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

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<td>Michael Raffin</td>
<td>Register official</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>Dan Wytko</td>
<td>Portage Central</td>
<td>This creates a much more competitive race rather.</td>
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<td>Ben Talsma</td>
<td>Crossroads Academy of Big Rapids</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Lincoln Schoch</td>
<td>Allendale HS</td>
<td>One turn stagger YES - two-turn stagger isn't necessary</td>
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<td>TODD GAYAN</td>
<td>West Michigan Aviation Academy</td>
<td>yes. the early cut is great for the runners to keep pace with the leaders.</td>
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<td>Carl Spina</td>
<td>Saline HS</td>
<td>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. <a href="http://www.mitca.org/?p=2470">http://www.mitca.org/?p=2470</a></td>
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<td>Jeff Wilson</td>
<td>Kent City HS</td>
<td>Yes - One turn stagger creates a more competitive race for athletes and spectators!</td>
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<td>Richard Frank</td>
<td>Ogemaw Heights</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Paul Anderson</td>
<td>Traverse City Central</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Evan Gerish</td>
<td>Detroit Catholic Central</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Mike Roberts</td>
<td>Hillsdale Academy</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Ronald Womboldt</td>
<td>DeWitt Panthers (Girls Team)</td>
<td>Yes, one turn stagger</td>
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<td>David</td>
<td>East Kentwood</td>
<td>1-turn stagger is the standard across the country. A 2 turn stagger provides over a 1 foot advantage to the lane/alley 1.</td>
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<td>Asa Kelly</td>
<td>Benzie Central</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Mike Jurasek</td>
<td>Concord</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Greg Miller</td>
<td>Cranbrook Kingswood / XC / former TF</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Dean Blackledge</td>
<td>Hanover-Horton</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Jill Evers</td>
<td>Kent City</td>
<td>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]</td>
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<td>dave jones</td>
<td>mason high school girls</td>
<td>yes--allows runners to gauge their position before it's too late</td>
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<td>Tim Simpson</td>
<td>Lansing Catholic</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>Andrew Guest</td>
<td>Notre Dame Prep</td>
<td>I support the change and would vote in favor</td>
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<td>Jim Ioria</td>
<td>official</td>
<td>This means we use 1 Turn ONLY at Regionals &amp; State, but use 2 Turn stagger the rest of the year ?? NO thanks- Too many Michigan rules already</td>
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<td>Lawsonja Robinson</td>
<td>Detroit Loyola /Bulldogs/</td>
<td>Yes----</td>
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[1] Responder updated this value.