

**2003 USATF Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Competition
to be considered in Greensboro, NC**

Double parentheses (()) and shading indicate removal. Underling indicates addition.

Item 1 – 2002 Tabled Item 10 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, Pacific Association, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Delete current ((Rule 4.2))

Reason: To follow changes to Regulations 7 and 8 eliminating national clubs. The L&L proposals were tabled in 2001 pending study by a task force, which has concurred with the elimination of national clubs.

Item 2 – 2002 Tabled Item 12 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, Pacific Association, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Amend Rule 5.1(a) as follows:

A team Championship trophy shall be awarded to the winning team. ((In a National Long Distance Running Championship, a team Championship trophy shall be awarded to the winning national club team and the winning Association club team.)) Team trophies may be awarded to the second and third teams.

Reason: Goes along with Regulation 7/8 changes which eliminate national clubs. The L&L proposals were tabled in 2001 pending study by a task force, which has concurred with the elimination of national clubs.

Item 3 – 2002 Tabled Item 13 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, Pacific Association, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Amend Rule 5.1(c) as follows:

In events where there is team scoring, regulation gold, silver, and bronze Championship medals shall be awarded to the scoring members of the teams finishing first, second, and third except in Track and Field Championships. ((In a National Long Distance Running Championship, such medals shall be awarded to the scoring members of the National and Association teams finishing first, second, and third.))

Reason: Goes along with Regulation 7/8 changes which eliminate national clubs. The L&L proposals were tabled in 2001 pending study by a task force, which has concurred with the elimination of national clubs.

Item 4 – 2002 Tabled Item 48 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 34 as follows:

RULE 34
REFEREE

1. A separate Referee may be appointed for track events, for field events, for Combined Events, and for running and Race Walking events outside the stadium. The Referee for track events and for events outside the stadium shall have no jurisdiction over matters within the responsibilities of the Chief Judge of Race Walking events. See Rules 52 and 150. *(old #6)*
2. The Referee shall ~~((enforce all))~~ ensure that the rules and decisions of USATF are observed and shall decide ~~((all questions relating to the actual conduct of a meet, the final settlement of which is not otherwise assigned by the rules))~~ upon any matters which arise during the meet and for which provision has not been made in these rules. The Referee for track events and for events outside the stadium shall have jurisdiction to decide placings in a race only when the Chief Finish Judge is unable to arrive at a decision. The Referee shall not act in a dual capacity. *(old #1)*
3. The decision of the Referee in all matters shall be final and without appeal except in those meets or events for which a Jury of Appeal has been established for that special purpose. *(old #4)*
4. To arrive at a fair decision in any matter, including protests, the Referee may consider a film or picture produced by an officially designated photo device ~~((videotape recorder))~~. *(old #5)*
5. The appropriate Referee shall check all final results, shall deal with any disputed points and where there is no Measurement Judge (electronics), shall supervise the measurements of record performances. At the conclusion of each event, the official competition results shall be completed immediately, verified by signature if possible by the appropriate Referee or designee, and delivered to the Competition Secretary. *(old # 2 plus IAAF language)*
6. In the event of record performances, the appropriate Referee shall certify the result and duly note such on the appropriate form. *(old rule 38)*
7. A Referee shall have the authority to warn any competitor for improper conduct or to exclude such a competitor from the competition. Warnings may be indicated to the athlete by showing a yellow card, exclusion by showing a red card. Warnings and disqualifications shall be entered on the competition card and official competition record. *(old #3)*
8. If, in the opinion of the appropriate Referee, circumstances arise at any meet such that justice demands that any event should be contested again, except as indicated in the authority of the Starter, the Referee shall have authority to declare the event void and it shall be held again, either on the same day or on some future occasion, as the Referee shall decide.
9. The Combined Events Referee ~~((may retain))~~ shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of the Combined Events competition. This Referee shall also have jurisdiction over the conduct of the respective individual events within the Combined Events competition. However, the track

and field event Referees shall retain jurisdiction over the conduct of the respective individual events within the combined events competition if there is no Combined Events Referee. (old #7)

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook (IAAF Handbook 124)

Item 5 – 2002 Tabled Item 144 – Submitted by Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 241 by adding to the list of events and regulations and specifications

Intermediate Division

Hammer (B 12lb - G 4kg)

Young Men's/Women's Division

Hammer (B 12lb - G 4kg)

Reason: To encourage and promote development of the hammer throw.

Item 6 – 2002 Tabled Item 171 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Norm Green, Masters LDR Committee

Add a new Rule 270.3 as follows:

Non-citizens seeking eligibility for records or prize money as a Masters athlete in a sanctioned competition in the United States shall submit proof of age to the Masters Long Distance Running Executive Committee chair or designee. The executive committee will use the best available resources to verify the birth date of the athlete for U.S. competition.

Reason: Starting with Joseph Nzau a decade ago, Masters competition has been inundated with Kenyan, Russian, and other athletes seeking to make a living from U.S. road racing in the Masters division. Frequently, these athletes are unable to provide a trustworthy proof of age, requiring the USATF Masters Long Distance Running Executive Committee to calculate a birth-date using best available evidence. This rule addition will provide a "level playing field" for US athletes and other international athletes who represent cultures where birth certificates are known to be reliable.

Item 7 – 2002 Tabled Item 172 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, Pacific Association, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President.

Amend Rule 271.7 as follows:

Teams must also be current members of USATF and must provide proof to the race director in the form of a USATF club certificate or letter from their Association. ((National clubs and)) USATF Association teams are not eligible to compete in Masters Long Distance Running Team competition. Team members must be able to show they are duly accredited representatives of a USATF member club.

Reason: Goes along with Regulation 7/8 changes which eliminate national clubs. The L&L proposals were tabled in 2001 pending study by a task force, which has concurred with the elimination of national clubs.

Item 8 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 7.3(b) as follows:

Runners of incomplete teams, team entries not declared eligible for team scoring and unattached or individual competitors will not be eliminated from team scoring. Non-scoring declared members of complete teams, incomplete teams, and individuals shall retain their finishing positions and thereby displace other runners.

Amend Rule 7.3(c) as follows:

When separate competitions are conducted simultaneously, each shall be scored independently. Runners (~~(on teams)~~) not eligible for a given competition will be eliminated from team scoring in that competition.

Item 9 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 34.5 as follows:

To arrive at a fair decision (~~(in any matter, including protests)~~), the Referee (~~(may consider a film or picture produced by an officially designated videotape recorder)~~) should consider any available evidence which the Referee thinks necessary, including a film or picture produced by an official videotape recorder, or any available video evidence.

Item 10 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Add a new Rule 43.1 as follows and renumber:

The Chief Starter, appointed by the Games Committee, or the Starter, if none is appointed, shall:

- (a) allocate the duties of the start team judges, assigning the task of giving the start to the member of the team who, in the opinion of the Chief Starter, is best for the event.
- (b) supervise the duties to be performed by members of the team.
- (c) inform the Starter, after receiving the relevant order from the Competition Director or otherwise ascertaining, that everything is in order to initiate the start procedure (i.e. the applicable Timers, Judges, Photo Finish Operators and Wind Gauge Operator are ready).
- (d) act as an interlocutor between the technical staff of the timing equipment company and the judges.
- (e) keep all papers produced during the start procedure including all documents showing the reaction times and/or false start waveform images if available.
- (f) ensure compliance with Rule 60.12. (*see Item #16*)

Amend Rule 43.2 as follows:

One or more Recall Starters shall be provided when possible to assist the Starter. The Chief Starter shall assign a specific task and position ...

Item 11 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend the second sentence of Rule 45 as follows:

When this is accomplished, the Finish Line Coordinator shall inform ((the officials at the starting line)) the Starter of this condition.

Item 12 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Add a new Rule 50.7 as follows:

Ultrasonic wind gauges should be used at the Open National Track and Field championships.

Item 13 – submitted by Louise Tricard and Hank Nottingham to comply with IAAF rules, accepted for submission by John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair

Amend Rule 60.3 as follows:

Except as otherwise indicated herein, the commands of the Starter shall be "on your marks" and "set," and ((after)) when all competitors are "set," the pistol/starting device shall be fired. The Starter shall not fire the pistol/starting device while any competitor is in motion after the command "set." In races longer than 400 meters, the command shall be "on your marks" and when all competitors are steady, the pistol/starting device shall be fired. When appropriate, the Starter may assemble the competitors at an actual or imaginary line behind the starting line and have the athletes move up to the starting line on the command "on your marks." In time handicap races, the command "Go" may be used.

NOTE: *The assembly line is normally between 1m and 3m behind the starting line.*

Item 14 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 60.4 as follows:

Prior to the each running event, the Starter shall give instructions to the competitors concerning the commands to be used. Before the start signal is given, the Chief Starter shall ascertain ...

Item 15 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 60.8 as follows:

On the command "on your marks" or "set", as the case may be, all competitors shall at once and without delay assume their full and final "set" position. ((Failure to comply with this command after a reasonable time shall constitute a false start.))

Replace Rule 60.9 with the following:

An athlete, after assuming a full and final set position, is only allowed to commence the starting motion after the report of the pistol, or approved starting apparatus. If, in the judgment of the Starter or any Recall Starter, the athlete fails to do so, it shall be deemed a false start. It shall also be deemed a false start if:

- (a) In the judgment of the Starter, an athlete fails to comply with the commands “on your marks” or “set”, as appropriate, after a reasonable time.
- (b) In the judgment of the Starter, an athlete after the command “on your marks” disturbs the other competitors in the race through sound or otherwise.

Note: When approved false start detection apparatus is in operation, the evidence from this equipment shall normally be accepted as conclusive by the Starter. See Rule 60.17.

Delete Rule 60.10 and renumber.

Item 16 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 60.12 as follows

No penalty shall be imposed for the first false start in a race. ((, but the Starter shall disqualify the offender or offenders on the second false start. False starts are called on individuals, not on the field.)) The competitor(s) responsible for the false start shall be warned with a yellow card placed on the respective lane marker (s). At the same time, all the other competitors taking part in the race shall be warned with a yellow card raised in front of them to notify them that anyone committing further false starts will be disqualified. This last mentioned basic system (to raise a card in front of the athlete(s) responsible for the false start) will also be followed in case lane markers are not being used. In case of further false starts, the competitor(s) responsible for the false start shall be disqualified and a red card shall be placed on the respective lane marker(s), or raised in front of the respective athlete(s).

Item 17 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Add new Rule 60.18 as follows and renumber:

- (a) In a track event, the Track Referee may allow, at their discretion, an athlete to compete under protest, if the athlete makes an immediate oral protest against having received a false start and in order to preserve the rights of all concerned. However, a protest cannot be accepted if the false start is detected by the false start detection apparatus, which is considered to be operating properly.
- (b) In races where a false start detection apparatus is used, a protest may be based on the failure of the starter to recall a false start. The protest may only be by, or on behalf of, an athlete who has completed the race. If the protest is upheld, the Referee shall disqualify the athlete who committed the false start.
- (c) The relevant Track Referee has the authority to rule on any protest related to the starts and decision of the start team, except in cases when it regards a false start detected by the false start detection apparatus.

Amend Rule 43.1 as follows:

The Starter shall have entire control of the competitors at their marks ((and)) , shall be the ((sole)) judge, except as ((herein)) otherwise provided in these Rules, of whether or not any

competitor has committed a false start, and shall cause to be issued all warnings and disqualifications concerning the start. See Rule 60 for method of starting.

Delete Rule 43.3.

Delete Rule 43.4.

Delete Rule 60.5.

Amend Rule 73.3 as follows:

Protests, at the discretion of the Games Committee or the Referee, may be made orally or in writing. For National Championships, they must be in writing. For protests concerning field event measurements see Rule 90.14. For protests concerning the start of races see Rule 60.18.

Item 18 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 62.6 as follows:

In all ~~((straightaway))~~ events, the starting line and the finish line shall be so painted or laid down upon the track so that the distance of the race shall be measured from ~~((that side))~~ the edge of the start((ing)) line ((which is)) farther ((away)) from the finish line to ((that side)) the edge of the finish line ((which is)) nearer to the start line.

Item 19 – Submitted by John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair to comply with IAAF Rules

Add a new Rule 62.8(c) and renumber remaining

(c) Indoor track

(i) Races of up to, and including, 200m shall be run entirely in lanes.

(ii) Races over 200m and less than 800m shall start and continue in lanes until the end of the second turn.

Item 20 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 90.8(d)ii as follows:

It is a matter for the Referee to decide, having regard to all circumstances, what is an unreasonable delay. ~~((The following should not normally be exceeded: 1 minute in all events.))~~ The times in the following chart should not normally be exceeded:

Move chart after Rule 90.8(d)v to after Rule 90.8(d)ii.

Delete Rule ~~90.8(d)iii & v.~~

Item 21 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 132.1(b) as follows:

- ii. For events up to 10km, ~~((D))~~ drinking/~~((S))~~ sponging or refreshment stations shall be provided at suitable intervals of approximately 2-3km based upon weather conditions.
- iii. In all event longer than 10km ~~((or longer)), ...~~

Item 22 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 133.5 as follows:

The commands ((of the Starter will be decided by the Referee)) and procedures for races longer than 400m should be used. See Rule 60. The method of starting to be used must be explained ...

Item 23 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 136.3 as follows:

The official time ((will)) shall be the time elapsed between the start of the watches or timing devices resulting from an appropriate start signal and the athlete ((crossing)) reaching the finish line. ((If an athlete crosses the start line after the start of the watches or timing devices, the athlete's)) However, the actual time elapsed between ((the start)) an athlete reaching the starting line and finish line can be made known to the athlete, but will not be considered as official time.

Item 24 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 143.1 as follows:

Cross country races shall be started by the firing of a pistol or other suitable device. The ((standard commands for distance events)) commands for races longer than 400m should be used. See Rule 60.3. However, ...

Item 25 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 150.4 as follows:

... for all event ((of 10km or longer)) longer than 10km, ...

Item 26 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 182.3(a) as follows:

... In Men's and Women's Track and Field, Long Distance Running events, Race Walking events and Masters Track and Field, no record shall be acceptable unless it was made in an event that had been sanctioned by USATF, a member organization of USATF or another member Federation of IAAF by competitors eligible to compete under USATF Rules.

Item 27 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 185.5(b) as follows:

The start and finish of the race must lie no more than ((30%)) 50% of the race distance apart ...

Item 28 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 185.8(a) as follows:

... a complete and precise map or description of the shortest possible route that was available to the record claimant during the race and must validate that the course measured was the course covered.

Amend Rule 185.8(b) as follows:

The actual course must be evaluated and approved, on site, as accurate by an expert designated by the Validation Chairperson of the Road Running Technical Council within two weeks before or as soon as practical after the race.

Item 29 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Replace the **NOTE** following Rule 201.4 with the following:

Effective January 1, 2005, this section shall be amended to read: Handle. The handle shall be solid and rigid made in one piece without hinging joints of any kind. It shall be isosceles triangle or sector of a circle shaped. The handle shall not stretch appreciably while being thrown. It shall be attached to the wire in such a manner that it cannot be turned within the loop of the wire to increase the overall length of the hammer. The handle may have a curved or straight grip with a maximum width inside of 130mm and a maximum length inside of 110mm. The handle breaking strength rating shall exceed 20kN (2000kgf).

Item 30 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 204 as follows:

... ((The pole may, however, have a binding of not more than two (2) layers of adhesive tape of uniform thickness. The restriction to tape does not apply to binding the bottom end of the pole with protective layers of tape, for a distance of 30cm.)) At grip and at bottom end, the pole may have protective layers of tape.

Item 31 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 205.1 as follows:

Construction – The javelin shall consist of three main parts: a head, a shaft, and a cord grip. The shaft may be solid or hollow and shall be constructed of metal or ((of another)) other suitable ((homogeneous)) material so as to constitute a fixed and integrated whole. ((,and)) The shaft shall have fixed to it a metal head terminating in a sharp point.

Item 32 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 205.6 by adding the following at the end and by removing the **NOTE**:

The head shall be constructed completely of metal. It may contain a reinforced tip of other metal alloy welded on to the front end of the head provided that the completed head is smooth and uniform along the whole of its surface.

Item 33 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Placeholder for amending Rule 211 to incorporate IAAF amendments to hammer and discus cage.

Item 34 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend by adding as 4th sentence to Rule 217.2 as follows:

The upper part of the indicator board shall also be covered by a plasticine layer for approximately the first 3mm and along its entire length. The board shall be mounted ...

Item 35 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 218.1 as follows:

... For the Pole Vault, it is required that the metallic structure of the base and the lower part of the uprights be covered with padding of appropriate material in order to provide protection to ((an athlete who may land on it)) the athletes and the poles.

Item 36 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend Rule 218.3 as follows:

... These end pieces shall be hard and smooth ((, with a semicircular cross-section)). They shall be circular or semicircular with one clearly defined flat surface on which the bar rests on the crossbar supports. These flat surfaces may not be higher than the center of the vertical cross-section of the crossbar.

Item 37 – To comply with 2003 IAAF Rule Change

Amend by adding as a 2nd sentence to Rule 218.11 as follows:

The front pieces of the Pole Vault pad should be 2m long. There shall be a minimum of 5m of landing surface behind the box. ...

Item 38 – Editorial 1

Amend Rule 1.3 as follows:

When a National Championship is used as a selection meet for an international competition, a Sport Committee may permit competition in the National Championship by a non-US citizen if the Sport Committee has been provided with proof that the competitor will acquire ((citizenship)) eligibility to represent the United States after the Championship but prior to the international competition.

Item 39 – Editorial 2 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Reorganization of USATF Rule Book - 2003

An effort to reorganize the USATF Rule Book into a parallel format to the IAAF Handbook was initiated several years ago. The first phase, covering USATF Rule 30 through 59, was completed, in conjunction with normal rules year activities, at the 2002 Convention. This created a slight logistics problem since we not only modified wording, but organizational order as well. For the next phase, a two step process is proposed. The first step would only involve organizational order. The second step would involve content and wording. The following order revisions are submitted for consideration.

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