

## **Absence from Competition – Field Events**

**1. If the competitor has not secured permission to be excused (All field events):**

**(USATF, NCAA, & NFHS)** If a competitor leaves the field event venue during preliminary or final competition, his/her name is called "up" in order, time is allowed to expire, and the competitor is charged with a failed attempt.

**2. If the competitor has secured permission to be excused:**

**a. Throws and horizontal jumps preliminary competition**

1) **(USATF & NCAA):** If athletes are competing in another event, the Head Judge of the event may allow them to take preliminary attempts, but not the final attempts, out of order within the competitor's designated flight, which may or may not be in succession. If a competitor is not present for a trial, it shall be deemed that the competitor is passing once the allowable time has elapsed. Excused competitors must not delay the start of the finals. Reassignment to another flight may not be made to accomplish such an absence.

2) **(NFHS):** If athletes are competing in another event during the preliminary competition, the HFJ of the event may allow them to be excused within the time limits set by the Games Committee. Trials may be taken in succession or out of order to accommodate those who are excused. The Head Judge should encourage them to take their trials in the preliminaries prior to departing. If a competitor elects not to take all their attempts, and the authorized time has expired, the competitor is called "up," time is allowed to expire, a "pass" is awarded for the remaining attempt(s); then the Head Judge must close the preliminaries and set the order of competition for the finals.

**b. Throws and horizontal jumps finals competition**

1) **(USATF & NCAA):** There are no excusals during the finals. Competitors leaving the venue for another event do so at their own risk. Each competitor is called "up" in the order they are listed on the event sheet. If a competitor is not present for a trial in the finals, it shall be deemed that the competitor is passing once the allowable time has elapsed.

2) **(NFHS):** If a competitor is competing in another event during the final competition, the Head Judge of the event may allow the competitor to be excused within the time limits set by the Games Committee. Trials may be taken in succession or out of order to accommodate those who may be excused. The Head Judge should encourage competitors to take their trials in the preliminaries prior to departing. If the competitor has elected not to take all his attempts, and the authorized time has expired, the competitors will called "up," allow the time to expire, award a "pass" for the remaining attempt(s); then the Head Judge must close the finals and score the event.

**c. Vertical jumps competition:**

1) **(USATF, NCAA, & NFHS):** The Head Judge may allow attempts out of order, which may or may not be in succession. The competition continues in the excused competitor's absence and the competitor shall compete at the existing height upon their return, being allowed the number of attempts the competitor had remaining when excused. If the competitor is not present for a trial before the bar is raised, it shall be recorded as the competitor has "passed" attempt(s) at that height once the allowable time has elapsed.