



## **PROGRAM CHANGES FOR 2010**

***Due to an ongoing effort to improve the Hershey's Track and Field Program while being fiscally responsible, the following changes have been implemented for 2010.***

It was approved that all age groups will be represented at the North American Finals, but will eliminate the 9-10 and 11-12 year old relay events at the North American Finals. I do want to emphasize the following, for clarification:

- Relays of all ages will continue to be conducted at the local, district and state/provincial levels.
- We will only have two relay events at the North American Finals, which will be for 13-14 year old participants, one for boys and one for girls.
- All age groups will continue to participate in all other North American Finals events.
- These changes will not require any rule book changes, just a change to the make-up of the Regional Teams coming to the North American Finals and the elimination of four events.
- This change in the program will be reflected in all materials produced (print and internet) effective with the 2010 program.

These changes will reduce the cost of our North American Finals event (lodging, food, and transportation) and will reduce the number of participants and chaperones by approximately 162. The funding that is saved by this program change will be reinvested back into other aspects of the program with the goal of building awareness and participation of kids at the local level.