

2026 SD Coaches Pre-Season Track and Field Poll

We are happy to present our fourth annual track and field coaches pre-season poll. Thanks to all who participated!

Class B Girls

- 1) Bennett County
- 2) Ipswich
- 3) Arlington

In their first year in the Class B ranks, Bennett County scored 85 points with four girls to win their first team title since 1986. They return all four of those athletes and are tabbed to repeat. Ipswich, fourth in 2025, is picked second while Arlington, ninth last year, is picked third.

Class A Girls

- 1) SF Christian
- 2) Lennox
- 3) Custer
- 4) Elk Point-Jefferson

In 2025 Christian scored in 17 events to pile up a Class A record total of 162 points. The Chargers are picked to win their fourth consecutive title while last year's third place squad, Lennox, is picked second and 2025 runnerup Custer is picked third.

Class AA Girls

- 1) Brandon Valley
- 2) Harrisburg
- 3) SF Lincoln

Brandon Valley was last year's preseason pick, but the Lynx came in third in a tight team race. SF Lincoln won the AA team race with 97.5 points; Harrisburg was second with 90.5 and BV was third with 89. Those same three teams are all expected to be in the mix again. It would be BV's fourth overall title.

Class B Boys

- 1) Philip
- 2) Gregory
- 3) Viborg-Hurley

Philip was second in 2025 by 3.5 points to Colman Egan. The Scotties, winners of four consecutive cross-country titles, are picked as the top squad this season. It would be their second overall title, their first coming in 2010. Gregory, third last year, is picked to move up one spot while Viborg-Hurley, tenth in 2025, is picked third.

Class A Boys

- 1) SF Christian
- 2) Lennox
- 3) Hill City

Christian scored heavily in the throwing events last year to win their fifth consecutive title with 95.5 points. Lennox was second with 86 and is picked second again. Hill City was third in 2025 and is picked at that spot again.

Class AA Boys

- 1) SF Lincoln
- 2) Brandon Valley
- 3) Harrisburg

In 2025 Lincoln scored in 15 events to win their eighth title in 12 years and 17th overall. Last fall the Pat's won the AA cross country title with an impressive 37 points and are tabbed as the spring track and field favorite. Yearly contenders BV and Harrisburg will be in the mix again.



2026 State Track Meet – May 28-30 – Sioux Falls