 x 100m relay	43.00	Lake Orion J. Waymer A. Karrip S. Drake C. Leigh	2013
2018	Oak Park M. Brooks J. Barksdale J. Roundtree A. Laurencin	1:41.70	4 x 200m relay	1:29.71	Southfield E. Marshall J. Dade M. Kosmalski C. Cliff	2013
2013	Oak Park A. Jefferson J. Powell C. Hewitt J. Fleming	3:52.55	4 x 400m relay	3:22.53	Southfield A. Foster T. Walton A. Little M. Falcon	2013
2018	Oak Park J. Jones M. Gates M. Archibald D. Coleman	9:25.51	4 x 800m relay	7:56.42	Lake Orion D. Arenz K. Hansen D. Diaz T.J. Carey	2013

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