

Ballot Proposal #2:

In distance races using alleys for the start, should Michigan use the alley, position 1 as the preferred position? (It would be seeded as follows- alley 2 position 1, alley 3 position 1, alley 1 position 1, alley 4 position 1, etc).

Your Name	Your School / Team / or Retired	Your comments about THIS ballot item
Ted Smith	Sparta	Preferred position should be alley 2 ONLY if Michigan goes to a 1 turn staggered start. Alley 1 seems preferred for a 2 turn stagger
Michael Raffin	register official	yes
Dan Wytko	Portage Central	The top seed should not have to worry about being collapsed on. Putting the top seed in alley 2, position 1 is the best location.
Ben Talsma	Crossroads Academy of Big Rapids	This proposal becomes stronger if Proposal #1 is implemented. If it is not, then the advantages of seeing the whole field, especially in the 800 where there isn't a lot of time to cover after the break, outweigh concerns about being boxed in.
Lincoln Schoch	Allendale HS	Yes
TODD GAYAN	West Michigan Aviation Academy	Yes, Fastest runners should be in the fastest alley. Alley 1 runners can set the pace and improve their times.
Gary Meehan	Retired/Brighton	I always preferred that my athletes to have been in an outer alley. Too often some rabbit would collapse on alley 1 causing a better runner to be boxed in. The problem would be alleviated if all runners would use the straightaway to gradually cut it not just make a left turn...
Jeff Wilson	Kent City HS	2 turn - I would vote for alley 1 being the best spot to start.
Mike Roberts	Hillsdale Academy	Regardless of the turns, the inside position is the most beneficial for the top runner as they can see their relative position better. The advantage for the top athlete being in lane 1 pos 1 also includes not having to deal with the struggle of the cut in... for two reasons. a) not having to worry about making a "perfect" cut so as to run the shortest distance b) not having to worry about cutting off other runners while "tucking in" behind or using extra energy to sprint ahead to "tuck in" in front. In other words, they have the ability to run the shortest distance with the least amount of worry and the least expense of extra energy.
Ronald Womboldt	DeWitt Panthers (girls team)	Alley position 1
David Emeott	EK	The questions are linked. Alley 2 for a 1 turn stagger. Alley 1 for a 2 turn stagger.
Lee Kahler	Bad Axe High School	It will make it easier for officials to make sure individuals stay in their proper lane.
Lee Kahler	Bad Axe HS	Yes this is appropriate based on the other running events.
Greg Miller	Cranbrook Kingswood / XC / former TF	In reviewing the comments to this time, there appears to be confusion regarding the question. The question is about position within the alley, not which alley order is preferred (that is, alley 2 is preferred before alley 1, etc). With regards to position within the alley, it would seem that the best position is the one on the inside line of the alley lane.
Derek Gonzales	MITCA TECH	*** CLARIFICATION *** : There was a small typo in "part" of the language that has since been corrected on the website, on the form, and on the rationale. The TF Committee is proposing that ALLEY 2, POSITION 1 be the preferred starting position. If this changes your opinion, you can return to the comment form, and you should be able to edit your comments if you wish to do so. Updated comments will be reported out to a wider audience when the comment period has concluded.
Andrew Guest	Notre Dame Prep	I support the change and would vote for it