

USATF RULES COMMITTEE SCORECARD – 2004 Convention – Portland, OR
Final Committee Recommendations

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1	A	26	A	51	A	76	A	101	A
2	AA	27	AA	52	A	77	A	102	AA
3	A	28	A	53	A	78	R	103	AA
4	AA	29	W	54	R	79	R	104	A
5	A	30	A	55	W	80	R	105	R
6	A	31	A	56	A	81	W	106	W
7	AA	32	A	57	A	82	AA	107	W
8	A	33	AA	58	A	83	R	108	A
9	W	34	AA	59	AA	84	AA	109	AA
10	A	35	A	60	A	85	AA	110	R
11	A	36	AA	61	A	86	W	111	A
12	W	37	A	62	A	87	R	112	A
13	A	38	A	63	AA	88	A	113	T
14	A	39	A	64	R	89	AA	114	W
15	W	40	AA	65	A	90	A	115	AA
16	A	41	A	66	A	91	A	116	AA
17	A	42	A	67	AA	92	W	117	AA
18	A	43	A	68	AA*	93	AA		
19	W	44	A	69	A	94	R		
20	AA	45	A	70	A	95	R		
21	AA	46	AA	71	AA	96	A		
22	A	47	A	72	AA	97	A		
23	A	48	A	73	A	98	AA		
24	A	49	R	74	A	99	R		
25	A	50	R	75	AA	100	AA		

**Final Recommended Actions: A=Accepted AA= Accepted As Amended R=Rejected
T=Tabled W=Withdrawn**

*Item 68 – this item was inadvertently listed as being tabled in the information distributed at the Final Session. The intention of the Rules Committee was to pass the item amended as described on page 5 below.

The following replace the original proposals for amended items:

Item 2 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee for Carole Langenbach, Cross Country Council
Amend Rule 1(c) as follows:

The Masters Long Distance Running and Cross Country Championships are open to all member athletes of USATF including permanent resident aliens.

Item 4 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee
Amend Rule 4 as follows:

In all USATF Team Championships, whether National, Regional, or Association, only teams consisting of duly accredited representatives of a member ((of one of its Associations)) club shall be eligible to win such team Championships. In Regional Championships, the team Championship may be contested on the basis of Association teams instead of club teams at the option of the Games Committee.

Item 7 – submitted by Norman Green – chair Masters Long Distance Running
Add a new Rule 340.3

A competitor may be asked to provide his/her legal date of birth when he/she registers for a USATF sanctioned competition. In the case that a competitor claims a record or receives prize money for any age-dependent event, he/she may be required to present proof of age. The form of proof unless otherwise specified, shall be a copy of a certified birth certificate, passport, or U.S. driver’s license. Once an athlete has declared a birth date for U.S. competition the athlete may not subsequently change that birth date to gain an advantage in a different age group. In the event that an actual birth date is unascertainable for a foreign competitor, he/she shall contact the embassy of the competitor’s country of citizenship in the US and determine the best method for age verification. This method may include issuance of a new passport, certified birth certificate or court order verifying the age of the individual. The obligation to obtain age verification documentation is on the athlete.

Item 20 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee for Carole Langenbach, Cross Country Council
Amend Rule 341.1 to add the following:

MASTERS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM DECLARATIONS AND SCORING

	FALL	WINTER	DECLARED	SCORE
M 40+, 50+	10,000m	8000m	8	5
M 60+, 70+	10,000m	8000m	5	3
W40+, 50+	6000m	8000m	5	3
W60+, 70+	6000m	8000m	5	3

Item 21 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee
Amend Rule 15.7 as follows:

See Rule 7 for scoring for the Fall National Championship. See Rule 341.1 for Masters distances, declaration, and scoring. See Rule 5 for awards.

Item 27 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 25.1(b) as follows:

Men – 1 Mile

3000 meters

5000 meters (held with Track & Field Championship)

Women – 1 Mile

3000 meters (held with Track & Field Championship)

5000 meters

Item 33 – submitted by John Blackburn on behalf of ADA Review Task Force

Amend Rule 144 by adding a new 144.1 and renumber:

Competition under these Rules consists of self-propelled motion without assistance, except as defined by the Rules of Competition of a specific event discipline.

NOTE: For rules covering disabled-only competition, see the SPECIAL SECTION beginning on page 197.

Item 34 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 144.1 Note 1 as follows:

NOTE 1: Pacesetting by a person entered in an event for that purpose is permitted, provided such pacesetters start in the event.

Item 36 – submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 159 as follows:

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Electronic devices not approved by the Games Committee shall not be used by any individual in the area of competition or designated warm-up area.

Item 40 -- Submitted by Raymond Pierre and approved by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 162.1 as follows:

The start of a race shall be indicated by a line marked on the track or ground not more than 5cm wide.

When starting, all competitors must be behind the starting line and they must not touch the starting line or the surface in front of it with ((hand or foot)) any part of the body.

Item 46– submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 166.1(a) as follows:

In individual races up to and including the 800 Meters, and relays up to and including the 4x400 Meters, the number of competitors on the track in a race, at the start, shall not exceed the number of lanes on the track for that event, excluding all lanes which would not qualify for record purposes. As an exception, in the first round of the outdoor 800 Meters, up to 12 runners may start using the procedure in Rule 162.18.

NOTE: For Youth exception see Rule 303.1(c).

Item 59 – submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee; Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee; Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend submission for new Rule 187.18:

Remove the word ‘downward.’

Amend submission for new Rule 187.20:

Remove the word ‘approximately’.

Item 63 – submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Replace the Note in Rule 191.8 as follows:

NOTE: Specifications for the hammer adopted by the IAAF prior to January 1, 2006 shall be adopted for the purposes of this rule.

Item 67 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer and John Blackburn, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 200.5-200.7 as follows and renumber:

5. (a) If the number of competitors ((shall)) warrants it, they may be divided into permanent groups of not less than six as determined by the Combined Events Referee. These groupings shall continue throughout the first seven events of the decathlon and all but the last event of the other combined events.

(b) When permanent groups are not used and individual event best performance data are available for most of the combined event competitors, the games committee, or Combined Events Referee, may make heat and section assignments using these data. If there are 16 or more competitors, it is recommended that more than one facility be used.

(c) When no performance data are available, the competitors for each heat and section shall be drawn by lot with no fewer than four competitors in each.

(d) In the last event of a Combined Events Competition, the heats should be arranged so that one group contains the leading athletes after the penultimate event. The heat containing the leading athletes should be run last. In the 800 Meters the top placers shall be assigned, one per lane in the last heat, the next best placers in another heat, etc., according to Rule 166.4.

(e) The order of competition within a field event, and the assignment of lanes in a track event, shall be drawn by lot for each event independently.

NOTE: *For Youth Athletics exception, see Rule 302.6*

((6. If heats are necessary in any of the track events, except the 800 Meters for women and the 1500 Meters for men, the competitors for each heat shall be drawn by lot with never less than four competitors in each heat. The composition of heats in the 800 Meters shall be determined by place after the prior events; the top placers, one per lane in the last heat, the next best placers in another heat, etc., according to Rule 166.4. Lane assignment shall be by lot. In the 1500 Meters, heats may be made as competitors become available from the previous event. Where possible, one heat should consist of the leading competitors as of that point. Starting position assignment shall be by lot.))

6. ((7. Groups in the High Jump and Pole Vault, if needed, shall be determined by the Combined Events Referee using marks for those events submitted on entry blanks, if bona fide, as a guide; the best in one group, next best in another, etc. The order of competition of groups and within each group shall be drawn by lot. If there are 16 or more competitors, it is recommended that more than one High Jump or Pole Vault facility be used.)) The incremental increase in the High Jump and Pole Vault in Open Men's and Women's Track and Field Championships shall be uniform throughout the competition at 3cm and 10cm, respectively.

*Item 68 – submitted by George Mathews, Chair, Masters Track and Field on behalf of Ray Feick

Add a new Rule 202, Ultra Weight Pentathlon:

1. The competition consists of throwing the five weights listed for each age group in the following table, in the order from lightest to heaviest. The events shall be contested at such intervals as shall be determined by the Games Committee.

2. Three trials shall be allowed with each weight.

3. The winner shall be the one who has scored the highest total of points (counting the best performance in each weight) for all five weights, scored on the basis of the Ultra Weight Pentathlon Table.

Age Group	Weight	Super-Weight	35#	56#	98#	200#	300#
WOMEN							
Open-49	20	35		x	x	x	
50-59	16	25	x	x	x		
60-79	12	25	x	x	x		
80 +	12	20	x	x	x		
MEN							
Open-49	35	56			x	x	x
50-59	25	56			x	x	x
60-69	20	56			x	x	x
70-79	16	35		x	x	x	
80 +	12	25	x	x	x		

4. For specifications for the implements, see Rules 195.8 and 195.9.

Add new Rule 195.9 as follows:

Ultra Weight: The implement consists of a weight with a handle. The overall length of the handle, from the inside surface of the grip to the body of the weight, shall not exceed 15.24cm. The minimum weights for the implements are: 98# - 44.50kg; 200# - 90.80kg; 300# - 136.10kg.

Item 71 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 251.5 as follows:

The ((course must be measured and the)) distance must be declared and the course briefly described at the time invitations are extended ((,together with a brief description of the course)).

Item 72 – submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 252.1 as follows:

... However, where a race will be started using a different procedure, such procedure should be clearly ((spelled out for)) conveyed to all competitors either in writing or by public address announcements.

A race may be recalled upon a false start or a fall which impacts the field within the first 100m.

Item 75 – submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 264.1 as follows:

No record claimed for the Hammer, Discus, Shot, Javelin, or Weight shall be allowed unless it has been made with an implement that complies with the specifications for the official implements adopted by the IAAF and USATF. The implement must be certified as to weight, measurement, and material

on the date of competition. The implement shall be impounded and re-certified as legal as soon as possible following the record throw except in Combined Events.

And Delete Rule 264.5.

Item 82 – Submitted by Bob Flint, Youth Athletics Chair

Amend Rule 300.4 as follows:

16. National Junior Olympic Championship Meet Host Association, the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS) Europe and Pacific

Add a new Rule 305.2(e) and renumber:

Athletes from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS), may be entered in the National Junior Olympic Championship without having to compete in a Regional meet, provided that they meet the Youth Athletics age requirements. They must enter through the Association hosting the National Junior Olympic Championship.

Item 84 – submitted by Murray Sanford, Georgia Assoc. President for Inez Finch

Amend Rule 302.3(a) as follows:

A relay team shall consist of four (4) members. Qualification of a relay team entitles the club represented by that team to enter a team in the same event at the next higher level of competition. (((This shall apply to both the Youth Athletics and Junior Olympic Championship.))) The composition of the team need not be the same throughout the rounds or various levels of competition. To become a relay team member, an athlete must have been declared as a potential member on the official relay roster ((submitted at the Association level)). No alterations ...

Add new Rule 302.3(d) and renumber as follows:

The relay rosters shall be submitted directly to the Youth Athletics Championship and the Junior Olympic Association Championship by the entry method and deadline specified in the entry material.

Item 85 – submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Delete Rule 302.3(a)vi.

Item 89 – submitted by Glenn Fortune / Ken Emerick, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 302.5(m) as follows:

In the Pole Vault, movement of the uprights (Rule 181.3(a)) shall be limited to the area between ((30cm)) 40cm and `80cm from the stopboard in the direction of the landing surface.

Item 93 – submitted by Glenn Fortune / Ken Emerick, Rules Committee

Add New Rule 302.5(r) as follows:

At the National Junior Olympic Championship, when the field of pole vault competitors is reduced to 50% of the original number of vaulters, a 20 minute warm up period may be allowed for all remaining competitors who have not yet entered the competition. No cross bar will be allowed during the warm up period. After the 20 minute period, any athlete who has passed three consecutive increments will be allowed one run through, without the bar, at the height at which they enter the competition.

Item 98 -- Submitted by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field

Amend Rule 330.3 by adding a new sentence at the end, as follows:

In Regional Championships, equivalent awards shall be provided for non-residents who place 1-6.

Item 100 -- Submitted by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field, on behalf of Sandy Pashkin, Rex Harvey, Dick Hotchkiss and Becky Sisley
 Add new rule 332.3(b) and renumber

When a vertical jumps group of competitors is sufficiently large and/or diverse in ability, the head judge and the jumps referee may have the option of dividing the group into two simultaneous competitions. The same progression of increments shall be used.

Item 102 -- Submitted by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field, on behalf of Dave Clingan
 Amend Rule 332.2 (e) as follows:

In events of ((2000)) 1500 meters or longer, timed finals shall be run. In events of 2000 meters or longer, the number of participants per section is limited by Rule 166.1(c). The total number in the 1500 meters and any race walk should not exceed 24. For seeding of timed finals, see Rule 166.4

Item 103--Submitted by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field on behalf of Ken Weinbel, Pacific Northwest Association

Amend the Superweight chart in Rule 332.3 (f) as follows

WOMEN		MEN	
Age: 30-49 -	35#	Age: 30-69	56#
50(((&up)) -79) -	25#	70(((&up)) -79)	35#
<u>80-up</u>	<u>20#</u>	<u>80-up</u>	<u>25#</u>

Item 109 – submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee for Bill Quinlisk, Cross Country Council
 Amend Rule 341.1 as follows:

Team Championships in cross country shall be conducted in 10-year age divisions for men and women: 40+, 50+, 60+, and 70+. Team Championships in these same divisions may be conducted in other Masters long distance events. ((There will be a maximum of 8 declared entries for each team.)) Team scoring for distances up to and including 25 kilometers shall be as follows: M40+, M50+ five (5) individuals shall score; M60+, ((and)) M70+and all women’s teams three (3) individuals shall score; for distances over 25 kilometers all teams shall have three scoring members.

Item 115 – Submitted by Sandy Pashkin, approved by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field
 Amend Rule 331.2 as follows:

There shall be ((no team)) club Championships at National Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships. There may be ((team)) club Championships at Regional and Association Championships. Scoring shall be in the following manner:

(a) National Championship: Scoring shall be in each five-year age group and shall be ((five (5))) eight (8) points for each first place scored, ((three (3))) six (6) points for second, ((two (2))) four (4) points for third, ((one (1))) three (3) points for fourth, two (2) points for fifth, and one (1) point for sixth. Scoring in the different age groups shall be added together to determine ((team)) club champions. ((in accordance with sub-paragraphs (b) and (c). Scoring for men and women may be separate or combined or both, at the option of the Region or Association.))

(b) ((In)) Regional and Association Championships: ((,there may be team champions)) Scoring for men and women may be separate or together and may be in the following age categories: 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 & over. The scoring method shall be described in the entry material.

(((c) In Association Championships, there may be team Championships in the following categories: 30-39 and 40 & over.))

Item 116 – Submitted by Sandy Pashkin, approved by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field Amend Rule 332.2 (f) as follows:

Club: In accordance with regulation 7, all members must be resident in the Association in which the club is registered (or meet the residency exception of Regulation 7)

(National: the team represents the United States in international competition.))

(Association: all members must reside in the Association (or meet the residency exception of Regulation 7))

(Region: all members must reside in the Region.))

(Unattached)Ad Hoc: any team not meeting ((one of the preceding definitions)) the club definition.

At Association, Regional, and National Track and Field Championships, each relay team must be a Club or ((Association, or Region)) Ad Hoc team, or a foreign national team as guest competitors. ((At Regional Track and Field Championships, each relay team must be Club, Association or foreign national team as guest competitors. At Association Track and Field Championships, each relay team must be a Club team or foreign national team as guest competitors.)) For all other meets, a team may meet any of the definitions above. Teams meeting any of the above definitions may set Masters records. Separate records shall be maintained in the relays for (1) Club teams and (2) teams of any other composition.

Item 117 – Submitted by Sandy Pashkin, approved by George Mathews, Chair Masters Track and Field Amend Rule 332.2 (g) by deleting the current rule and replacing it with:

((When warranted by the total number of competitors and the number of USA citizens reporting, there must be at least four USA citizens seeded in a single final or fastest section competition for the top three national awards. Under those conditions in events run in lanes, a USA citizen shall be advanced to the finals if displaced by a non-USA citizen. The numbers stated in Rule 166.1(c)(ii) (outdoor 1500m - 5k Run), and Rule 303.1 (c) or a four box start (outdoor 800m), may be applied in the same manner that Rule 180.4 (d) is used in field events to increase the number of final contestants.))

At National Track and Field Championships, there must be at least six USA citizens advanced to all finals if displaced by non-USA citizens. The number of finalists shall not be increased to include additional non-USA citizen finalists.