

Ballot Proposal #1: Should Michigan use a one-turn stagger for races of 800 meters and above for the MHSAA Regional and State meets?

Your Name	Your School / Team / or Retired	Your Comments about THIS ballot question
Michael Raffin	Register official	No
Dan Wytko	Portage Central	This creates a much more competitive race rather.
Ben Talsma	Crossroads Academy of Big Rapids	I like this proposal; it is harder to gauge your position relative to your competitors before the break, and forcing runners to do that for 300 out of 800 meters is too far. I am not sure if all tracks are marked for a one-turn stagger for the 800; it may necessitate cost for schools not marked accordingly.
Lincoln Schoch	Allendale HS	One turn stagger YES - two-turn stagger isn't necessary
TODD GAYAN	West Michigan Aviation Academy	yes. the early cut is great for the runners to keep pace with the leaders.
Carl Spina	Saline HS	I believe that using the one-turn stagger will create better races. Also, the 400m starting line was never intended to be used as a two-turn stagger, and using it creates a measurable disadvantage for the athletes in the outside lanes. http://www.mitca.org/?p=2470
Jeff Wilson	Kent City HS	Yes - One turn stagger creates a more competitive race for athletes and spectators!
Richard Frank	Ogemaw Heights	I like the idea but only when there are 8 runners in the race. In some dual meets we will run 20 in the 800. That 2 turn stagger is so helpful when having them many in a race and I do not want to run 3 heats of a 800 at a dual meet, just saying.
Paul Anderson	Traverse City Central	A one turn stagger makes for a much better race! It is used in most states, all collegiate meets, and internationally with only positive outcomes. All tracks should already be marked for it due to the 3 turn stagger for the 4x4.
Evan Gerish	Detroit Catholic Central	Yes. This will encourage more competitive races, fairer competition for the outside lanes, and the tracks already have a one-turn stagger painted on them.
Mike Roberts	Hillsdale Academy	Yes. 300m is too far to run not being aware of where you are in relation to your competition. As much of the outcome is directly related to racing your competition in the 800m+ the less time apart the better.
Ronald Womboldt	DeWitt Panthers (Girls Team)	Yes, one turn stagger
David	East Kentwood	1-turn stagger is the standard across the country. A 2 turn stagger provides over a 1 foot advantage to the lane/alley 1.
Asa Kelly	Benzie Central	This proposal just makes sense to make races more competitive from the gun. By allowing athletes to cut in on the backstretch, positioning takes place earlier in the race, thus putting all athletes at an equal advantage for positioning.
Mike Jurasek	Concord	Yes

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Greg Miller	Cranbrook Kingswood / XC / former TF	In favor - an early cut means faster out of the start. The 2-turn was likely instituted as a safe-practice item - if the field is not over-populated, we should see both better competition and safety for the participant.
Dean Blackledge	Hanover-Horton	Yes
Jill Evers	Kent City	Yes. 40 out of 50 states use this. This should make for more exciting races and I think that's what we should want. [1]
dave jones	mason high school girls	yes--allows runners to gauge their position before it's too late
Tim Simpson	Lansing Catholic	Yes without a doubt. Two turn stagger is not teaching our kids how to race correctly. We have started using waterfall in our dual meets which is even better.
Andrew Guest	Notre Dame Prep	I support the change and would vote in favor
Jim loria	official	This means we use 1 Turn ONLY at Regionals & State, but use 2 Turn stagger the rest of the year ?? NO thanks- Too many Michigan rules already
Lawsonja Robinson	Detroit Loyola /Bulldogs/. Yes	Yes----

[1] Responder updated this value.