

2002 Proposed Amendments to the USATF Rules of Competition

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

Item 1 - Submitted by Bob Hersh, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 1.1(a) as follows:

. . .only citizens of the United States who are eligible to represent the United States in all levels of international competition are eligible to compete.

Reason: To make it clear that dual citizens who have chosen to represent another country in major international competition cannot compete in the USA Championships as USA citizens, unless they have satisfied the IAAF requirements governing transfers of allegiance and are fully eligible under IAAF rules to represent the USA.

Item 2 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 1.1(c) as follows:

The Masters Long Distance Running Championships are open to all member athletes of USATF, including non-citizens who are permanent residents. ((aliens.))

Reason: To make it clearer who is considered to be eligible.

Item 3 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 1.1(d) as follows:

The Youth Athletics Championships are open to all member athletes of USATF including ((aliens)) non-citizens living in the United States and foreign exchange students.

Reason: To make it clearer who is considered to be eligible.

Item 4 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of the Pacific Association

Amend the first sentence of Rule 1.2 as follows:

Non-citizen ((resident alien)) athletes, unless otherwise provided in these rules, may compete as invited guest only on a reciprocal basis.

Reason: Delete reference to non-resident alien and replace with non-citizen.

Item 5 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the last sentence of Rule 1.2 as follows:

When possible, a U.S. citizen ((may))shall be advanced to the finals if displaced by a non-U.S. citizen.

Reason: The advancement is to be done when possible, not to have a choice when possible.

Item 6 – Submitted by Mike Scott, Cross Country Council and approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Amend Rule 2.3 as follows:

3. For Open and Junior Cross Country Championships, the Regions will comprise Associations as follows:

Region	Associations
((<u>Northeast</u>)) <u>Eastern</u>	Adirondack, Connecticut, Long Island, Maine, Metropolitan, Mid-Atlantic, New England, New Jersey, Niagara, Potomac Valley, and Three Rivers
Southeast	Alabama, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia
((<u>Great Lakes</u>)) <u>Midwest</u>	Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Lake Erie, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin
((<u>Midwest</u>)) <u>Mid-America</u>	Colorado, Dakotas, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri Valley, Nebraska, and Ozark
Southwest	Arkansas, Border, Gulf, Oklahoma, Southern, South Texas, Southwestern, and West Texas
Northwest	Alaska, Inland Northwest, Montana, Oregon, Pacific Northwest, Snake River, <u>Utah</u> , and Wyoming
((<u>Far West</u>)) <u>West</u>	Arizona, Central California, ((<u>Colorado</u>)), Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Pacific, San Diego-Imperial, Southern California, and ((<u>Utah</u>))

Reason: To conform to the Governance Manual and current practice.

Item 7 – Submitted by Ed Parrot, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 2.5 as follows:

((Resident aliens)) USATF member athletes who are not citizens shall be permitted to compete in Regional Championships except the Cross Country Championships.

Reason: To make it clearer who is considered to be eligible.

Item 8 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee, for Ed Parrot

Amend Rule 3 as follows:

1. ((Resident aliens)) All members of an Association shall be permitted to compete in that Association's Championships.
2. An athlete who has competed in the Championships of one Association shall not be eligible to compete in the same Championships of any other Association during the same year except as a non-scoring guest at the discretion of the Association meet director or the appropriate association sports committee.
3. Athletes who are not members of an Association may compete as invited guests on a non-scoring basis at the discretion of the Association meet director or the appropriate association sports committee.

Reason: It defines more clearly who is eligible for association meets. This change allows Regulations 2 and 7 to define who are association members and thus who can complete in association championships.

Item 9 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the first sentence of Rule 4.1 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 shall be eligible to win such team Championship.

Reason: Complete the clarification of team championship category.

Item 10 – Submitted by Ed Parrot and approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Delete current ((Rule 4.2))

Reason: To follow anticipated 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 11 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the first sentence of Rule 5.1(a) as follows:

~~((A team))~~ In Team Championships, a trophy shall be awarded to the winning team.

Reason: Eliminate team trophies from all but relay and team event championships.

Item 12 – Submitted by Ed Parrot and 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 proposed changes which will 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 13 – Submitted by Ed Parrot and 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 a Regulation 7/8 proposed changes which will 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 14 – Submitted by Mike Scott, Cross Country Council, approved for submission John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair

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. In the Men's and Women's Open and Junior Cross Country Championships, such medals shall be awarded to the declared members of the National and Association teams finishing first, second, and third.

Reason: Current practice of the Cross Country Council.

Item 15 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 6.6 as follows:

Qualifying standards (~~(or)~~) and procedures may be established for Championships and for qualifying competition for international competition by the sport committee(s) concerned.

Reason: Both are established, not either one.

Item 16 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 8.3 and renumber remaining

A member must provide their legal date of birth when they register for USATF membership. In the case that you claim a record or receive prize money in any event based on your age/age group you may be required to show proof of age for any sanctioned competition if there is a protest related to your age. It is required in the case of an age group record unless the athlete's age is on record and has been previously verified. The form of proof unless otherwise specified shall be a copy of a birth certificate, passport, certified baptismal record, driver's license or government identification if it has your date of birth. Once an athlete has declared a birth date for US competition and received benefit from it (earned an award, prize money or a record), the athlete may not subsequently change that birth date to gain an advantage in a different age group.

Reason: Defines what is acceptable for proof of age and what to do if multiple ages have been submitted. This is an issue for Masters and sometime Youth age categories. But it also could be issue for Juniors or Open divisions since all are defined by age. This has become a problem with international competitors. There have been several instances in recent years where international athletes have declared different birthdates on different race applications or membership cards. This has happened particularly as they approach a different the Masters' age groups. The level of record keeping in a number of third world countries leaves something to be desired. This will ensure that an athlete gets any benefit of a bogus age advantage only once and defines what will be the age used for subsequent competitions.

Item 17 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the first sentence of Rule 8.4 as follows:

When a prize or trophy is awarded for individual high scoring in any meet, points shall be scored in the same manner as points ~~((are))~~ would be scored for the team Championship or point trophy in that meet.

Reason: Not all meets with individual high scoring will now have a team championship.

Item 18 – submitted by Bob Podkaminer and John Blackburn, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 10 as follows:

Rule 10
USA OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The Men’s and Women’s Track and Field Committees shall annually conduct the USA Outdoor Open and Junior Track and Field Championships. The Men’s and Women’s Championships may be conducted jointly, or each Championship may be conducted separately. The Chairs of the Track and Field Committees and/or their appointed representative(s) shall be Referee(s) of the Championships. It is recommended that such Referee(s) be certified officials at the National or Master level.

(a) The Open Championship, at the discretion of the National Track and Field Committees, shall be held as a two-, three- or four-day meet in accordance with a time schedule of events determined by the National Track and Field Committees.

(b) The Junior Championship shall be held separately from the Open Championships.

~~(((c) Regional Championship may be held.))~~

~~(((d) See Rule 12 for The National Track & Field Club Championships.))~~

NOTE: See Rule 12 for the National Track & Field Club Championships. See Rule 13 for Regional and Association Championships.

2. (a) Following are the standard events for the USA Open and Junior ~~((National, Regional, and Association))~~ Outdoor Track and Field Championships. ~~((Open and Junior))~~ :

Men’s Events *Current list without any changes*

Women’s Events *Current list without any changes*

(b) In the Junior Men’s and Women’s Championship, the distance of the race walk shall be 10,000 meters.

(c) Open USA Race Walking Championships shall, where practical, start and/or finish on the track.

(((d) In Regional and Association Open Championships, a 5000 or 10,000 Meter Race Walk may be conducted instead of the 20,000 Meter Race Walk.))

(((e) In Regional and Association Championships, the Mile may be conducted instead of the 1500 Meters, at the discretion of the appropriate sport committee.))

3. *Total section without any changes.*

4. (a) *Total section without any changes.*

(b) The coaches or athletic directors of the teams or individual athletes in the USA Track and Field Championships must:

i. *no change from current rule*

ii. Submit final declarations for or by each athlete for each entered event.

a. *no change from current rule*

b. *no change from current rule*

c. At the time of the declaration of entries, the declarer must indicate whether or not relay teams entered are to compete, but designation of the make-up of a relay from the entries listed for the relay team entered need not be made until a designated time before the start of the first round of the event as determined by the Games Committee or by these rules.

iii. Submit to the Games Committee no later than the day prior to the first day of the Championship competition, evidence of membership ((with the appropriate Association)) in USATE. Such evidence may consist of the athlete’s membership card (or copies thereof), or, where the foregoing ((statement)) is unattainable, of a written statement signed by the Chair of the Member Services Committee or the Secretary of ((the appropriate)) an Association, on the letterhead or appropriate form of the Association, indicating that the names athletes were athlete members of a registered club.

NOTE: *Total note without any changes*

(c) The National Track and Field Committees shall establish late declaration procedures and fees.

POINT SCORE – Trophies

5. (a) At the National Open and Junior Track and Field Championships, a trophy shall be given to the team scoring the most points. ((This is optional for Open and Junior Regional Championships.)) Scoring in such Championships shall be ten (10) points for each first place scored, eight (8) points for second, six (6) points for third, four (4) points for fourth, two (2) points for fifth and one (1) point for sixth. ((Regional Championships may be scored on the basis of Association teams instead of club teams at the option of the Games Committee. There may be a team Championship, scoring and point trophies for Association Championships and point trophies for other outdoor meets sanctioned by any Association. Scoring in Association Championships or other meets shall be five (5) points for each first place scored, three (3) points for second, two (2) points for third and one (1) point for fourth.))

(b) Should ties remain after applying Rule 74, the points to be awarded for the tied places shall be totaled and the points equal to this total, divided by the number of tied competitors, shall be scored for the team of each individual so tied. The finishing positions of unattached athletes and that of athletes who represent organizations ineligible for team Championships as provided in Rule 4, shall be scored in computing the points scored by other athletes or teams eligible for team Championships.

(c) When two or more teams have the same number of points, the teams shall be co-champions and any trophies shall be awarded in multiple copies.

(d) A trophy (which may be in the form of a certificate) may be awarded to the Association whose member athletes score the greatest number of points in the USA Open or Junior Championships.

6. See Rule 5 for awards.

Reason: To separate Open and Junior National Championship procedures from other National, Regional and Association championships. This is not intended to change the effect of the rule.

Item 19 – Submitted by James Fields and approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Add new Rule 10.2(c) and re-letter following items.

In the Junior Women's Championship, the distance of the Steeplechase shall be 2000 meters.

Reason: This will match the distance to be used internationally beginning at 2004 World Junior Championships.

Item 20 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 10.3(a) as follows:

In the USA Track and Field Championships, all entered contestants must have met the qualifying standards adopted by the respective sport committee or by the properly authorized subcommittee thereof and listed on the entry blank, or must be approved to compete or participate by a special subcommittee appointed by the Chair of the respective sport committee. Petitions to said special subcommittee must be presented in writing and indicate whether the entrant is to compete or have exhibition status.

Reason: Allowing a special participant into the competition has been done before, but without formal authorization.

Item 21 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 10.4(b)ii.a as follows:

Declarations by officially designated website, telephone, including facsimile, or in person, as stated in the entry procedures, must be received at the designated declaration location ...

Reason: This is in preparation for the new on-line system.

Item 22 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Move current Rule 10.4(b).ii.c to make a new Rule 13.3

Reason: There are no relay events in the Outdoor Track and Field Championships. This entire section should be moved to new Rule 13.3.

Item 23 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 10.5(a) as follows:

((At the National Open and Junior Track and Field Championships, a trophy shall be given to the team scoring the most points. This)) A trophy to the team scoring the most points is optional for Open and Junior Regional Championships. Scoring in such Championships ...

Reason: Part of the total submission to eliminate team scoring at non-relay or non-team National Championships.

Item 24 -- submitted by Bob Podkaminer and John Blackburn, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 11 as follows:

RULE 11
USA INDOOR TRACK AND FIELD CHAMPIONSHIP

1. *Total section without any changes.*
2. (a) Following are the standard Championship events for the USA ((and Association)) Indoor Track and Field (Open and Junior).

Men's Events

Current list without any changes

Women's Events

Current list without any changes

(b) The order of events shall be determined by the National Track and Field Committees or their representatives

(c) No more than two teams may be entered by any club in any relay race.

(d) The relays listed may be conducted at the discretion of the appropriate Track and Field Committee, either as Championship or non-Championship events.

((e) In Association Championships, the Men's Race Walk may be either 3000 Meters or 5000 Meters.))

3. *Total section without any changes.*

POINT SCORE – Trophies

4. (a) There shall be an official team Championship, scoring and point trophy in the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships. ((There may be a team Championship, scoring or point trophies in Regional and Association Championships and point trophies for other indoor meets sanctioned by any Association.)) Scoring in all Championships shall be five (5) points for each first place, three (3) points for second, two (2) points for third and one (1) point for fourth. The finishing positions of unattached athletes and that of athletes who represent organizations ineligible for team Championships as provided in Rule 4, shall be scored in computing the points scored by other athletes or teams eligible for team Championships.

(b) The provisions of Rule 10.5 (a), (b), (c) and (d) pertaining to team points, ties, unattached athletes, trophies and medals shall be applicable to indoor competition.

5. *No change from existing rule.*

Reason: To separate Open and Junior National Championship procedures from other National, Regional and Association championships. This is not intended to change the effect of the rule.

Item 25 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 11.2(a) as follows:

Remove all relay events from the lists of standard Championship events.

Remove Men's((4x400, 4x800, Distance Medley)).

Remove Women's((4x400 and Distance Medley)).

Delete Rule 11.2(c) and renumber

((No more than two teams may be entered by any club in any relay race)).

Delete Rule 11.2(d) and renumber

((The relays listed may be conducted at the discretion of the appropriate Track and Field Committee, either as Championship or non-Championship events.))

Amend the first sentence of Rule 11.3(a) as follows:

Each competitor in all track events ((, including each relay team,)) must, in person or through an authorized representative, report to the Clerk of Course one hour before the start of the first listed round of the event and ((declare whether he/she/they)) confirm their declaration as to whether they will or will not compete in the event.

Reason: This would delete relays from the USA Indoor Championship. There is no need for relay events since selection for USA Team relay personnel is within the total pool of team members. The participation in these events in recent time has been sparse, to say the least, and the events are already optional as championship events. This is also to indicate this is not the formal declaration process.

Item 26 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 11.4(a) as follows:

((There shall be an official team Championship, scoring and point trophy in the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships.)) There may be team Championships, scoring or point trophies in Regional and Association Championships and point trophies for other indoor meets ...

Item 27 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 11.4(b) as follows:

The provisions of Rule 10.5(a), (b), and (c) pertaining to ~~((team points,)) ties, unattached athletes, trophies ((,))~~ and medals shall be applicable to indoor competition.

Reason: Part of total submission to eliminate team scoring at non-relay or non-team national championships.

Item 28 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer and John Blackburn, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 13 as follows:

RULE 13 OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. In addition to the USA Open and Junior Outdoor, ~~((and))~~the USA Indoor Championships, and the National Track & Field Club Championships, as above, the following Championships may be conducted in the discretion of the USA Track and Field Committees:

Men

Current list without any changes

Women

Current list without any changes

~~((2. Team Championships may be awarded in all events listed in this Rule. In the combined events, the team score shall be the sum of the scores of the top three members of each team.))~~

2. Regional and Association Open and Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championship may be held. Rule 10 shall apply to such Championships except:

(a) The Mile may be conducted instead of the 1500 Meters, at the discretion of the appropriate sport committee.

(b) A 5000 or 10,000 Meter Race Walk may be conducted instead of the 20,000 Meter Race Walk.

(c) Rule 13.4 shall be used for Scoring.

3. Regional and Association Open and Junior Indoor Track and Field Championship may be held. Rule 11 shall apply to all such Championships except:

(a) In Association Championships, the Men's Race Walk may be either 3000 Meters or 5000 Meters.

(b) Rule 13.4 shall be used for Scoring.

POINT SCORE – Trophies

4. (a) There may be a team Championship, scoring or point trophies in all events listed in this Rule and for other meets sanctioned by any Association. Regional Championships may be scored on the basis of Association teams instead of club teams at the option of the Games Committee. Scoring in all Championships in this Rule shall be five (5) points for each first place, three (3) points for second, two (2) points for third and one (1) point for fourth.

(b) The provisions of Rule 10.5(b), (c) and (d) pertaining to ties, unattached athletes, trophies and medals shall be applicable to all events listed in this Rule.

(c) In the combined events, the team score shall be the sum of the scores of the top three members of each team.

Reason: To separate Open and Junior National Championship procedures from other National, Regional and Association championships. This is not intended to change the effect of the rule.

Item 29 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 13.2 as follows:

Team Championships may be awarded in the Club Relay Championships. ((all the events listed in this Rule. In the combined events, the team score shall be the sum of the scores of the top three members of each team.))

Reason: Part of total submission to eliminate team scoring at non-relay or non-team national championships.

Item 30 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 13.3

(a) The declaration procedures for Championships in this Rule shall be established by the Games Committee of each Championship and made known through the inclusion of such procedures in the entry material for the Championship.

(b) At the time of the declaration of entries, the declarer must indicate whether or not relay teams entered are to compete, but designation of the make-up of a relay from the

athletes listed for the relay team entered need not be made until the designated time before the start of the first round of the event as determined by the Games Committee or by these rules.

Reason: Creates a declaration procedure for other listed championships and clarifies the designation of relay members.

Item 31 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 13.4

See Rule 5 for awards. See Rule 10.5 or 11.4, as appropriate, for scoring.

Reason: Maintain the same reference as in other rules.

Item 32 – Submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee and Mike Scott, Vice Chair, Cross Country Running Council

Amend Rule 15.1 as follows

There shall be two National Cross Country Championships - the fall National Championships and the Winter National Championships, both conducted by the ((Men's Long Distance Running Committee and the Women's Track and Field Committee)) Cross Country Council. Runners may compete in both the Fall and Winter events as individuals.

Reason: Last year's restructuring gave cross country championship responsibility to the Cross Country Running Council.

Item 33 – Submitted by Bill Roe, USATF President

Add a new Rule 16.5 and renumber:

The Men's LDR committee may contest a team championship, with a separate set of awards.

Reason: The addition of a team competition is of interest to some races and teams. This could be held in conjunction with the individual championship or at a separate event.

Item 34 – Submitted by Basil Honikman, Rules Committee

Add a new event to the table in Rule 16.8 as follows:

Road Mile

Reason: The road mile is a popular event. It is already allowed as a championship distance for Masters LDR (Rule 271).

Item 35 – Submitted by Basil Honikman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 20.1 to add the following event

Road Mile

Reason: The road mile is a popular event. It is already allowed as a championship distance for Masters LDR (Rule 271).

Item 36 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 27.1 as follows:

All competitors in U.S. Olympic selection competition shall comply with entry procedures and have met qualifying standards ((drafted)) approved by the applicable sport committee(s).

Reason: Clarify the total scope and authorization of the entry procedure.

Item 37 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 27.2(b) as follows:

Referees shall be nominated by the joint subcommittee of the applicable sport committee(s) ((and, for events held entirely within the stadium,)) from those holding proper certification from the National Officials Committee.

Reason: The Referees and the Jury are, and have always been, determined by the sport committees. See Rule 27.2(c).

Item 38 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 27.2(c) as follows:

Track and Field competition officials (except Referees and members of the Jury of Appeal) shall be selected as described in Regulation 4-H-1. ((nominated by a subcommittee of the National Officials Committee after consultation with the Association certification chairs of the potential nominees.))

Reason: Current Practice

Item 39 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 30.1 and renumber:

The Organizing Committee of a meet, or the Officials’ Selection Committee for National Championships, shall appoint all competition officials, subject to the Rules and procedures of the USATF. See Regulation 4-H-1.

Item 40 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 30.2 as follows:

Officials assigned as competition officials at National Championships shall ((should)) be those certified by the National Officials Committee of USATF. Officials at all other competitions should be so certified. See USATF Bylaws 17-H.

NOTE: The training and certifying of officials for track & field is supervised by the national Officials Committee and by the Officials Committee of each Association of USATF. Information may be obtained by contacting the Association Officials Chair or writing to XXXXXXXXXXXX, National Officials’ Certification Chair, USATF, P.O. Box 120, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Item 41 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 30.3 by combining existing Rules 30.1 and 30.3 with additional language as follows:

((Officials necessary at athletic events:))There shall be as many officials at a meet as are necessary for its orderly and efficient operation, and compliance with these rules. However, care should be taken to keep the arena as free of non-essential personnel as possible. The following personnel are recommended as a minimum, including Chief Judges where applicable, for the conduct of track and field competitions ((meets)):

Event Management Personnel

Meet Director

Competition Director

Assistant Competition Directors, as needed

Games Committee

Reason: This submission and several to follow are intended to reorganize the description of meet management and competition officials to more closely parallel the IAAF. (IAAF Rule 119)

Item 42 -- Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the table in Rule 30.3 and modify the footnote as follows:

<u>Competition Management</u>	<u>Minimum Indoor</u>	<u>Minimum Outdoor</u>
Technical Manager	1	1
Photo Finish Operator	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Competition Secretary	1	1
Jury of Appeal	3	3
Referee – Track	1	1
<u>Referee – Field</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Referee – Combined</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Referee – Outside</u>	=	<u>1</u>
<u>Stadium</u>		
<u>National Technical Official</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

Keep remaining items in the table the same other than the following sections

Competition Officials	Minimum Indoor	Minimum Outdoor
Finish Line Judges *	9	12
Timers *	12	12

* Where adequate automatic photo finish devices are available, this number ((**may**)) should dramatically be reduced.

Item 43 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 30.5 and renumber:

Referees, National Technical Officials and Chief Judges should wear a distinctive armband or badge. If deemed necessary, assistants may be appointed.

Item 44 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 30.5 as follows:

It is recommended that there be 6 to 9 Race Walking Judges, plus a sufficient number of Race Walking Officials ((which may include an official in charge of the Warning Posting Board and/or a Recorder)) as support for the Judges.

Reason: This submission and several to follow are intended to reorganize the description of meet management and competition officials to more closely parallel the IAAF. (IAAF Rule 119)

Item 45 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 31.3 as follows:

This Committee, through an appointed Competition Director, shall be responsible for the correct conduct of the meet. They shall provide a place properly laid out and measured to conform to all the requirements of these rules and shall also furnish all implements and equipment necessary for the satisfactory competition of the events scheduled in the official program. They shall have jurisdiction of all matters not assigned by these rules to the Referee or other officials.

Item 46 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 31.4 as follows:

In non-championship meets, a Competition ((meet)) Director or Competition ((meet)) Manager, or both, may exclusively, or with the entity ((club)) holding the meet, carry out any of the above-described functions.

Reason: IAAF Compliance

Item 47 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 31.5 as follows:

The Competition Director, or an Assistant, shall check that all officials have reported for duty, appoint substitutes when necessary and shall have authority to remove from duty any official for cause. In cooperation with the appointed Marshal, he/she shall arrange that only authorized persons are allowed in the competition area.

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook (IAAF 112, 120, 121)

Item 48 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 32 as follows:

RULE 32
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. *(old #6)*

2. Referees shall ensure that the Rules and decisions of USATF are observed and shall decide upon any matters which arise relating to the actual conduct of the meet and for which provision or final settlement has not been assigned 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 finish times from either the Chief Timer or the Chief Photo Finish Judge 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 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 124)

Item 49 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 33.1 (c) as follows:

secure from Umpires complete details, orally and in writing, of any alleged violations and immediately submit ((submitting)) the report of the alleged violation to the Referee; and

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook

Item 50 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 33.2 as follows:

Umpires are ((merely)) assistants to the Referee, to whom the Chief Umpire shall report, and have no ((power)) authority to make ((any)) final decisions.

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook

Item 51 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 34 and renumber:

RULE 34
NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIALS

1. The National Technical Officials (NTOs) shall appoint one Chief among those already appointed for the competition if one was not previously appointed.
2. Whenever possible, the Chief NTO shall assign an NTO for every individual event, and the combined events, in the competition. The NTO shall provide all necessary support to the respective Referee of the event.
3. The NTO must be present at all times when an event, to which he/she has been assigned, is in progress and should ensure that the conduct of the competition is in full conformity with these Rules and the relevant decisions made by the Games Committee.
4. If a problem arises, or if they observe any matter, which in their opinion requires comment, they should, in the first instance, bring it to the attention of the Chief Judge of the event and if necessary, offer advice as to what should be done. If the advice is not accepted and there is a clear infringement of these Rules or decisions made by the Games Committee, the NTO shall bring it to the attention of the appropriate Referee for immediate resolution.
5. At the conclusion of field events the NTO shall also sign the results sheets.

Reason: This is the current practice at National Championships, which eliminates appointing a multitude of Referees. The NTO group has greater certification requirements, could be comprised of highly qualified Master Level Referees and are the hands-on group that ensures each event is properly administered, while the Referee has the responsibility to make rulings on protests and abnormalities. As an example, the NTO for combined events would serve with the Combined Event Referee to coordinate the overall event. (IAAF 115)

Item 52 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rules 34 and 35 by combining them as follows:

RULE 35
JUDGES ((AT FINISH))

1. Judges at the Finish

(a) When an approved imaging device is properly functioning at the finish of an event, the image must be referred to the Photo Finish Judges for the primary determination of the order of finish. In the absence of such a device, the primary determination of the order of the finish shall be made by the Judges at the finish.

(b) It is recommended that there be at least four Judges, and normally one more Judge than there are lanes used, at the finish, one of whom shall be designated as Chief Finish Judge, who shall decide the order in which the competitors finish. The Chief Finish Judge shall only observe the finishes and his/her decision shall be given only in the case of a tie vote on the part of the other Judges. In case of a disagreement, the majority of the Judges concerned with the disputed place or places shall decide, and if there is a tie vote on the part of such Judges, the Chief Finish Judge shall decide.

(c) When possible, Judges shall be placed at least 5m back from and in line with the finish on an elevated platform on the same side of the track.

2. Field Judges

(a)((If there is no Field Event Referee)), A Head Field Judge shall be appointed if there is no Field Event Referee.

(b) ((The Technical Manager shall see that all implements, circles, runways, landing areas, and equipment for that event are in accordance with these rules, shall so certify to the Referee prior to the commencement of competition.)) The Chief Field Judge of each event shall perform the appropriate facility verification and certification if for any reason such certification is not given by the Technical Manager. The Chief Field Judge for each event shall allocate the duties of each Judge in the event, if not previously done by the relevant body, and then coordinate the work of the Judges in their respective event.

(c) The Chief Field Judge in each field event should not have or assume any duties that will prevent or interfere with their ability to determine the validity of any performance by any competitor.

(d) The Field Judges shall judge and record each trial, and measure each valid trial of each competitor in all field events. In the High Jump and Pole Vault precise measurement should be made when the bar is raised. At least two Judges should keep a record of all trials, checking their recordings at the end of each round. See Rules 63.2(a) and 93.2.

(e) The appropriate Field Judge(s) shall indicate a valid performance by raising a white flag and shall indicate a foul or non-valid performance by raising a red flag.

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook (IAAF 125)

Item 53 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend the first sentence of Rule 36.1, as follows:

Three ((Two)) methods of timing are official, hand timing, ((and)) fully automatic timing, and transponder timing in conjunction with hand timing, as set forth in Rules 37 and 38.

Reason: To better define transponder timing as a valid system of timing.

Item 54 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 36.4(h), as follows:

times for other competitors will be adjusted, if needed, based on the official winning time. Adjustments will be made based on the difference between the rounded official winning time and the rounded transponder time based on Rule 37.8(c).

NOTE: If the rounded transponder time and the official winning as determined by Rule 37 are in agreement, no adjustment will be made.

Reason: We said to adjust them but did not specify how it should be done.

Item 55 – Submitted by David Katz, Long Island Association, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 36.4(i) as follows:

Properly rounded transponder times may be used for age group (Youth or Masters) records when at least two mats in series (alternate timing) are used. The record time would be the net time for the runner from the last mat before the measured start and the first mat after the measured finish line.

Reason: Accuracy of the transponder system is probably better than the current hand system used in many road races or cross country meets. Whether the system is considered a hand timing system or an automatic system, times in this type of event are rounded off and recorded to the nearest second. The error is less than this. Yet it is possible to get an automatic time of 30:31.99 which becomes 30.32 and a comparable transponder time of 30.32.01 which would become 30.33. You would expect transponder times to be longer not shorter than actual time thus conservative. The proposed scheme has a built in second independent time for each runner.

Item 56 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rules 37 and 38 into Rule 36 as follows:

Rules 37.1, 37.6-9 become Rule 36.4, 36.6-9 under the section heading Hand Timing
Rules 38.2, 3, 6-10 become Rules 36.10-16 under the section heading Fully Automatic Timing
Rule 36.4 becomes Rule 36.17 under the section heading Transponder Timing

Reason: To better distinguish between timers and timing as well as fully automatic and hand timing.

Item 57 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add Rule 37.1 and renumber.

When an approved imaging device is properly functioning at the finish of an event, the image must be referred to the Photo Finish Judges for the primary determination of the finish times for each competitor. Timers shall act in a back-up capacity when fully Automatic Photo Finish equipment is in use. In the absence, or failure, of such a device, the primary determination of the finish times shall be made by the Timers at the finish in accordance with Rule 36.

Item 58 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 37.3 as follows:

The Chief Timer, among other things, shall:

- (a) determine that all running and walking events are hand timed in accordance with these rules;

- (b) (~~assign~~) provide to Timers their assignments;
- (c) supervise the recording of all hand times taken;
- (d) make note of the records for the events to be timed, so an immediate check can be made in the event of record performances;
- (e) in the event of a record performance, inspect the watches of the Timers involved and in the case of no fully-automatic timing, certify on the official record application form the times recorded by such Timers, who shall also sign the record application form; and
- (f) when feasible, examine all watches prior to competition to determine their accuracy.

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 59 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 37.9 as follows:

When possible, Timers shall be placed at least 5m back from and in line with the finish on an elevated platform on the same side of the track.

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook (IAAF 127) (See Rule 36 for timekeeping methods)

Item 60 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 38.1 as follows:

When a fully automatic timing device is used, the Photo Finish Judges shall determine the places of the runners or walkers and the times as recorded by the device. At the beginning of each session, the Chief Photo Finish Judge(~~s~~), in cooperation with the Chief Photo Finish Operator, the Starter and the Referee, shall initiate and supervise control tests to ensure that the official and backup fully automatic timing equipment (i) is started automatically by the Starter's pistol/starting device and (ii) is correctly aligned with the finish line.

Item 61 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 38.3(a) as follows:

The timing equipment must be fully automatic and certified to be accurate prior to the competition. It must be started automatically by the discharge of the Starter's pistol or ((similar)) authorized starting device at the instance of the flash/smoke from the charge, and it must record the finish times automatically when any part of the competitor's body or torso (as distinguished from the head, neck, arms, hands, legs, or feet) reaches the perpendicular plane of the nearer edge of the finish line. The overall delay between the report from ((the muzzle of))the pistol or the initial sound of the electronic tone and the start of the timing system must be constant and less than 1 millisecond.

Amend the Rules as follows:

Change each occurrence of the word 'pistol' to 'pistol/starting device'.

Amend Rule 60.8 as follows:

No later than the command "on your marks," the Starter shall raise the hand with the pistol or flash/starting device. That hand shall remain extended above the head until the ((pistol has been fired)) start signal has been generated. During that time, the hand without the pistol/starting device shall remain at the Starter's side.

Amend Rule 60.12 as follows:

The Starter or any Recall Starter, who is of the opinion that the start was not fair, shall recall the competitors by firing a pistol or sounding a distinctive false start tone.

Reason: Add the use of electronic tone as an authorized method of signaling a start.

Item 62 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 38.5 as follows:

In the event of record performances, the Referee should ((evaluate and))certify the times and duly note them on the records of the Photo Finish Judges. In the event of a record performance, the Chief Photo Finish Judge shall certify on the official record application form the time recorded for such record, and also sign the record application form. If a record is timed by a videotape based system or a computer based system, a printed picture shall be made where required.

Reason: (IAAF 117, 127) (See Rule 36 for timekeeping methods).

Item 63 – Submitted by Stella Cashman, Metropolitan Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.1.(b) as follows:

The appointed Judges of Race Walking shall elect a Chief Judge. An associate chief judge may also be elected to assist the Chief judge.

Item 64 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule.39.2(a) as follows:

Competitors must be cautioned by any Judge when, by their mode of progression, they are in danger of ceasing to comply with the definition of race walking (see Rule 150); but they are not entitled to a second caution from the same Judge for the same or for a different potential infraction offense. Having cautioned a competitor, the Judge shall record all such cautions separately on the Judge's Tally Sheet.

Reason: There may be a warning given for a bent knee after a caution for loss of contact and visa versa. Thus, there should be no question that a competitor is entitled to one, and only one, caution, regardless of the reason therefor. The word "offense" as used in this sentence is ambiguous for, if there is in fact an offense, that should lead to a warning and not a caution. Using "potential infraction" in the context of a caution is much more meaningful.

Item 65 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.2.(b) as follows:

Each Judge shall use a yellow paddle for signaling cautions((during a race)). Each paddle should have the symbol \approx ~ indicating "Loss of Contact" on one side and the symbol \geq indicating "Bent Knee" on the reverse side to show the reason for the caution.

Reason: Use of the singular makes grammatical sense in the context of the sentence. The words "during a race" are redundant, for when else would a caution be given?

Item 66 – Submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3 as follows

(a) Each Judge's proposal for disqualification is called a ((warning)) foul. Competitors shall be ((given warnings)) charged with a foul when, by their mode of progression , they fail to comply with Rule 150.2 2 by exhibiting visible loss of contact or a bent knee during any part of the competition.

(b) Once a Judge has decided to ((propose a disqualification)) issue a foul against a competitor , the Judge shall immediately fill out a ((warning)) red card which shall be passed to the Recorder as soon as possible. If there is no Recorder, the red cards

shall go to the Chief Judge. Each warning shall be recorded separately on the Judge's Tally Sheet.

Replace "warning" with "foul" in all subsequent locations in the book.

Reason: Clarity. Currently we have "caution" and "warning", words which are defined the same in a dictionary. Calling the current warning a foul uses a term from the sport and makes it clearer to those involved as athletes, coaches, and spectators.

Item 67 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3(a) as follows:

Each Judge's proposal for disqualification is called a warning(~~(. Competitors shall be given warnings when, by their mode of progression, they fail))~~ A warning shall be given when, by a competitor's mode of progression, a competitor fails to comply with Rule 150.2 by exhibiting visible loss of contact or a bent knee during any part of the competition.

Reason: There is no reason to refer to the third person plural when a warning is to be given to each competitor individually.

Item 68 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3(b) as follows:

Once a Judge has decided to propose a disqualification, the Judge shall immediately fill out a warning card which shall be ~~((passed))~~ given to the Recorder as soon as possible. If there is no Recorder, the ~~((red))~~ warning cards shall ~~((go))~~ be given to the Chief Judge. Each warning shall be recorded separately on the Judge's Tally Sheet.

Reason: There is no reason to use the word "passed" at all. It has no special meaning or purpose and it is clear that the warning card is to be given to the Recorder either by the Judge or the Judge's runner or other designee assigned to that task. In the second sentence, the reasoning is the same as for the other change and for correct grammatical consistency and context.

Item 69 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3(c) as follows:

When a competitor receives a warning from each of three different Judges, the competitor (~~(shall be)~~)is disqualified and (~~(informed)~~)notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge.

Reason: The clause is ambiguous and could be interpreted to mean that three Judges must agree to give one warning. The change makes it clear that three different Judges must each give a warning for a disqualification to take place. The word “informed” in the second clause should be changed to “notified” o be consistent with the next sub-paragraph and to convey the obvious intent; that “notice” is what is required.

Item 70 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3(d) as follows:

Notification of d(~~(D)~~)isqualification shall be given as soon as practicable after the competitor has finished, if it is impractical to (~~(inform)~~)notify the competitor of the disqualification during the race. The failure to give prompt notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified competitor.

Reason: Notice is the important concept, and the requirements of notice are as set forth in the paragraph. Consistency in the concept of "notice" should be clear.

Item 71 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3(e) as follows:

The Chief Judge shall use a red paddle for signaling disqualification(~~(s during a walking race)~~).

Reason: The red paddle is to be used separately for each individual disqualification. The words "during a walking race" are redundant given the section the rule is listed under.

Item 72 – Submitted by Stella Cashman, Metropolitan Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 39.3 (f) as follows:

For Championships and international trials races, a warning posting board shall be used to keep competitors informed about the number of warnings that have been received by the recorder or Chief Judge for each competitor. At events conducted on the road, it is recommended that the posting board be placed at the approximate mid-point of an out-an-back course.

Reason: Reports will be delivered to the official maintaining the board in a more timely manner.

Item 73 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 40.3 and renumber

The Clerk of Course, and Assistants, shall ensure that competitors are wearing clothing, shoes and spikes which are in accordance with USATF Rules. The Clerk shall verify that number bibs correspond to those on the start list and are worn correctly. The Clerk shall also be responsible for distribution and proper placement of additional identification items used to aid in announcing and judging.

Reason: IAAF compliance, current practice.

Item 74 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Delete ((Rule 44))and renumber

Item 75 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 47.1 as follows:

The Wind Gauge Operator, except as provided in paragraph 6, shall maintain the wind gauge, and take and record in writing, on the forms provided for that purpose by the Competition Secretary, the wind velocity in the direction of running for all running events (including hurdles events) up to and including the 200 Meters and the Long Jump and Triple Jump. The Wind Gauge Operator shall report each wind gauge measurement to the appropriate recorder for each event and turn over a compilation of all measurements to the Competition Secretary.

Reason: To more accurately reflect the use of a wind gauge directly connected to the results computer system.

Item 76 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 49.1 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, of ((fact as to)) whether or not any competitor has committed a false start. ((If it is deemed necessary, an Assistant or Recall Starter may be provided to assist the Starter in starting an event, also with the authority to

recall the competitors, by the firing of a pistol, in any race in which, in his/her opinion or that of the Starter, the start was not fair.))

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 77 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 49.2 and renumber:

One or more Recall Starters shall be provided when possible to assist the Starter. The Starter shall assign a specific task and position to each Recall Starter, who is obliged to recall the race if any fault is observed. They shall have the authority to recall the competitors, by appropriate means, in any race in which, in his/her opinion or that of the Starter, the start was not fair. If a Recall Starter is assigned to observe one or more competitors, they shall place themselves so that each competitor can be clearly seen. After a recalled or aborted start the Recall Starter shall report his observations to the Starter who decides whether and to whom a warning or disqualification shall be issued. NOTE: For events conducted with a staggered start, it is recommended that there be at least two Recall Starters.

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 78 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 49.3 as follows:

Warnings and disqualifications at the start of a race may be made only by the Starter. See Rule 60 for method of starting. ((NOTE: For events conducted with a staggered start, it is recommended that there be at least two Recall Starters.))

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook (IAAF 128)

Item 79 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 49.4 and renumber:

To assist the Starter in races using crouch starts, a false start control apparatus may be used. When such an apparatus is used, the Starter, or an assigned Recall Starter, shall wear headphones in order to hear clearly acoustic signals emitted to indicate the orderly operation of the apparatus and to indicate a false start.

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 80 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 49.4 and renumber

The Starter, wearing distinctive attire, shall be positioned so that there is full visual control over all runners during the start process.

Item 81 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 50 as follows:

1. A Jury of Appeal composed of 3 or 5 persons, preferably certified officials, may be established by the Games Committees to consider appeals from decisions of the Referee as to matters that developed during the conduct of the event.

2. One of its members shall be the Chair. If and when it is considered appropriate, a Secretary, who may be a non-member of the Jury, may be appointed. One or more alternates should also be named. Referees shall not serve as members of the Jury of Appeal. In no case shall any management personnel or competition official serve on a Jury of Appeal in considering any appeal where such person has previously performed an official function in respect of the matter being appealed.

3. For National, Regional and Association Long Distance Running and Cross Country Championship events and events sanctioned under Regulation 14-A or 14-B-1, a Jury of Appeal shall be appointed. For all non-championship long distance running and cross country events, a Jury of Appeal should be appointed, where feasible.

4. The Jury of Appeal shall consult with all relevant officials. If the Jury of Appeal is in doubt, other available evidence may be considered. If such evidence, including any available video evidence, is not conclusive, the decision of the Referee shall be upheld. The decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final. The Jury of Appeal may, however, reconsider decisions if new conclusive evidence is presented.

NOTE. For appeal procedures, see Rule 73.5.

Reason: To make the section easier to read and understand.

Item 82 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 52 as follows:

For all athletics meets there shall be included in the list of officials a Recorder of Records. The Recorder of Records shall see that records are properly applied for. He/she ((~~should~~)) shall have at the site of the competition an adequate supply of record forms. He/she should have no other duties. ((See Rule 180.2.))

Delete ((Rule 180.2))and renumber

Reason: Move the requirement for having the position from Records to Officials.

Item 83 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 54 as follows:

The Technical Manager shall be responsible for ensuring that the track, runways, circles, arcs, sectors, and landing areas for field events and all equipment are in accordance with the Rules, and shall certify such to the appropriate Referee prior to the commencement of competition. This will include the verification of the calibration of electronic measuring equipment.

Reason: To include language consistent with the IAAF Handbook (IAAF 122, 136)

Item 84 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 55 as follows, and include in Rule 30.3:

RULE 55
COMBINED EVENTS COORDINATOR

1. In Combined Event competitions the Combined Events Coordinator, if assigned, will be an expert consultant on how to run of the combined event and to insure conformance to the USATF rules for the appropriate Combined Event and any decisions made for the appropriate referee regarding the conduct of the event.
2. In competitions where there are combined events as part of a track and field meet, a combined events coordinator should be assigned if there is not a separate Combined Events Referee. For the case where there is a Combined Events Referee a coordinator need not be assigned.
3. The coordinator should be present at the event or with the athletes during the entire event to which they are assigned.
4. If a problem arises or the coordinator observes any matter, which in their opinion requires comment, they should, in the first instance, bring it to the attention of the Chief Judge of the event and if necessary, offer advice as to what should be done. If the advice is not accepted or if there is a clear infringement of the USATF rules, or decision of the appropriate referee, they should call the referee.
5. The coordinator will act as focal point for athlete input and as an event expert make recommendations to the Referee as to starting time for next event, changes in flight or heat assignments, changes in venues or venue directions, changes in number of heats or flights. At the end of any field event they will sign the event results also.

Reason: Current practice

Item 85 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 56 as follows and include in Rule 30.3:

RULE 56
PHOTO FINISH OPERATOR

Photo Finish Operators – The Photo Finish Operators have the responsibility for assembling, positioning, connecting and properly operating of all components used in the capture of images used by the Photo Finish Judges. At the beginning of each session, the Chief Photo Finish Operator shall provide the technical expertise to the Chief Photo Finish Judge to ensure that the official and backup fully automatic timing equipment (i) is started automatically by the Starter's pistol/starting device and (ii) is correctly aligned with the finish line.

Reason: This specialized position is currently totally unregulated and without certification requirements. The Photo Finish Judge only has responsibility to read the picture.

Item 86 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Renumber Rules 32-55 as follows:

Official Title	Old Rule Number	New Rule Number
REFEREE	32	34
UMPIRES	33	38
JUDGES	34/35	37
TIMING	36	56
TIMERS	37	39
PHOTO FINISH OPERATOR	56	40
PHOTO FINISH JUDGES	38	41
JUDGES OF RACE WALKING	39	50
CLERK OF COURSE	40	36
COMPETITION SECRETARY	41	44
LAP SCORERS	42	43
ANNOUNCER	43	46
SURVEYOR	45	47
INSPECTOR OF IMPLEMENTS	46	49
WIND GAUGE OPERATOR	47	48
MARSHALL	48	45
STARTER AND RECALL	49	42
JURY OF APPEAL	50	33
RECORDER OF RECORDS	52	52
RACE WALKING OFFICIALS	53	51
TECHNICAL MANAGER	54	32
NATIONAL TECHNICAL OFFICIAL		35
COMBINED EVENTS COORDINATOR		53

Reason: To more closely parallel the IAAF Handbook

Item 87 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 60.2 by incorporating Rule 60.5 as follows:

Except for time handicap races, all running and walking events shall be started by the report of a pistol or ((any similar)) approved device fired upward, after all competitors are steady.

(a) Where a pistol is used, it should be of not less than .32 caliber, with powder giving a distinct flash/smoke, except in indoor competition, where a .22 caliber pistol with black powder shells may be used.

(b) When an electronic tone is used, it shall be of suitable loudness and shall simultaneously activate a flash/strobe.

NOTE: The starting device should be held to provide a background against which the flash/smoke is clearly discernible.

Delete ((Rule 60.5))and renumber

Reason: Include the use of electronic tone to method of signaling a start.

Item 88 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee, on behalf of Lowell C Wetzel, Officials Certification Chair and Jim Carlisle, Officials Committee.

Add a new Rule 60.3 and renumber:

The starter may assign a block holder to any athlete if he or she deems it necessary. The block holder must sit on the track so that the holder does not interfere with the starter or recall starter(s) view and must hold the block by the central beam only and shall not make contact with the foot pedals.

Reason: I personally have seen athletics "pushed out of the blocks" because the block holder used excessive force against the foot pedals.

Item 89 – Submitted by Louise Tricard, Florida Association and approved for submission by Bob Hersh, Rules Committee

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 shall be fired.

Reason: This change significantly reduces the number of false starts in the Sprints and Hurdles which benefits Athletes, Officials, Spectators, and TV time constraints. The longer a

Starter holds the athlete beyond the Set Point the more likely there are to be false starts. Few false starts are observed, comparatively speaking, when the Starter fires the gun at the Set Point. After arbitrarily allows the Starter to hold the Athlete for as long as he wants (2, 5 seconds or more) which is not good for the Sprinters/Hurdlers or the Sport.

Item 90 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee and Louise Tricard, Florida Association

Amend the third sentence of Rule 60.3 as follows:

In races longer than 400 meters, the command shall be "on your marks" and ~~((when))~~after all competitors are steady, the pistol shall be fired.

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 91 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the second sentence of Rule 60.9 as follows:

Failure to comply with this command twice after a reasonable time shall constitute a false start.

Reason: Current Practice.

Item 92 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the third and fourth sentences of Rule 60.18 as follows:

When such apparatus is used, the Starter and/or an assigned Recall Starter with no other duties shall wear headphones in order to hear clearly any acoustic signal that is emitted in the case of a false start. As soon as the Starter or Recall Starter hears the acoustic signal, and if the pistol/device was fired, there shall be a recall.

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 93 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 62.1, by adding the following at the end:

The inside radius should be limited to between 35.00m and 38.00m unless the curve is a double bend track as used to fit a playing field on the infield. In that case the minimum double bend radius is 24.00m.

Reason: Conform to IAAF Rule and to specify this important parameter which is not otherwise specified. A standard 400 m track has a 36.5m inside radius.

Item 94 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Delete ((Rule 62.4)) and renumber remaining sections.

Reason: It is inconsistent with Rule 182.6 for tapes or graduated bars. Metric tapes are readily available and there should be no need to convert from Imperial to Metric distances, particularly for courses.

Item 95 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 72 as follows:

Replace the word ‘number’ with ‘number bib’

Reason: IAAF conformance.

Item 96 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 72.1 by adding the following sentence at the end.

The identifying information on the number bib need not be numeric.

Reason: There is a trend to place athlete names on the bibs.

Item 97 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 72.2 as follows:

If one number is provided, it must be worn visibly on the front. When two number bibs are provided, they must be worn on the singlet, front and back. If, pursuant to Rule 71.2, a singlet is not worn, the number bibs should be worn on the shorts, front and back. The competitors may also be required to wear ((hip numbers)) start list identifying numbers on the hips and in other locations as determined by the Games Committee.

Reason: ‘Hip’ numbers are now used frequently on the chest and back.

Item 98 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

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 made in writing. For protests concerning field event measurements see Rule 90.14.

Reason: Draw attention to immediate protest available in field events.

Item 99 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 75.1(c).iv as follows:

If more than 24 report for the 10,000 Meters or the Open Women's 5000 Meters, the event should be run in sections of no more than 24, but may be run as heats of no more than 24, with no more than 20 advancing to the final of the 10,000 Meters and no more than 16 advancing to the final of the 5000 Meters.

Reason: When heats are run, then there is a different limit on the advancers for the 5k and 10k.

Item 100 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 75.1(f).i-a as follows:

In the first round, including a final if it is the first round, lanes will be drawn by lot, using the lanes designated by the ((Referee)) Games Committee.

Reason: A function of the Games Committee, not the Referee.

Item 101 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the table in 75.1 as follows:

Delete the Hand timing charts for eight and nine lanes and delete title:

((WHERE FULLY AUTOMATIC TIMING IS USED))

Add as a note after FAT eight lane chart: 49 or more requires quarterfinals following above pattern.

Reason: All timing systems will use the same seeding tables.

Item 102 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 75.4 as follows:

Whenever the Games Committee determines that there are too many competitors to run a single final, and the schedule precludes a qualifying round, the event shall be contested in sections as a time-based final. In timed final events, sections shall be derived from the ranked list of declared athletes ((,arranged in order of qualifying times)) in accordance with the procedure set forth in Rule 75.1(d)i. ...

Reason: Always use the same procedure for ranked lists.

Item 103 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 76 as follows:

For seeding purposes only, the conversion factor of .24 seconds ((in events up to and including the 200 Meter Dash and .14 seconds for events longer than the 200 and up to and including the 400 Meter Dash)) between fully automatic time and manual time must be used ...

Reason: Provide a preference for submitting FAT marks. This would not effect standards or qualifying.

Item 104 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the first sentence of Rule 77 as follows:

In Championships and programs, other than the Olympic Selection competition, conducted pursuant to the ...

Reason: Actually indicate what is already in place.

Item 105 – Submitted by John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair

Add a new Rule 80.12 and renumber remaining

The baton shall be carried by hand throughout the race. If dropped, it shall be recovered by the athlete who dropped it. He or she may leave the lane to retrieve the baton, provided no other runner is impeded and provided that by doing so, the distance to be covered is not lessened.

Reason: Replaces a section inadvertently deleted while editing the rule book.

Item 106 – Submitted by Wayne Ambrust, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Amend Rule 81.1 as follows:

The standard distance shall be 3000 meters. Races of 1500 and 2000 meters may also be contested.

Amend Rule 81.2 as follows:

The 3000 Meter Steeplechase shall have 28 hurdle jumps and 7 water jumps. The 2000 Meter Steeplechase shall have 18 hurdle jumps and 5 water jumps. The 1500 Meter Steeplechase shall have 12 hurdles and 3 water jumps. There shall be five jumps per lap. The water jump shall ...

Reason: Defines 1500m steeplechase as a possible race.

Item 107 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Ed Parrot

Amend Rule 90.4 (d) as follows:

In the competition proper, in a Championship competition, if there are ((resident and/or non-resident aliens)) non-citizens among the leading competitors after the completion of the preliminaries, American citizens in order of placement equal to the number of full lanes around the track, but not to exceed nine (9) shall advance to the finals for three (3) additional attempts.

Reason: To make it clearer who is considered to be eligible.

Item 108 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 90.8(d)i as follows:

A competitor in a field event who unreasonably delays making a trial is liable to have the trial disallowed and recorded as a foul. ((for a second delay at any time during the competition the competitor shall be debarred from taking any further trials, but any performance accomplished up to that time shall stand.))

Item 109 – Submitted by George Kleeman and Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 90.8(d)iii by inserting the following table at the end of the section

Time in Minutes for Initiating Field Events

Number of athletes competing at start of the round	Individual Event			Combined Event		
	HJ	PV	Other	HJ	PV	Other
More than 3	1	1	1	1	1	1
2 or 3	1.5	2	1	1.5	2	1
1	3	5	-	2	3	
Consecutive Trials	2	3	2	2	3	2

Reason: This table summarizes the existing rule for easy reference.

Item 110 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 90.8(d)iv, as follows:

A clock that shows the remaining time allowed should be visible to the competitor. In addition, an official shall raise and keep raised overhead a yellow flag, or other suitable indicator, for the final 15 seconds remaining of the time allowed. If the time expires before the attempt is initiated then the yellow flag should be lowered and the red flag raise overhead. In addition to the use of flags and/or a clock, a verbal indication of time remaining or that time has expired is acceptable.

Reason: Indicate how we want the flag displayed so it is consistent from competition to competition and to indicate what should be done if the time runs out before the attempt is initiated. The reason for giving a verbal indication of the time remaining is that for the throws, the clock may not always be visible to the athlete because of differences in the styles used, e.g. facing the front of the circle or the back when they begin their throw. Likewise it is useful for those who are visually impaired that cannot read the numbers on the clock. Some of competitors don't wear their glasses in competition and are very near sighted.

Item 111 – Submitted by Bob Tice, North Carolina Association and approved by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 90.8(d)iv, as follows

A clock that shows the remaining time allowed should be visible to the competitor. In addition, an official shall raise to the horizontal position and keep raised a yellow flag, or other suitable indicator, for the final 15 seconds remaining of the time allowed. If the time expires before the attempt is initiated then the yellow flag should raised overhead to indicate when time has expired. When a visual clock is not available, the athlete (upon request) may receive verbal indications of the time remaining prior to the 15 second point.

Reason: Standardize timing indications and allow for verbal announcement if requested of time remaining. This is particularly true when extended time is occurring as in the vertical jumps.

Item 112– Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend the first sentence of Rule 90.8(d)vi as follows:

The official responsible for the event shall indicate by verbal and visual signal to the competitor that the trial is to begin, ...

Reason: Provide a truly positive indication that cannot be missed or ignored by the competitor.

Item 113– Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 135.4, as follows:

In events using transponder timing mats, the first mat shall be placed so that the edge of the mat closest to the approaching runners is the finish line. ~~((and that))~~ At least the first 15 cm of the mat shall be of a color in contrast to the running surface to indicate the finish line. Any additional or backup mats shall be placed beyond the finish line.

Item 114 – Submitted by Mike Scott, Cross Country Council, approved for submission John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair

Add a new Rule 143.5 (consider all underlined) as follows:

- With the cooperation of the recall starters, the following procedures shall be followed:
- (a) When all runners are lined up ready for the start, the head starter shall have a flag, pistol and whistle and take a position in the middle of and a minimum of 50m in front of the starting line
 - (b) Give a brief and concise review of the starting commands and procedures to be used for the start with all competitors immediately before the race.
 - (i) One whistle blast indicates “Runners to the line” position. Both arms of the starter, with a pistol in one hand and a red flag in the other, shall be held straight out from the shoulder at shoulder height. The position is to be held until all runners are on the line and steady.
 - (ii) In the “Runner set” position, the pistol and flag are raised slowly to straight overhead.
 - (iii) When all runners are steady, the pistol shall be fired. The start is a simultaneous act of firing the gun and pulling the flag down, providing both visual and auditory starting commands.

(iv) The recall is indicated with the head starter or recall starters firing the pistol and the head starter waving the flag up and down vigorously. If a runner falls within the first 100 meters due to contact with a nother runner, the race shall be recalled by a shot. Competitors shall be disqualified for a second false start.

Reason: I know this deviates from the text of IAAF Rule 250.7, but provides a clearly defined starting method that most national level athletes are familiar with through their own participation at the NCAA Championships.

Item 115 – Submitted by Mike Scott, Cross Country Council, approved for submission John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair

Amend Rule 145.3 as follows:

A finish chute similar to a road event finish should be constructed to enable the race officials to hold each runner until the method or methods of scoring are applied. It is recommended that at least two independent systems (e.g., cards in order of finish and recording of competitor numbers) be used to score. At the Open and Junior National Cross Country Championships, three independent systems must be used, at least one of which shall be a high-quality videotape record or photo-timing of the finish.

Reason: The National Cross Country Championships provide a unique challenge at the finish line, due to the size and caliber of the fields. Multiple, independent records of the order of finish need to be recorded, including a visual record of the finish

Item 116 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 145.4 and renumber:

Finishers should be recorded and timed according to Rule 136.

Reason: Timing is not specified in the Cross Country section. Although most people would know that the criterion used for Road Racing and Long Distance running should apply, this clearly specifies that. However, it is now in a new section and separated from Section IV.

Item 117 – Submitted by William Pollinger, New Jersey Association, approved for submission by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 150.3(a) as follows:

In track races a competitor who is disqualified must immediately leave the track. In road races the disqualified competitor must, immediately after being disqualified, remove the distinguishing numbers that he or she is wearing and leave the course. A

competitor who fails to leave the track or course, as required by this Rule, shall be subject to Rule 65.8. No finishing time shall be listed in the results for any ((athlete))competitor who receives notice of disqualification after the competitor has completed the race((distance)).

Reason: First, consistency in reference to an individual competitor and use of the term "competitor" throughout the rules. (might this be housekeeping?) Also, the word "distance" is not meaningful since the intent is that completion of a "race" shall not affect a disqualification regardless of when the notice is given. And, in some races - one hour or two hours - the race is determined by time not by distance.

Item 118– Submitted by Steve Vaitones, from William Pollinger, New Jersey association

Amend Rule 150.3(c) as follows:

A race must have a minimum of three certified Judges as prescribed in Rule 39.1(d). For record requirements, see Rule 186.3.

Reason: Why not have a direct reference to certification ?

Item 119 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 160.3(c) as follows:

In ((the)) any running event((s)), a competitor shall be disqualified ((in any event)) if he or she has made ((three)) two false starts.

Reason: Compliance with IAAF as of 01 January, 2003.

Item 120 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 160.4(b) as follows:

In field events of combined competition for women, when more than one flight is required, a minimum of 30 minutes shall be allowed between the last attempt of the previous flight and the beginning of competition in the next flight. In the women's hurdles, where feasible, a minimum of 10 minutes shall be allowed between flights. ((This rule is to insure rather than limit adequate warm-up time.)) Competition in a sub-subsequent flight may begin prior to 30 minutes (10 minutes in the hurdles) after the previous flight with the approval of all competitors.

NOTE: This rule is to insure rather than limit adequate warm-up time.

Reason: Should be a Note at the end of the paragraph.

Item 121 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 160.9 as follows:

A competitor failing to attempt to start or take a trial in any event of the competition shall be considered to have abandoned the competition and shall not be allowed to participate in any following events. Such competitor shall therefore not be included in the final placing or scoring, but shall have their performances before withdrawing recorded in the results of the competition. Any competitor deciding to withdraw from the competition shall immediately inform the Referee of his/her decision to do so.

Reason: Stop the practice of not reporting any of the performances of those who have withdrawn.

Item 122 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 160.11 as follows:

Except as otherwise provided in these rules, scoring shall be based on the current IAAF Scoring Tables for Combined Events.

Reason: There is also a Scoring Tables for Athletics and an Indoor Scoring Table.

Item 123 – Submitted by Kenny Emrick and Glenn Fortune, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 180.5 as follows:

When a national Youth record has been equaled or bettered at the IAAF World Youth Championship, that record may be ratified as a Youth record based on the officials results of the meet without the need for a formal record application. However, an application and/or other appropriate documentation shall be required by the Records Committee whenever it has received information creating some reasonable doubt as to the correctness of the official result.

Item 124 – Submitted by Leon Glover and approved by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 182.4.(a) as follows:

For all outdoor records up to and including 200 Meters and 200 Meter Hurdles (Youth Athletics) and for the Long Jump and Triple Jump, the component of the wind velocity in the direction of the running shall be measured by an approved mechanism that accurately determines such component. This wind information shall be provided on the record application. If the average velocity of the wind, measured in the direction of the running behind the competitor, exceeds 2.0m per second the record will not be

accepted, except in the combined events, as per subparagraph (b) below. In the case of a record, in addition to the wind gauge operator, at least one other official shall confirm the reading of the gauge. The wind gauge operator shall confirm that the gauge (manual or automatic) is operating properly as soon as possible and attest to that fact on the record sheet and/or the race results or wind gauge sheet.

Reason: The timers watches or the computer time is checked, why isn't the wind gauge given the same degree of verification?

Item 125 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 183.6, as follows:

The record must be made on a track of which the radius of the outside lane used does not exceed ((60m)) 50m, except where the bend is formed with two different radii, one of which may exceed ((60m))50m as long as it does not account for more than 60 degrees of the 180-degree turn.

Reason: to conform to IAAF Rule 260.8(e). This difference has existed since 2000 when the IAAF added the World Record Requirements section with the rewrite of the handbook., Note 50 m radius of outside lane allows for 10 lanes at maximum width of 1.25 m, i.e. 38.00 maximum radius plus 9x1.25=49.25 m.

Item 126 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 183.10(a) as follows:

Records for the 10,000 Meters or a shorter distance conducted on the track require a border complying with Rule 62.3 except for that portion of the steeplechase that is run inside or outside the standard track, or that portion of the curb which is removed during the conduction of a field event, which portion shall be marked with a white line and cones or flags complying with Rule 62.3(b).

Reason: To allow records to be set when a portion of the curb must be removed for high jump or javelin but marked with cones. Currently although intended in 62.3(a) it seems to be excluded here. Note alternatively we could just delete the exception and quote 62.3 a and b as applicable so only one place in the book.

Item 127 – Submitted by Phil Stewart, Potomac Valley Association, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

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 as measured along the straight line between them, ((except when it can be shown that the average component of the wind direction at the head of the race (the lead runner) did not constitute a significant tailwind.

NOTE: A tailwind shall be deemed to be significant if it prevails consistently throughout more than 50% of the course during the race.))

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 128 – Submitted by Phil Stewart, Potomac Valley Association, approved for submission by Bill Roe, USATF President

Delete ((Rule 185.6))

Reason: IAAF Conformance

Item 129 – David Katz, Long Island Association, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Add a new Rule 185.10

For Age Group (Youth or Masters) Road Races records may be submitted based on the use of a transponder timing system which uses at least two start and two finish line mats in series. The start mats both must be placed before the actual measured starting line and the finish mats both must be placed after the measured finish line, i.e. and recorded time from the system will be for a distance greater than the measured distance. The time will be the time between the start of the system by the first recorded time of a runner on the last mat before the start line to the time of the finisher on the first mat after the finish line. The times from the first mat in the direction of the runners before the start and the second mat beyond the finish line can be considered independent times and can be used to verify the record time.

Item 130 – Submitted by Basil Honikman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 187 as follows:

Add Road Mile as a recognized record distance for Men's, Women's and Masters Long Distance Running.

Item 131 – Submitted by Basil Honikman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 187 by adding the following as recognized record events for Men's, Women's and Masters Long Distance Running Records

Marathon Road Relay (5 member)Marathon Road Relay (6 member)

Reason: Since Rules 16 and 20 now include the Marathon Road Relay as a championship event, we should allow records to be set.

Item 132 – Submitted by George Kleeman and Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee on behalf of David Post

Replace Rule 200 in total with the following which defines two types of weights, one hard and one soft.

Rule 200

Weight

1. Construction—The weight shall consist of three parts: a head, a handle and a connection assembly which may include a harness.
2. Head—The head shall be a solid sphere or a spherical bladder.
 - (a) The solid sphere shall be made of metal not softer than brass or of a shell of such metal or hard plastic, filled with lead or other material. If a filling is used, it must be inserted in such a manner that it is immovable and that the center of gravity shall be not more than 9 mm from the center of the sphere. The maximum diameter of a sphere with a shell of hard plastic shall be no more than 15 mm larger in diameter than the corresponding all metal implement and may only be used for indoor competitions. See table in 200.6 for specifications.
 - (b) Where indoor facilities dictate and for weights lighter than 56 lbs., a spherical bladder head may be used. The spherical bladder shall be made of a synthetic material which will return to its shape after impact. The bladder shall be filled with lead shot or other suitable material. The bladder shall be surrounded by a harness and have no maximum diameter requirement.
3. Handle—The handle shall be made of a round steel ((metal)) rod, ((not to exceed)) 12.7 mm (+/- 1 mm) in diameter, bent in a triangular shape ((form)), so that no side exceeds ((184)) 190 mm nor is smaller than 102 mm, inside measurement. A handle with no permanent connection point shall have all sides of the same length. ((It)) The handle must be rigid and ((must not stretch appreciably)) not show evidence of elasticity or malformation while the implement is being thrown.
4. Connection—The handle shall be connected either directly to the head or to a harness.
 - (a) The direct connection shall be by means of no more than two steel links (loops), each of whose diameter shall be ((not exceed)) 9.5 mm (+/- 1 mm). The handle shall be connected to the links by a loop; a swivel may not be used. The head may be connected to the links by means of a swivel that may be either plain or with ball bearings.

(b) The connect to a harness shall be by means of no more than two steel links (loops) each of whose diameter shall be 9.5 mm (+/- 1 mm), and a swivel between the two links. The harness shall have a minimum of six, each with a minimum width of 25.4 mm, sewn together to form a sling. Netting of any kind shall not be used to form the harness. The harness must rigid and not show evidence of elasticity or malformation while the implement is being thrown.

5. Length—The overall length of the complete implement as thrown, from the bottom surface of the head to the inside surface of the handle (grip), shall not exceed 40.64 cm at any time while the implement is being thrown.

6. The weight shall conform to the following specifications:

Name	56 lb	35 lb	25 lb	20 lb	16 lb	12 lb
Nominal Weight kg	25.40	15.88	11.34	9.08	7.26	5.45
Min. Record Wt kg	25.400	15.880	11.340	9.080	7.260	5.450
Diameter min. mm (all)	-	145	130	120	110	100
*Diameter max. mm (Metal Head)	-	165	150	140	130	120

* The maximum diameter for a plastic shell is 15 mm greater.

Reason: To better define the weight and to eliminate the elongation that has occurred in some brands of implements in the last two years. I allowed the plastic sphere to be larger since it will have less weight than a metal shell and thus need more room for lead shot. I believe this specification allows all but #4 (bag type) of the types of implements you listed below. It does exclude netting of any kind for the bag.

Types of Weights

1. Metal head
2. Metal head with synthetic covering
3. Hard synthetic or metal shell with lead or other filling
4. Bag-type with a bladder that doesn't return to an approximate sphere after impact
5. A very durable bladder in a harness that returns to a sphere after impact

Item 133 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Carl Mosley

Amend Rule 201.6 as follows for the 5 kg hammer:

Length (min, mm)	((1175))	<u>1165</u>
Length (max, mm)	((1215))	<u>1200</u>

Reason: To conform to IAAF and WMA.

Item 134 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Brian Springer

Amend Rule 203.2 as follows:

Change the maximum edge thickness specification from ((13 mm)) to 14 mm for all implements.

Reason: The manufacturer Palle Densam has petitioned the IAAF to make this change since they originally certified the Denfi SkyMaster 1kg discus before the rule change. Some have been found to be marginally thicker than 13 mm.

Item 135 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 205.3 as follows:

The grip, which shall be ((about)) over the center of gravity, shall not exceed the diameter of the shaft by more than 9 mm ((millimeters)).

Reason: To conform with IAAF and WMA on where center of gravity is located, i.e. under the grip and not before the grip. The other change is editorial since other specifications are in mm.

Item 136 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Rex Harvey

Amend Rule 205.4 as follows:

Change the overall length minimum specification for the 500g Javelin from ((2100 mm)) to 2000 mm.

Reason: To conform to WMA rule. Will leave the maximum length at 2200 mm although WMA's is 2100 mm maximum. It is believe the WMA spec and the IAAF spec are the same but there are no specs in the IAAF Handbook. Currently some manufactures are following the WMA spec and others USATF. WMA plans to widen the spec as proposed here to allow either.

Item 137 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of David Post

Amend the table in Rule 205.7 as follows:

Distance from tip of tail to CG min., ((309))365 mm
Distance from tip of tail to CG max., ((325))380 mm

Reason: Incorrect specification inadvertently was copied last year. There is no intent in change the implement with this change. It just changes how it is specified.

Item 138 - Submitted by Eddie Seese, Pacific Association, PV Specifications Task Force, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 218.1 as follows

Uprights—Any style or kind of uprights or posts may be used provided they are rigid. In the High Jump, the uprights should be sufficiently tall to exceed each height to which the bar is raised by at least 10cm. For the Pole Vault, cantilevered uprights ((~~may~~))shall be used. For the Pole Vault, it is ((~~recommended~~))required that the metallic structure of the base of the uprights be covered with padding of appropriate material in order to provide protection to an athlete who may land on it. This padding shall have similar deceleration characteristics as the pole vault pit. This padding shall be tested by the manufacturer in accordance with ASTM F 1292-99. The padding shall be labeled to show what height the 2000 GMAX and 1000 HIC it is tested too.

Item 139 - Submitted by Eddie Seese, Pacific Association, PV Specifications Task Force, approved for submission by George Kleeman, Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 218.11 as follows:

Landing Areas—Where it is feasible, the landing area for the High Jump should measure not less than 6m long by 4m wide; for the Pole Vault it should measure not less than ((~~7m~~))6.15m long by 6m wide. There shall be a minimum of 5 m of landing surface behind the box. The landing area for the High Jump and Pole Vault should be composed of soft material other than sawdust or shavings of such composition and construction to provide a soft landing. A front pad, similar in material and dimensions to the landing area, may be used to cover the area surrounding the take-off box of the Pole Vault and extending between the standards. In the High Jump, the landing area should be a minimum height of .762m (30 in.); in the Pole Vault, it ((~~should~~))shall be a minimum height of ((~~.914m (36 in.)~~))0.71 m (28 in.) above the take-off. The side of the landing area nearest to the box shall be placed 10-15cm from the box and shall slope away from the box at an angle of approximately 30 degrees. Supplemental padding shall be used to pad all hard and unyielding surfaces surrounding the vault box. This padding shall taper away at similar angles as the vault box. This padding shall be tested by the manufacturer in accordance with ASTM F 1292-99. The padding shall be labeled to show what height the 2000 GMAX and 1000 HIC it is tested too.

Item 140 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Ed Parrot

Amend Rule 240.1(f) as follows:

Participation in Youth Athletics Championships and Junior Olympic programs shall be restricted to United States citizens, ((~~aliens~~)) non-citizens living in the United States, and foreign exchange students.

Reason: To make it clearer who is considered to be eligible.

Item 141 – Submitted by Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Youth Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 240.2 by adding a new section (h)

1. At the National Youth Athletics Championship there will be 2 physicians and 5 athletic trainers during the combined events competition and 3 physicians and 8 athletic trainers during regular competition each day.
2. At the Junior Olympics National Championship there will be 2 physicians and 5 athletic trainers during the combined events competition and 4 physicians and 10 athletic trainers during regular competition each day.

Item 142 – Submitted by Glenn Fortune and Ken Emerick, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 241 as follows:

Intermediate Division
2000 Meter Steeplechase ((B))

Young Men's/Women's Division
2000 Meter Steeplechase ((B))

Reason: This is to make the Intermediate Girls and Young Women Steeplechase an official event in Youth Athletics.

Item 143 – Submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee and Dr. James Fields

Amend Rule 241 as follows and modify Rule 242.4 as needed.

Add under Intermediate Division and Young Women's Division
1500m Steeplechase (Girls)

Reason: Match the boys event and add to the development of the event. It is suggested that the distance be introduced as 1500 meters and be reviewed in two or four years for possible increase in distance to 2000 meters.

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

Amend Rule 241 and 242.5 by adding to the list of events and regulations and specifications

Intermediate Division
Hammer Boys 12lb Girls 4k

Young Men's/Women's Division
Hammer Boys12lb Girls 4k

Item 145 – Submitted by Glenn Fortune and Ken Emerick, Youth Rules Committee

Amend Rule 242.3 by adding a new (d) and renumber

In sprint relays the outgoing runners may place a suitable material as determined by meet management on the track. If other than adhesive tape, then it must be made clear in the meet info (passport) and meet management must supply the suitable material to be used to all teams.

Reason: Some tracks are not letting us put tape on them

Item 146 – Submitted by Glenn Fortune and Ken Emerick, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 242.4(b) as follows:

The Steeplechase distance for Intermediate ~~((Boys))~~ and Young Men's/Women's Divisions is 2000 meters.

Note: For steeplechase course and hurdle specifications see Rule 81.2 and Rule 81.3.

Item 147 – Submitted by and Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Youth Rules Committee

Amend Rule 242.5 by adding a new section (i) and renumber remaining subsections.

In order to stage a Youth division hammer or discus competition a protective cage is required (see Rule 211). If there is no cage or the cage is in such condition that it is not considered safe by the appropriate referee or his or her designee, then event shall not be held.

Item 148 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 242.5(b) as follows:

The first three trials of the horizontal jumps and throws may be contested in flights of not less than 7 competitors. Flights will be composed on the basis of the submitted qualifying marks and shall be arranged with the highest qualifying flight competing last. Competing order within each flight shall be by lot. Competing order in the single flight for the last three trials shall be in accordance with Rule 90.4(e).

Item 149 -- Submitted by the Murray Sanford, Georgia Association President.

Amend Rule 242.5 (c) as follows:

At meets other than ((Association,)) Regional and National Championships the Games Committee may use a four-attempt rule in lieu of three preliminary and three final attempts for finalists in the horizontal jumps and throws. Use of the four-attempt option must be stated prior to the beginning of the competition.

Reason: This change would do much to decrease the amount of time it takes to contest the horizontal jumps and throws in Association Championships with large numbers of entries in these events.

Item 150 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee on behalf of Eddie Seese

Amend Rule 242.5(m) as follows:

In the High Jump and Pole Vault, a competitor who has passed three consecutive heights after the competition has begun may be permitted a warm-up jump without the crossbar in place. One such jump may be taken for each three passed heights and ((should))shall be taken as earned, not cumulatively.

Reason: This will make every vaulter do it in the same way, no matter where they are competing.

Item 151 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 242.6(a) as follows:

((Scoring of combined events shall be in accordance with the current IAAF tables.))
Rule 160 shall be followed unless otherwise provided herein.

Reason: Make the full rule on Combined Events part of Youth and list only exceptions.

Item 152 – Submitted by Glenn Fortune and Ken Emerick, Youth Rules Committee

Amend Rule 242.6(d) as follows:

In accordance with Rule 160.3(c), an athlete is disqualified in running events only after the ((third))second false start.

Reason: To bring it into conformance with Rule 160.3 which goes into effect January 2003.

Item 153 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Delete ((Rule 242.6(d)))and renumber

Reason: The new rule is after two false starts, and is part of Rule 160.

Item 154 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Delete ((Rule 242.6(e)))and renumber

Reason: Three attempts is the existing language in Rule 160.

Item 155 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee

Delete ((Rule 242.6(f)))and renumber

Reason: The international increments are 10cm and 3cm, which are started in Rule 160.

Item 156 – Submitted by Pat Pretty, Wisconsin Association President

Add a new Rule 242.5(l) and renumber:

In the Pole Vault, participants shall sign a release form releasing the meet organizers from liability.

Reason: I favor more of what we do at the HS level-that is each athlete and coach must sign off on the athlete's entry sheet that they confirm to the pole's weight. No scale is used. Naturally, all poles are inspected, extra tape removed, etc before they compete but the NHS Federation allows each state to set their own requirements.

Item 157 – Submitted by Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Youth Rules Committee

Amend Rule 243.1(c) as follows

The 800 Meters and the 4x800 Meter relay shall be run with a one turn stagger. The maximum number per heat shall be 12. When the number of competitors exceeds the number of lanes, the excess competitors shall share the even-numbered lanes starting from lane 8 and working into lane 2. Eight (8) competitors (9 on a 9-lane track) shall advance to the final of the 800 Meters. At Association and Regional meets timed finals may be run with no more than 12 per section.

Item 158 – Submitted by Glenn Fortune and Ken Emerick, Youth Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 245.2(d) as follows:

Track and field shall advance the top three placed individuals and the top three placed relay teams from Regional to National. The combined events shall advance the top two placed individuals automatically and a third shall advance after meeting a performance standard at the Regional Championship. That performance standard is the average of the 8th place in the last three National Junior Olympic Championships. The host Association shall qualify a like number.

Reason: To clarify that the top three advance and remove the thought that someone other than the top three individuals or relay teams can advance.

Item 159 – Submitted by Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Youth Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 245.2 by adding a new section (d) and renumber:

The Youth Athletics Executive Committee may advance any athlete into the National Junior Olympics meet because of extraordinary circumstances. The request must be made through the Regional Coordinator in writing, who must submit it to the Youth Athletics National Chairperson.

Item 160 – Submitted by Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Youth Rules Committee.

Add a new Rule 245.2(f) as follows:

Athletes who tie for third place at the Regional meet shall be advanced to the National Junior Olympic Championships.

Item 161 – Submitted by Ken Emerick and Glenn Fortune, Youth Rules Committee.

Amend Rule 245.5(b) as follows:

(b) USATF Junior Olympics awards are provided free at the following levels and in the following categories:

	Track & Field	Combined Events	Cross Country
Preliminary meets	top 6 ribbons	top 6 ribbons	top 6 ribbons
Association meets	top 3 medals	top 3 medals	top 10 medals
Regional meets	top 3 medals	top 3 medals	top 15 medals
National championships	top ((6)) 8 medals	top ((6)) 8 medals	top 25 medals

Item 162 – Submitted by Steve Vaitones, Rules Committee

Delete ((Rule 246.2(a)))

Reason: with the plethora of youth national championship, are the additional pilot programs listed necessary (and have the road running National events ever been held?). New pilot programs, without the need to hold them on a National basis, are still possible under other sections of Rule 246.

Item 163 – Submitted by Jeff Schaller, Inland Northwest Association and approved for submission by Mark Winitz, President Inland Northwest Association

Amend Rules 262.1 (f), as follows:

In order to complete the National Track and Field Championships within the schedule, the Masters Track and Field Committee may adopt and publish a table for advancement to replace that of rule 75.1(h), as long as the principles for advancement are maintained: advancement is primarily by place; and at least two, and preferably three or more, competitors ((will)) should advance on place from any heat to the subsequent round, (although fewer than two competitors may advance on place from any heat to the subsequent round WHEN NECESSARY), and at least one (when two heats are necessary) or two (when three or more heats are necessary) competitors shall advance by time (F.A.T.) from the first round.

Reason: To establish a rule that reflects practice that is sometimes necessary when only one preliminary (a semifinal) round can be scheduled, and to add wording that reflects advancement by time as stated in the rule 75 tables of advancement.

Item 164 – Submitted by Jeff Schaller, Inland Northwest Association and approved for submission by Mark Winitz, President Inland Northwest Association

Add a new Rule 262.1(g) and renumber

In a four day outdoor or three day indoor championship, there should be no more than two rounds of competition in any track event longer than 110m; a semifinal and a final.

Reason: To establish an events schedule that is more realistic and practical for masters athletes and their championship meet(s).

Item 165 – Submitted by Jeff Schaller, Inland Northwest Association and approved for submission by Mark Winitz, President Inland Northwest Association

Add new Rule 262.1(h) and renumber

The following national championships track competitions shall be conducted as follows:

i In the indoor 200m and 400m, two rounds of competition shall be run when the number of runners reporting exceeds the number of lanes. In the 55/60m events three competition rounds may be conducted.

ii In the indoor 800m, when warranted by the number of runners reporting, and while staying within the "minimum of three runners per section" rule, the number of runners on the track may exceed the number of lanes by running two waterfall alleys at the start; the first alley being the full width of the track, and the second alley being half the width of the track. Except for a final of one section (up to 11 runners/6 lane oval), the number of runners in the fastest section shall be no greater than the combined total of the number of lanes in each alley.

iii In the following indoor events, the maximum number of participants in any one section shall be determined by the following guidelines (proportional to the guidelines of rule 75.1 (c)): 1500/mile, twice the number of lanes; 3k run, two plus twice the number of lanes; racewalk, three times the number of lanes.

Reason: To define advancement procedures for the indoor sprints and to set standards of maximum participation for fair starts and competition in national indoor races (proportional to the outdoor standards) that are not described in rules 11 or 75. The proposed indoor 800m standard is a compromise formulated to reasonably maximize competition in the fastest section.

Item 166 – Submitted by Jeff Schaller, Inland Northwest Association and approved for submission by Mark Winitz, President Inland Northwest Association

Amend Rule 262.1(j) as follows:

In events of 2000m or longer, ((and in the 300/400 meter Hurdles,)) timed finals shall be run. In events of 2000 meters or longer, the number of participants per section is limited by Rule 75.1(c). The total number in any race walk should not exceed 24. For seeding of timed finals, see Rule 75.4

Reason: It is inappropriate that there be an exception for this event that excludes preliminary competition in a four day national championship meet.

Item 167 – Submitted by Jeff Schaller, Inland Northwest Association and approved for submission by Mark Winitz, President Inland Northwest Association

Add a new Rule 262.1(n) as follows:

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 75.1(c)(ii) (outdoor 1500m - 5k Run), and rule 242.1 (c) or a four box start (outdoor 800m), may be applied in the same manner that rule 90.4 (d) is used in field events to increase the number of final contestants.

Reason: To describe circumstances and procedures for assurance to USA citizen athletes for their opportunity for head-to-head final competition for the top three national awards.

Item 168 – Submitted by Jeff Schaller, Inland Northwest Association and approved for submission by Mark Winitz, President Inland Northwest Association

Amend Rule 262 by reordering the sections as follows:

- 262.1 General: current rules 262.1 (a), (b), (c), (e), (i), (l), and (m)
- 262.2 Seeding and Advancement: current rules 262.1 (d), (f), (g), (h), and (j)
- 262.3 WMA/non-WMA Specifications: The current rule 262.2.

Reason: To make the masters section of the rule book a more efficient, user-friendly reference.

Item 169 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 262 by reordering the sections

- 262.1 General will include 262.1(b), (g), and 262.2
- 262.2 Track will include 262.1(f), (d), (c), (j), (a), (h), (e), and hurdle specifications
- 263.3 Field will include 262.1 (h), (i), (k), (l), (m), and implement specifications

Item 170 – Submitted by George Kleeman, Rules Committee

Amend Rule 262.2(a) as follows:

- Change the last Line in Women's Outdoor Short Hurdle Table.
- Distance should be 80m in last line. In first line should be 0.840m (33").

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 assign a birth date to the athlete for U.S. competition purposes.

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 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.

Reasoning: Goes along with a Regulation 7/8 proposed changes which will 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.