

**Proposed Amendments to the 2008 USATF Rules of Competition
FINAL SCORECARD AND COMMITTEE REPORT**

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6	A	28	R	51	A	73-b	T	97	R
7	R	29	W	52	A	74	W	98	A
8	R	30	A	53	W	75	A	99	R
9	W	31	A	54	W	76	AA	100	R
9a	AA	32	AA	55	A	77	A	101	A
10	A	33	W	56	A	78	R	102	A
11	R	34	A	57	A	79	T	103	W
12	R	35	A	58	A	80	W	104	W
13	T	36	AA	59	T	81	AA	105	AA
14	AA	37	A	60	T	82	AA	106	T
15	AA	38	A	61	A	83	T	107	A
16	W	39	A	62	AA	84	R	108	R
17	A	40	A	63	A	85	A		
18	R	41	W	64	A	86	AA		
19	A	42	A	65	A	87	A		
20	A	43	A	66	W	88	A		
21	A	44	A	67	W	89	R		
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Final Recommendation of the Rules Committee:

A=Accepted AA= Accepted As Amended R=Rejected T=Tabled W=Withdrawn

NOTE: Item #2 was mistakenly listed as rejected. The correct action is to TABLE this item.

AMENDMENTS

Item 3 - Amend Rule 4.2 as follows:

Delete current Note. Add "or" to the end of Rule 4.2(b). Add new Rule 4.2(c) as follows:

An athlete with historical membership based upon Association residency (at least 3 continuous USATF membership years) in a club is eligible to compete for that club.

Item 9a - Delete Rule 10.3(b) and Add new Rule 8 and renumber:

RULE 8 – AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION

Automatic qualification, as listed in this section, shall not abrogate any entry requirements other than the qualifying requirements for a championship. Any athlete who attains any of the following shall be afforded automatic qualification into a USA Indoor, Outdoor, Race Walking or Marathon Championship or USA Olympic Team Selection in the same event in which the performance was attained:

1.. Track and Field.

- During the current or four previous calendar years, earned an individual medal in track and field in an Olympic Games or in an IAAF World Indoor or Outdoor Championship.
- Is the reigning USA Indoor or Outdoor champion.
- Has a World or Olympic 'A' Standard that would apply to the current championship team selection.
- Finish as one of the top 3 at the preceding year's corresponding national championship (Indoor qualifies for Indoor, Outdoor qualifies for Outdoor).

2.. Race Walking. During the current or four previous calendar years:

- Earned an individual medal in an Olympic Games or in an IAAF World Championships.
- Won an individual Championship at a USA Open Track Championships.
- Won a USA Championship in the Men's 50-Kilometer Walk.
- Earned a USA Olympic Team Selection.

3. Marathon. During the current or four previous calendar years:

- Earned an individual medal in an Olympic Games or in an IAAF World Championships.
- Won an individual USA Marathon Championship.
- Earned a USA Olympic Team Selection.

Item 14 - Amend by deleting the word 'prominently' from the last sentence.

Item 15 - 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 ((+)).

Add new Rule 27.2(c) and renumber:

The provisions of Rule 6.5 shall apply to the USA Olympic Team Selection Competition.

Item 22 - Amend the last sentence of Rule 131.1 as follows:

No Lap Scorer (~~(shall)~~) should be responsible for more than (~~(four)~~) three competitors (six in the case of ultramarathons and out of the stadium walking events).

NOTE: Whenever possible, an adequate number of trained lap scorers should be selected before the day of competition.

Item 32 - Amend Rule 144.3(f) as follows:

The visible possession or use by athletes of video, (~~(or)~~) audio or communications (~~(cassette recorders or players, TV's, CD, or DVD players, radio transmitters or receivers, mobile phones, computers, or any similar)~~) devices in the competition area. The Games Committee for an LDR event may allow the use of portable listening devices not capable of receiving communication; however, those competing in Championships for awards, medals, or prize money may not use such devices.

Item 36 - Amend Rule 146.2 as follows:

Protest relating to matters which developed during the conduct of the competition must be made to the Referee at once and no later than 30 minutes after a result has been announced, except in the case of long distance races, where the time period shall be 24 hours, and cross country races or the Professional Section of road races, as defined in the race material (website, entry form, etc.), where the time period shall be one hour. However, in the case of events in which the final results are not announced on the day of competition, the Games Committee may determine, and announce in the results that are released, a period not to exceed seven (7) days during which protest may be made to the meet or race director.

Item 62 - Amend Rule 195 as follows:

3. **Construction** - The weight shall consist of three parts: a head (ball), a handle, and a connection assembly which may contain a harness.

4. **Head** - (~~(The head shall be a solid sphere or a spherical bladder.~~

~~(a) The solid sphere shall be made of a metal not softer than brass, or of a shell of such metal or plastic filled with lead or other material, which will not deform on impact. 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 9mm from the center of the sphere. The maximum diameter of a sphere with a shell of plastic shall be no more than 15mm larger in diameter than the corresponding all metal implement and may only be used for indoor competitions. See table in 195.8 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 surrounded by a harness and have no maximum diameter requirement.))~~

The head shall be a sphere. The sphere shall be (a) made of solid metal not softer than brass or (b) manufactured from a shell of such material, or a suitable polymer, entirely filled with lead or other material inserted in such a manner that the material is immovable. The center of gravity shall be not more than 6mm from the center of the sphere as certified by the manufacturer. A filled

implement may deform upon impact, but must return to the shape of a sphere after such impact. See table in Rule 195.8 for specifications.

6. 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), whose diameters shall not exceed 9.5mm. ~~((The handle shall be connected to the steel links by a loop; a swivel may not be used.))~~

For the solid implement, the handle shall be connected to a steel link. A swivel may not be used at this connection. The head may be connected to the links by means of a swivel that may be either plain or with ball bearings ((for the solid sphere implement)).

For the ((plastic filled)) polymer shell implement, a swivel is allowed between the ((ball)) head and the handle without the use of links.

(b) The connection to a harness ~~((for the bladder type implement shall))~~ may be by means of no more than two steel links (loops), whose diameter shall not exceed 9.5mm and a swivel ~~((may be placed between the two links. The harness shall have a minimum of four straps, sewn together to form a sling)).~~ Netting of any kind shall not be used to form the harness. The harness must not stretch or show any evidence of elasticity where the overall length of the implement would increase while being thrown ((or malformation after the implement has been thrown)). A protective sleeve may be used around the links and/or swivel.

7. Length -

NOTE 2: *An implement presented for inspection must be measured for length with all components at their maximum lengths as designed by the manufacturer. Once the implement has been inspected and approved for competition, the implement shall not be altered or adjusted other than to be repaired by the Inspector of Implements.*

Item 73-a - Add a new Rule 261.3 and new Rule 261.4 as follows and renumber:

3. Each athlete who achieves an American Record or American Junior Record in any event recognized for a World Record by the IAAF, or in the 5km Road Race, and excluding the Marathon Relay and the 100km, shall submit to a doping control at the end of the event, to be conducted in accordance with IAAF Rules and Procedural Guidelines currently in force. In the case of a relay record, all members of the team shall be tested. The sample(s) collected shall be sent for analysis to a WADA-accredited laboratory and the results sent, as indicated in Rule 261.2, to be added to other information required for the ratification of the record. If such testing results in a doping violation, or if such testing is not conducted, USATF will not ratify this record. The provisions of this rule are effective as of January 1, 2010.

Item 73-b – Tabled

Add a new Rule 261.4 as follows

4. If an athlete has admitted that, at some time prior to achieving an American Record, the athlete had used or taken advantage of a substance or technique prohibited at that time, then, subject to the advice of the appropriate Sport Committee, such record shall not continue to be regarded as a record by USATF.

Item 76 – Replace the submission with the following

Replace 265.3 as follows:

A post validation may require a remeasurement if the original measurement has not met the criteria established by the validation chairman, approved by the executive committee of the RRTC, and publicly available on the USATF website.

Item 81 – add the following to the submission.

iii. Athletes that have no parent/legal guardian residing in an Association may compete in a bordering Association for ‘just cause’ with the approval in writing of both the Youth Chair and Membership Chair of both the Association of ‘Permanent Residency’ and the Association of ‘Non-Residency’, and placed on file in the National office.

Item 82 – Replace the submission with the following

Amend Rule 143.10 NOTE: as follows

Youth Athletics and road races, except for the size of the name of the sponsor, may vary the overall size of the number bib and height of the numeral.

Item 86 – Amend paragraph (b) of the submission as follows:

(b) In the Association or Regional championship, whenever the number of competitors reporting for an event makes heats, as required in this Rule, unnecessary, the event may be run as a final at the time in the program so scheduled for the heats.

Item 93 - Replace the submission with the following

Add new Rule 202 as follows and renumber:

Throw-a-Thon

1. The competition consists of the following five (5) events: Hammer Throw, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw and Weight Throw. The events shall be contested in the above mentioned order and at such intervals as shall be determined by the Games Committee.
2. Three trials shall be allowed in each of three weights for each event. The three weights, and the order of their throw, shall be the standard weight, the next higher weight and the next lower weight for the age and gender of the competitor. If the higher or lower weight is not available, the standard weight for the age and gender shall be thrown.
3. The winner shall be the competitor who has scored the highest total points after combining the best performance for each of the three (3) weights in each event for all five (5) events, scored on the basis of the Official International Scoring Tables or similarly prepared tables for the individual events.

Item 105 - Add new Rule 333.3 as follows:

Team Championships

In race walking events, except those conducted as part of the Masters Track and Field Championship, team championships shall be conducted in 10-year age divisions for men and women. For all divisions, the number of entries for each team shall be unlimited, the number of declared team members shall be up to five (5), and three (3) individuals shall score. Team Championships at the Association level are optional.

ALSO FOR INFORMATION
 Current RULE 202.3 – Ultraweight Pentathlon

Age Group	Weight	Super-Weight	35#	44#	56#	98#	200#	300#
MEN								
Open-49	35	56				x	x	x
50-59	25	56				x	x	x
60-69	20	44			x	x	x	
70-79	16	35		x	x	x		
80 +	12	25	x	x	x			

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WOMEN								
Open-49	20	35			x	x	x	
50-59	16	25		x	x	x		
60-79	12	25		x	x	x		
70+	12	20	x	x	x			