

EPTFA Ribbon Distribution Guidelines

Each Coach will receive a packet of ribbons prior to the first meet. The morning of each meet, Coaches will provide their Team Manager with the ribbons for that day's events. The Team Manager will also be provided with the Field and Running Event Recording sheets. This will allow the Team Manager the opportunity to document athlete results during the meet for inclusion on the back of the ribbons. The Coach has the option to present the ribbons after the meet on Saturday or during practice the next week.

Ribbon Guidelines

- The top 3 finishers in each event will receive ribbons corresponding to the place they finished within the team.
- The Team Manager will document the athlete's individual results for each event on the back of the ribbon.
- All athletes in grades 1-3 will receive a Participation ribbon documenting their individual results for that meet.
- If any of the top 3 finishers end up tying, then both will receive the appropriate Place ribbon. For example, a team may have an athlete finish in 1st Place, and two athletes tie for 2nd Place. In this situation, a fourth athlete would receive a 3rd Place ribbon.
- Coaches may choose to distribute the ribbons at the end of the meet or at the next practice.
- The Head Coach will be the primary keeper of all individual athlete and team results data. Any information shared with participants will be used in a confidential manner.

Distribution

Grades **1-3** teams will receive the following ribbons in their packets:

- 1st Place (blue)
- 2nd Place (red)
- 3rd Place (white)
- Participant (green)

Grades **4-6** teams will receive the following ribbons in their packets:

- 1st Place (blue)
- 2nd Place (red)
- 3rd Place (white)

Special Awards

One of the main objectives for the EPTFA is to promote good sportsmanship and recognize the individual achievements all athletes bring to the team. Each Coach has the

opportunity to reward athletes who may not receive place ribbons during the season. Special awards may be offered in any of the following suggested categories:

- Most Improved
- Best Effort
- Team Player
- Hardest Worker
- Coach's Helper
- Best Attitude
- Most Committed
- Most Disciplined
- Biggest Heart
- Others at your discretion

Feel free to be creative and use your own method of recognizing special achievements, keeping in mind that every athlete should receive special acknowledgement at some point during the season. You can use certificates such as the ones available at <http://www.123certificates.com/trackandfield.php> or request additional green Participation ribbons from the EPTFA board for these awards.