

**USATF RULES COMMITTEE REPORT – GREENSBORO, NC – DECEMBER, 2003**  
**Final Report 7 December, 2003**

ITEM	Committee Action	ITEM	Committee Action	ITEM	Committee Action
1	A	20	A	39	AA
2	A	21	R		
3	A	22	A		
4	A	23	A		
5	AA	24	A		
6	T	25	R		
7	A	26	AA		
8	R	27	R		
9	AA	28	AA		
10	AA	29	AA		
11	A	30	A		
12	R	31	A		
13	AA	32	A		
14	R	33	AA		
15	T	34	A		
16	AA	35	T		
17	T	36	A		
18	A	37	R		
19	A	38	A		

**Final Recommended Actions:**

**A=Accepted**

**AA= Accepted As Amended**

**R=Rejected**

**T=Tabled**

**W=Withdrawn**

## **Amendments to 2003 USATF Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Competition**

Item 5 – Amend submission by adding:

Amend 245.1(c) by adding the following at the end: The hammer throw is an optional event in the Junior Olympics until January 1, 2007, when it becomes an official event. This date is based on the implementation plan developed by Youth Athletics.

Amend the table in Rule 201.6 with specifications for the 12lb hammer.

Replace Rule 242.5(e) with:

In the Shot Put and Discus a 40-degree sector shall be used.

Item 9 – Amend submission:

Change ((should consider)) to may consider.

Item 10 – Amend submission:

Remove ((, appointed by the Games Committee, or the Starter, if none is appointed,)) from the first sentence.

Add to the end of (e): and deliver these to the Competition Secretary.

Delete (f)

Item 13 – Append the following to the submission:

Replace the first sentence of Rule 60.2:

Except for time handicap races, all running and walking events shall be started by the report of a pistol or approved device fired upward after the Starter has ascertained that competitors are steady and in the correct starting position.

Item 16 – Append the following to the submission:

Move the Note currently in Rule 60.11 to Rule 60.12.

Add new Rule 160.3(c), Rule 242.2(c), and Rule 262.2(c) as follows:

No penalty shall be imposed for the first false start, but the Starter shall disqualify the offender or offenders on the second false start. False starts are called on individuals, not on the field.

NOTE: In practice, when one or more competitors makes a false start, others are inclined to follow and, strictly speaking, any competitor who does so has also made a false start. The Starter should charge only the competitor or competitors who, in the Starter's opinion, were responsible for the false start. This may result in more than one competitor

being charged with a false start. If an unfair start is not due to any competitor, no competitor shall be charged.

Add to Rule 60.12:

NOTE 1: For Combined Events exception, see Rule 160.3(c).

NOTE 2: For Youth exception, see Rule 242.2(c).

NOTE 3: For Masters exception, see Rule 262.2(c).

Replace the next to last sentence of Rule 60.17 with:

The Starter shall immediately examine all available numerical and graphical information generated by the false start detection apparatus in order to confirm which athlete(s), if any, is/are responsible for the false start.

Item 26 – Amend submission:

Change ((USTAF)) to IAAF in the last line of the submission.

Item 28 – Amend submission:

In part (a) change ((validate)) to verify.

Delete all changes to part (b).

Item 29 – Amend submission:

Remove the last sentence.

Item 33 – Replace submission:

Replace the last sentence of section A of the Note in Rule 11 with:

The panel opposite to the direction of spin, i.e., the left-hand panel, for a right-hand thrower, is placed inside the sector line 1.5m. If shorter than this distance, then the gate should be perpendicular to the sector line. The other gate should touch the sector line away from the circle.

Replace Section B of the Note in Rule 11 with:

An alternate cage is the IAAF cage and is recommended for new construction.

Item 39 – Replace submission:

Reorganize the numbering and topics of the USATF Competitions Rules to follow the IAAF organization.