

Tomah Track and Field

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Dear Coach:

Welcome to the 2026 Earl Gatzke Memorial Invitational. **You may enter 3 athletes per event and 1 relay team per relay event.** Attached is a rolling time schedule. All events are finals. Teams attending: Arcadia, Holmen, Luther, Neillsville, Providence Academy (La Crosse), Sparta, and Tomah. There will be no trials. Please enter your athletes online at the following link: <https://www.pttiming.com/event/2586?pt=schedule>

Please be sure to fill all your events online. Please print a copy of your entries in case there are any discrepancies. There will be no additions on the day of the meet. Remember that PTTiming will charge you a late fee if they need to reopen entries because the deadline was missed. Entries are due on Sunday, April 5th at Noon.

Please note that the meet is on Tuesday, April 7th . Starting time is 4:00 for this year's meet.

Other items of interest for the meet this year:

1. We will be using fully automated timing again this year. Runners will wear their hip number on their left hip.
2. Throwing events/horizontal jumps will be 4 attempts and no finals.
3.
 - Entries must be completed by visiting pttiming.com. To find your event, hover over *Schedule* and click on *All Upcoming Events*. If your event is not listed, please contact info@pttiming.com.
 - Online entries must be completed 2 days prior to the event at NOON—to avoid confusion, the deadline is set at 11:59 am CST.
 - Meet entries open 1 week and 2 days prior to the deadline at noon.
 - If a coach misses the deadline, the coach should email info@pttiming.com to reopen the meet. The host school and/or violating school may incur a \$50 Late Entry Fee—PT Timing will make that decision, depending on the situation.

We have a seal-flex surface on the track and long, triple and high jump runways. Spike length for all areas will be 1/4 inch. All longer spikes will result in disqualification from that event. Spikes will be checked when each runner picks up their hip number. Concessions will be sold during the meet behind the bleachers. Hopefully, your season is progressing smoothly and the weather will cooperate on the 7th . See you then, and best of luck.

Sincerely

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**2026 Gatzke Memorial Invitational
Tomah High School**

Facility: 400 Meter Seal Flex track and field event surfaces. Throws circles are constructed out of cement.

Spikes: ¼ inch spikes for all event except Shot Put and Discus

Results: Available shortly after the competition and also later that evening on www.pttiming.com

Scoring: Top 8 competitors and relays will score: 10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1

Awards: Top 3 place finishers in each event; Overall Team Champion

Entries: Entries will be submitted online. **Each team is allowed 3 entries per event and 1 relay per event. Check Entry Due Date**

Coaches Meeting: Will be held in the white garage at the end of the front straight meet at 3:45.

Hip Numbers: Will be located at the start of the 100 meters.

Scratches: All scratches are to be made at the coaches meeting prior to the meet. **NO ADDITIONS** the day of the competition. Substitutions can compete under the original competitor's name.

Concessions: Will be available in the building directly behind the bleachers on the front straight.

Entry Fee: Fee is \$200 per school (\$100 per gender). Please mail checks to: Tomah High School Attn: Athletic Dept 901 Lincoln Avenue Tomah, WI 54660

Meet Link: <https://www.pttiming.com/event/2586?pt=schedule>

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Time Schedule and Order of Events

3:30 Sheets will be available for substitutions and/or scratches before the meet in the storage shed at the end of the front straight

3:45 Coaches Meeting (White Shed by the finish line)

4:00 Field Events Begin

Boys Discus Put First

Girls Shot First

Girls High Jump First

Girls Long Jump First--Cafe Style 4:00 to 5:30 (4 Jumps)

****30 Minute warm-up in between****

Boys Long Jump Second --Cafe Style 6:00 to 7:30 (4 Jumps)

Boys Triple Jump First-- Cafe Style 4:00 to 5:30 (4 Jumps)

****30 Minute warm-up in between****

Girls Triple Jump Second- Café Style 6:00 to 7:30

*******The time length may be shortened depending on the total number of competitors.**

Boys Pole Vault First

4:30 G 3200 Relay

B 3200 Relay

G 100 High Hurdle Final

B 110 High Hurdle Final

G 100 Final

B 100 Final

G 1600

B 1600

G 800 Relay

B 800 Relay

G 400

B 400

G 400 Relay

B 400 Relay

G 300 Low Hurdles

B 300 Int. Hurdles

G 800

B 800

G 200

B 200

G 3200

B 3200

G 1600 Relay

B 1600 Relay

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The Earl Gatzke Invitational Track Meet is dedicated to the memory of Tomah educator and coach, Earl Gatzke. Gatzke was a visible presence in Tomah athletics for 36 years, from the time he began teaching in 1946 until his retirement in 1982. Serving as an assistant football coach during his entire 36 years, and as head track coach from 1947 to 1971, Gatzke touched the lives of countless athletes and students. In 1982, Gatzke was honored by the Tomah Education Association and Tomah Area School District as “Teacher of the Year.”

As track coach, Gatzke was instrumental in the planning and building of a cinder track in Tomah. As Tomah High School Athletic Director, Gatzke played an instrumental role in the development of the current E. J. McKean Track and Field. As both a coach and teacher, Earl Gatzke exemplified the commitment to educational and athletic excellence.