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The Linn-Mar girls track team will be awarded two more championships from the 2014 state meet, two months after it was held in May.

The Quad-City Times reported Friday that the Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union has determined that Pleasant Valley star Kaley Ciluffo was ineligible to compete in the state meet, stripping Pleasant Valley of its team championship and changing the official results of several events.

The IGHSAU has determined that Ciluffo competed in four sanctioned collegiate meets between December of 2013 and June of 2014, which is a violation of IGHSAU rules.

Ciluffo won the Class 4A 800 meter run and helped Pleasant Valley capture the 4x400 relay at the state meet.

Stephanie Jenks of Linn-Mar placed second behind Ciluffo in the 800, so Jenks will now be the winner of that race. Linn-Mar also placed second behind Pleasant Valley in the 4x400 relay, so the Lions will now be the winners of that event.

Hanna Saville, Maddie Saville, Rachel Perry and Amber Decker ran on the 4x400 relay for Linn-Mar.

The Jefferson J-Hawks finished fourth in the team standings at the state meet and Linn-Mar finished in sixth place. Both teams will move up in the standings once the team tallies are adjusted.

Ciluffo helped Pleasant Valley score 38 points at the state meet. If those points are subtracted, Pleasant Valley will fall to seventh place.

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Jenks has competed against college runners in open cross country races and has voluntarily sacrificed her eligibility for high school cross country meets, but that does not affect her eligibility for high school track meets, according to the IGHSAU.