

USATF RULES COMMITTEE SCORECARD

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Conference Call Actions:

1=Grammar / Punctuation

2=Housekeeping

3=Current Practice

4=Recommend Approval

5=Discuss / Refer

6=Recommend Reject

7=Recommend Table

W=Withdrawn

a=amended

Final Actions: A=Accepted

AA= Accepted As Amended

R=Rejected

T=Tabled

W=Withdrawn

~~((Double parenthesis))~~ indicates removal. Underline indicates addition. ## - Renumber required.

There are no Tabled items from the prior year.

Item 1 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 10.2(a) as follows:

Following are the standard events for the USA Open and Junior Outdoor Track and Field Championships:

Men's Events ... Decathlon

Women's Events ... Heptathlon

Rationale: *These events, under the jurisdiction of the Men's and Women's Sport Committees respectively, are part of the standard Championship events. Their omission from the list seems to have been an oversight.*

Item 2 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 11.2(a) as follows:

Following are the standard Championship events for the USA Indoor Track and Field Championships (Open or Junior):

Men's Events ... Heptathlon

Women's Events ... Pentathlon

Rationale: *These events, under the jurisdiction of the Men's and Women's Sport Committees respectively, are part of the standard Championship events. Their omission from the list seems to have been an oversight.*

Item 3 – Submitted by Phil Greenwald, Rules Committee Men's LDR. Amend Rule 21.1 as follows:

The Mountain/Ultra/Trail Running Council may annually conduct **Junior and/or Open and/or Masters Mountain and/or Ultra-Marathon and/or Trail Running Championships** at such distances as it deems appropriate. These Championships shall be conducted using the rules for each type of race. See Rules 240 – 256.

Rationale: *Add back the permission for Junior Championships in the Mountain and Trail categories. Ultra-marathon length junior championships will not be allowed if the revised Rule 141 is approved. See Item # 4.*

Item 4 – Submitted by Phil Greenwald, Rules Committee Men's LDR, Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 141 as follows:

1. Except as otherwise provided herein or in USATF's Operating Regulations, the following championship classifications shall be open to all member athletes of USATF who have complied with the requirements of these Rules, the Bylaws and the Operating Regulations:

(a) Open: The Open classification shall have no maximum age limit.

i. ~~((In men's and women's long distance running, the Open classification shall be limited to athletes sixteen (16) years and older on the day of the competition.))~~ In Men's Track and Field this classification has no minimum age limitation. In Women's Track and Field, athletes shall be fourteen (14) years or older on the day of the competition.

ii. ~~((In Open men's race walking and all other Open women's competition, athletes shall be fourteen (14) years or older on the day of the competition.))~~ In Men's and Women's Cross Country / Long Distance Running, this classification shall be limited to athletes sixteen (16) years and older on the day of the competition.

iii. In Men's and Women's Race Walking, athletes shall be fourteen (14) years or older on the day of the competition.

(b) Junior: The Junior classification shall be limited to athletes who are fourteen (14) years or older on the day of competition and will not become twenty (20) years of age during the year of the competition.

(c) Youth: The Youth classification shall be limited to athletes who have not attained nineteen (19) years of age as of the final day of the National Junior Olympic Track and Field meet of the year of competition.

NOTE: *This is not the same as the IAAF definition of Youth.*

(d) Masters: The Masters classification shall:

- i. In Track and Field and Race Walking, be limited to athletes who are at least thirty-five (35) years old on the first day of the meet.
 - ii. In Long Distance Running, be limited to athletes who are at least forty (40) years old on the first day of the meet.
- NOTE:** *The USATF Masters starting age for LDR events is different than that defined by WMA or IAAF.*

2. Competition Limitations

The following limitations are applicable to all classifications.

(a) For events longer than 20km or one hour the age minimum shall be 16.

(b) For events longer than the one-half marathon or two hours the age minimum shall be 18.

(c) In Mountain Running, for events longer than 25km the age minimum should be 16.

NOTE: The date for the age calculation for a classification shall be as stated in Rule 141.1.

Rationale: *Young athletes should not be competing in long distance events. The initial concern was for long Mountain/Ultra/Trail events, but the same concerns arise in road running and race walking.*

Additional Rationale: *This separates Sports from specific events. This allows a Junior event longer than a ½ Marathon or 2 hours, however it invokes the overall and applicable age restriction. It includes current Rule 253.2(c), which would be deleted. Current Rule 15, Rule 16 and Rule 20 refer to Rule 141 for age limitations. Suggest the same language be added to Rule 21.*

Item 5 – Submitted by John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair. Amend Rule 141 as follows:

Except as otherwise provided herein or in USATF’s Operating Regulations, the following championship classifications shall be open to all member athletes of USATF who have complied with the requirements of these Rules, the Bylaws, and the Operating Regulations:

NOTE: For USATF qualifying competitions, age restrictions for the event to which the meet is a qualifier may impact a competitor’s classification and/or eligibility within the USATF competition.

Rationale: *Age limitations and/or restrictions in international competitions can vary as part of the Technical Regulations for the competition. This Note is a reminder of the varying limitations.*

Item 6 – Submitted by Phil Greenwald, Rules Committee Men’s LDR. Amend Rule 143.2 as follows:

In hot weather, an athlete competing in a long distance (~~road~~) run (road, track, mountain, or trail) may compete without a top shirt. This ruling will be made by the Referee with the approval of the Games Committee.

Rationale: *There is no reason to limit this to road races.*

Item 7 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Delete Rule 163.6(b) ## as follows:

Leaving Track(~~,Field~~) or Course

~~((In field events and in the combined events, with the permission of the Chief Judge of the event and accompanied by an official, a competitor may leave the immediate area of the competition during the progress of the competition (other than during a race). Competitors excused to compete in another event need not be accompanied.))~~

As a companion: –Add New Rule 180.11 ## as follows: IAAF #50 (2017)

A competitor may not leave the immediate area of a field event during the progress of the competition for reasons other than effecting the provisions of Rule 144.4(a) or Rule 144.4(g), unless the competitor has the permission of the Chief Judge and is accompanied by an official. If possible, a warning should first be given but for subsequent instances or in serious cases the athlete shall be disqualified. Competitors excused to compete in another event need not be accompanied.

Rationale: *This separates and relocates the field event portion of the current rule. It includes the reference and modifications made to Rule 144 and the IAAF in 2017. This item was approved as a deletion in 2017 in order to*

separate the running and field event provisions of the rule and have them appear in the appropriate location in the rules. However, the companion proposal to create a rule within Field Events, was not approved, therefore the deletion and relocation did not occur.

Item 8 – Submitted by Bill Quinlisk, President Adirondack Assn. Amend Rule 164.4 as follows:

The finish line on the surface, while theoretically of no appreciable width must actually have some width so that it may be more readily observed. This line should have a width of 5cm. In the case of events finishing outside the stadium the finish line ~~((may be up))~~ shall be 5cm to 30cm in width and ~~((may))~~ shall be of any color contrasting distinctively with the surface of the finish area.

NOTE: See Rule 244 for finish line requirements at road events. See Rule 256 for finish line requirements at cross country, mountain and trail events.

As a companion: – Amend Rule 244.1 as follows:

The finish ~~((should))~~ shall be marked with a line ~~((of width 15cm))~~ 5cm to 30cm in width in a color contrasting the running surface and of a material which will adhere to a fixed position on the running surface. The line shall be placed so that the finish of the course is the edge of the line closest to the approaching runners.

As a companion: – Amend Rule 256.2 as follows:

The finish line shall be marked both with a solid line ~~((5 to 10cm wide))~~ 5cm to 30cm in width of contrasting color to the ground placed across the width of the finish area and an overhead banner or other indicator of the finish line. ...

Rationale: *This amendment is in agreement with IAAF Competition Rule 164.1 and will create consistent definition of the finish line for all non-stadia events.*

Item 9 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 166.2(h) as follows:

On ~~((a six (6), eight (8), or nine (9)))~~ an eight or nine lane track, in the absence of extraordinary circumstances or ~~((published tables in the entry materials))~~ tables published and distributed not later than the start of any declaration period, the following table shall be used in determining the number of heats and advancement procedure for events run entirely or partially in lanes. On other tracks, the table should be modified to reflect the other provisions of this Rule.

WHERE HAND TIMING IS USED

FOR EIGHT LANES					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 8	0	-	0	-	1 to 8
9 to 16	0	-	2	3 + next 2 best times	8
17 to 24	0	-	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
25 to 32	4	3 + next 4 best times	2	3 + next 2 best times	8
33 to 40	5	4 + next 4 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
41 to 48	6	3 + next 6 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
49 to 56	7	3 + next 3 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8

FOR NINE LANES					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 9	0	-	0	-	1 to 9
10 to 18	0	-	2	4	8
19 to 27	0	-	3	3	9
28 to 36	4	4	2	4	8
37 to 45	5	3	2	4	8
46 to 54	6	3	2	4	8
55 +	Requires quarterfinals following the above pattern				

(WHERE FULLY AUTOMATIC TIMING IS USED

FOR EIGHT LANES					
Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 8	0	-	0	-	1 to 8
9 to 16	0	-	2	3 + next 2 best times	8
17 to 24	3	4 + next 4 best times	2	4	8
25 to 32	4	3 + next 4 best times	2	4	8
33 to 40	5	2 + next 6 best times	2	4	8
41 to 48	6	2 + next 4 best times	2	4	8

FOR NINE LANES					
Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 9	0	-	0	-	1 to 9
10 to 18	0	-	2	4 + next best time	9
19 to 27	0	-	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
28 to 36	4	6 + next 3 best times	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
37 to 45	5	5 + next 2 best times	3	3	9
46 to 54	6	4 + next 3 best times	3	3	9
55 to 63	7	3 + next 6 best times	3	3	9
64 to 72	8	3 + next 3 best times	3	3	9
73 to 81	9	3	3	3	9

FOR SIX LANES					
Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 6	0	-	0	-	1 to 6
7 to 12	0	-	2	2 + next 2 best times	6
13 to 18	3	3 + next 3 best times	2	3	6
19 to 24	4	2 + next 4 best times	2	3	6
25 to 30	5	3 + next 3 best times	3	2	6
31 to 36	6	2 + next 6 best times	3	2	6
37 to 42	7	2 + next 4 best times	3	2	6
43 to 48	8	2 + next 2 best times	3	2	6

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WHERE FULLY AUTOMATIC TIMING IS USED

FOR EIGHT LANES – IN LANE START RACES					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
<u>1 to 8</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1 to 8</u>
<u>9 to 16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>17 to 24</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>25 to 32</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>

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<u>33 to 40</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>41 to 48</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3 + next 6 best times</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>

FOR NINE LANES – IN LANE START RACES					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
<u>1 to 9</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>0</u>	-	<u>1 to 9</u>
<u>10 to 18</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>3 + next 3 best time</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>19 to 27</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>28 to 36</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>6 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>37 to 45</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>46 to 54</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>55 to 63</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3 + next 6 best times</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>64 to 72</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>

FOR EIGHT OR NINE LANES – 800 GROUP START					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
<u>17 to 36</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>3</u>	<u>2 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>37 to 48</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>3 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>2-in lane</u>	<u>3 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>

FOR EIGHT OR NINE LANES – 1500					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
<u>1 to 16</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>1 to 16</u>
<u>17 to 30</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>4 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>31 to 45</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>3</u>	<u>3 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>46 to 60</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>12</u>

FOR EIGHT OR NINE LANES – Steeplechase, 3000					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
<u>1 to 18</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>1 to 18</u>
<u>19 to 34</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>5 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>35 to 51</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>3</u>	<u>3 + next 5 best times</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>52 to 68</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5 + next 8 best times</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>5 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>14</u>

FOR EIGHT OR NINE LANES – 5000 Men					
Declared Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
<u>1 to 20</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>1 to 20</u>
<u>21 to 40</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>5 + next 6 best times</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>41 to 60</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>3</u>	<u>4 + next 4 best times</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>Women</u>	<u>0</u>	-	-	<u>See Rule 166.2(c).iv</u>	<u>16</u>

Rationale: *An advancement procedure, in accordance with Rule 166.2, has been published well before each Olympic Trials competition. Additionally, competitions to select a team to represent the USA frequently have ‘extraordinary circumstances’ requiring a modification to the Rule Book tables. Other factors, such as time constraints, qualifying windows or acceptable qualifying events, easily cause the need to alter the preset Rules Book advancement procedure. Therefore, two amendments are part of this proposal. The first is to allow for a replacement advancement procedure to be published and distributed closer to the date of the actual competition. The second is a replacement of the preset USATF Rules Book advancement tables with a set following the guideline of the last IAAF published Rule Book tables where there is distinction between events run in lanes versus not in lanes and an overall trend exists to not fully advance to a final based on place only.*

Item 10 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 170.12 ## as follows:

The Shuttle Hurdle Relay consists of four same-sex members running the Outdoor Short Hurdles in adjacent lanes in opposite directions using the same hurdle height, spacing, and distance as the standard Short Hurdle Distance. The passing zone shall be 1.22m in front of each starting line. After the race start, each team member must be motionless in a set position when they start and shall start only after the incoming team member’s torso breaks the plane of the leading edge of the passing zone. No baton or other exchange is required. Otherwise, all individual hurdle rules apply to each hurdler.

As a companion: Amend Rule 170.1 as follows:

The standard distances for outdoor shall be: 4x100m, 4x200m, 4x400m, 4x800m, 4x1500m, Shuttle Hurdle Relay, ‘Swedish’ Medley Relay (100, 200, 300, 400) and Sprint Medley Relay (200, 200, 400, 800). The standard distances for indoor shall be: 4x400m, 4x800m, Shuttle Hurdle Relay, Sprint Medley Relay (400, 200, 200, 800), and Distance Medley Relay (1200, 400, 800, 1600).

As a companion: Amend Rule 332.2(i) as follows:

~~In the Shuttle Hurdle Relay ((consists of four same sex members competing in 10 year age groups (30-39, 40-49, 50-59, etc.) running the Outdoor Short Hurdles in adjacent lanes in opposite directions using the same)) the hurdle height, spacing, and distance ((as)) are determined by the age of the youngest team member. ((After the race start, each team member must be in a set position when they start and shall start only after the incoming team member’s torso passes their respective start line. No baton or other exchange is required. Otherwise, all individual hurdle rules apply to each hurdler.))~~

Rationale: *Men’s and Women’s Track and Field maintains Shuttle Hurdle Relay records, but there has not been a definition of the event in at least 15 years. This puts it back into the book.*

Item 11 – Submitted by Laurie Boemker, Rules Committee Officials on behalf of Jim Hanley. Amend Rule 170.15 as follows:

... If dropped, it shall be recovered by the runner who dropped it. He/she may leave any assigned lane or the track to retrieve the baton provided that, by doing so, the distance to be covered is not lessened. ...

As a companion: Amend Rule 163.6(a) as follows:

NOTE: For relay exception, see Rule 170.15.

Rationale: *What happens if the dropped baton rolls or bounces off the track? The closest rule to cover this situation is USATF Rule 163.6 which states that a runner who voluntarily leaves the track shall not be allowed to rejoin the race and shall be disqualified for attempting to do so. Is the current Rule 170.15 really appropriate for the dropped baton scenario? High school (Rule 5-13-3) and NCAA (Rule 5-8-5) both clearly spell out that it is legal to leave the track to retrieve a dropped baton.*

Item 12 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 170.19 as follows:

... If a team does not follow this Rule, it shall be disqualified.

NOTE 1: The Games Committee may specify in the competition entry material that the number of additional athletes that may be used once a relay team has started in a competition may be a number more than two.

NOTE 2: For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.3.

Rationale: *The number of allowed substitutes, once a team has started to compete, was modified by the IAAF as of 20 June, 2018. This proposal adopts that modification.*

Item 13 – Submitted by Dan Pierce, Rules Committee V-Chair and Tania Schwindt. Amend Rule 180.9(b)ii as follows: Utilize two flights following the normal order of competition. (~~A jump-off shall resolve a tie for the highest place within each flight.~~) The overall placing will be determined by combining the results of both flights. (~~Ties for placing after combining the results shall not be broken.~~) Ties shall be broken, only as necessary, as determined by the Games Committee.

Rationale: *When two vertical event flights are held, under 2018 Rules, it may be necessary to break a tie between the top two athletes (placing 4th and 5th overall) in flight one. But the Rules would not allow a tie to be broken for first place overall, because they were from different flights. Neither of these is a desirable situation. There must be a better way.*

Item 14 – Submitted by Dan Pierce, Rules Committee V-Chair and Tania Schwindt. Amend Rule 180.10(c) as follows:
NOTE 1: *In field events, (~~except within the Combined Event,~~) the Referee shall not allow a competitor to take a trial in a different order in the final round of trials. The Referee may allow a competitor to do so during any earlier round of trials. In Combined Events, a change may be allowed in any round of trials. This subsection applies to one attempt at a time. It does not permit an athlete to take a given attempt after the next round of trials (or next trial in the vertical jumps) has begun.*
Rationale: *To clarify the Rule and more closely follow the language in IAAF Rule 142.3.*

Item 15 – Submitted by Laurie Boemker, Rules Committee Officials on behalf of Scott Phoenix and Bill Linhart. Amend Rule 180.11(a) as follows:

NOTE 1: *The officials and the Referee in particular must be fully aware of the current competition environment, including direction from Event Presentation, when deciding when to start the clock or to 'time out' and call a failure.*

NOTE 2: *Particular circumstances which should be taken into account are the availability of the runway for an athlete's trial in High Jump and Javelin Throw, when Track Events are being held simultaneously in the same competition area, and the distance for athletes to walk to and through the cage to reach the circle to take their trial in Discus Throw and Hammer Throw.*

Rationale: *There is a need for better clarification of when the trial begins. This submission serves to clarify and support Rule 180.11 and is consistent with Rule IAAF 180.17 practice and some current USATF practices.*

Item 16 – Withdrawn

Item 17 – Submitted by Laurie Boemker, Rules Committee Officials on behalf of Scott Phoenix and Bill Linhart. Amend Rule 180.11(b) as follows:

A clock that shows the remaining time allowed should be visible to the competitor. In addition, an official shall raise overhead and keep raised a yellow flag, or another suitable indicator, for the final (~~(+5))~~ 10 seconds remaining of the time allowed. When the time expires, the yellow flag shall be lowered. In addition to the use of flags and/or a clock, a verbal indication of time remaining is acceptable.

NOTE: *For Pole Vault and Youth Athletics the warning shall occur for the final 15 seconds.*

Rationale: *More throws will be initiated before the flag is raised, which will result in less intrusion into the concentration of the athletes. And, that is enough time remaining for competitors to make necessary adjustments.*

Item 18 – Submitted by Dan Pierce, Rules Committee V-Chair and Tania Schwindt. Amend Rule 180.11(e) as follows:

TIME IN MINUTES FOR INITIATING A FIELD EVENT TRIAL

Total # of Athletes remaining in the competition ((Competing)) at the Start of the Round	Individual Event			Combined Event		
	HJ	PV	Other	HJ	PV	Other
More than 3 or the very first trial for a competitor	0.5*	1	0.5*	0.5*	1	0.5*
2 or 3	1.5	2	1	1.5	2	1
1	3	5	-	2	3	-
Consecutive Trials	2	3	2	2	3	2

* For Youth Athletics, this time shall be one minute.

Rationale: Clarification. The table is an easy to find reference in Rule 180. Including more of the details contained in 180.11(f) leaves less room for misinterpretation.

Item 19 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair on behalf of Jerry Bookin-Weiner. Amend Rule 189.3 as follows:

Name	2kg	1.75kg	1.6kg	1.5kg	1 kg	0.75kg
Outside Diameter max. mm	221	212	211	202	((182)) 202	182

Rationale: Increasing the maximum diameter of the M60+ discus from its current maximum size of 182mm to 202mm will match the current maximum size of the 1.5kg discus but the discus weight will remain at 1.0kg. The reason for this change is to allow athletes with large hands to obtain a better hand position on the discus. This same rationale was used to increase the maximum diameter of the W75+ discus to the same maximum diameter as the 1.0kg diameter. By using the maximum diameter of the 1.5kg discus and the minimum diameter of the 1.0kg discus, it will not be necessary to purchase additional implement inspection equipment. This change in size will also give the athlete the ability to choose the size of implement that they would like to throw, as is the case currently in the shot put. The size of athletes' hands does not change as they age. When male athletes age up to using the 1kg discus, designed for women and girls and young boys, many find the implement difficult to throw because of its diameter. Manufacturers can produce 1kg discuses with a diameter of 202mm and are prepared to do so. No one would be required to throw the 202mm 1kg discus, but having it as an option will allow those preferring the larger diameter to use it in competition.

Item 20 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 195.7(b) as follows:

For the All Metal Head, ((the handle shall be connected without the use of a swivel)) the links may be connected to the head by means of a swivel, which may be either plain or ball bearing, and is not considered an additional link. A swivel shall not be used to connect the handle to the link(s).

As a companion: Amend Rule 195.7(d) as follows:

~~((A swivel, when used may be either plain or ball bearing, and is not considered an additional link.))~~ A protective sleeve may be used around the links and/or swivel.

Rationale: Compliance WMA Appendix A.7. Partially duplicates USATF Rule 195.7(d).

Item 21 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 195.9 as follows:

NOTE: Except for the 4kg implement, the maximum diameter for indoor implements is 15 mm larger.

Rationale: Compliance WMA Appendix A.7

Item 22 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 195.10 as follows:

The outdoor weight may be used either indoors or outdoors depending on the landing surface. The indoor weight may only be used indoors. Both types of weights shall not be used within the same age division competition.

Rationale: Compliance WMA Rule 194.4.

Item 23 – Submitted by Patrick Pretty, Rules Committee Coaches and Monique White, Rules Committee Women. Amend Rule 200.6 as follows:

The incremental increase in the High Jump and Pole Vault in Open Men's and Women's Track and Field Championships shall be uniform throughout the competition at 3cm and 10cm, respectively. In the vertical jumps, a competitor who has not taken an initial trial in at least one (1) hour from the first trial of the competition shall be allowed, under the direction of the event official, to use the runway and landing areas without the crossbar to warm-up. A high jumper has a maximum of one and a half minutes and a pole vaulter has a maximum of two minutes to warm-up. Such warm-up shall occur at the change of the bar to the height the competitor enters the competition.

NOTE: *For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.6*

Rationale: *Due to either event starting at a low height, this would allow the better athletes an opportunity to obtain a warm-up jump before entering the competition. It has worked well in within the NCAA rule book and with the officials that work the vertical events.*

Item 24 – Submitted by Dan Pierce, Rules Committee RW and Diane Graham Henry. Amend Rule 230 as follows:

230.1(c): The Chief Judge shall assign the Judges to their respective judging areas and explain the judging procedure to be used during the race. ~~((At International Selection Competitions,)).~~ The Chief Judge shall act as the supervising official for the competition and shall judge the full competition. ~~((and))~~ In addition, at International Selection Competitions, Championships and other events as determined by the Race Walk Committee the Chief Judge shall act as a Judge as described in 230.3(f).

230.3(f): At International Selection Competitions, Championships and other events as determined by the Race Walk Committee, the Chief Judge has the power to disqualify a competitor in the last 100m when his/her mode of progression obviously fails to comply with Rule 232.2 regardless of the number of previous red cards the Chief Judge has received for that competitor. A competitor who is disqualified under these circumstances shall be allowed to finish the race. The competitor shall be notified of this disqualification by the Chief Judge or a Chief Judge's Assistant by showing the athlete a red paddle at the earliest opportunity after the athlete has finished the race.

Rationale: *To conform more closely with IAAF practice.*

Item 25 – Submitted by Dan Pierce, Rules Committee RW and Bill Pollinger. Amend Rule 230.3(f) as follows:

NOTE: A Chief Judge may issue a red card to an athlete during the race and also disqualify the same athlete in the last 100m.

Rationale: *To make it clear that a 230.3(f) disqualification is a different call, meeting a different standard than a red card and that both may be made, on the same athlete, in one race.*

Item 26 – Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 230.3(j) as follows:

... A competitor who fails to enter the Pit Lane when required to do so, or remain there for the applicable period, shall be disqualified by the Referee. If a competitor receives a third Red Card and it is no longer practicable to direct him/her to enter the Pit Lane before the end of the race, the Referee shall add the time the competitor would have been required to spend in the Pit Lane to that competitor's finishing time and adjust the finishing order as may be necessary.

Rationale: *The administrative procedure for applying a Pit Time period close to the end of a race was modified by the IAAF as of 5 March, 2018. This proposal adopts that modification.*

Item 27 – Submitted by Bill Quinlisk, President Adirondack Assn. Amend Rule 244.4 as follows:

In events using transponder reading devices located on the running surface, ~~((at least 15cm))~~ 5cm to 30cm of the device shall be of a color in contrast to the running surface and other parts of the device to indicate the finish line. ...

Rationale: *This amendment is in agreement with IAAF Competition Rule 164.1 and will create consistent definition of the finish line for all non-stadia events.*

Item 28 – Submitted by Bill Quinlisk, President Adirondack Assn. Amend Rule 256.2 as follows:

The finish line shall be marked both with a solid line (5 to 10cm wide) of contrasting color to the ground placed across the width of the finish area and an overhead banner or other indicator of the finish line. The line shall be placed so that the finish of the course is the edge of the line closest to the approaching runners. If a finish line imaging system is not

used, then judges shall be stationed at the finish line to determine the order of finish. Transponder timing shall not be used to determine the final order of finish.

Rationale: *Agreement with current practice. Clarifies the definition of the actual finish line for cross country so that timing providers can properly line up their imaging systems. Judges should be used to determine order of finish when a finish line imaging system is not used.*

Item 29 – Submitted by Bill Quinlisk, President Adirondack Assn. Amend Rule 256.3 as follows:

...At the Open, Junior and Masters Cross Country Championships, three independent systems shall be used, at least one of which shall ~~((produce a visual record of the finishers as approved by the Games Committee))~~ be the official finish line imaging system (e.g., a side-scan fully automatic timing camera(s) or similar video systems) used to determine the order of finish.

Rationale: *Agreement with current practice. While Cross Country Championships use transponders as the primary timing system, the official order of finish is determined by the finish line imaging system (i.e., FAT camera). In cross country, since place is more important than time, transponders should not be used to determine order of finish.*

Item 30 – Withdrawn

Item 31 – Submitted by Jeff Hartwig, Rules Committee Athletes. Amend Rule 261.1 as follows:

There shall be six (6) categories of national records as follows:

(a) ~~An American Record, which shall be the best performance ((made by an American citizen or relay team composed entirely of U.S. citizens in an athletics event held within the United States or abroad))~~ in an athletics event made by an individual or relay team such that the individual or each member of the relay team, at the time of the performance, is a citizen of the United States and is eligible to represent the United States in all levels of international competition.

(b) ~~An American Junior Record, which shall be the best performance ((made by an American citizen or relay team composed entirely of U.S. citizens who are Juniors))~~ in an athletics event made by an individual or relay team such that the individual or each member of the relay team, at the time of the performance, is a citizen of the United States, is eligible to represent the United States in all levels of international competition and is a Junior. See Classifications in Rule 141.

(c) An American Masters Record, which shall be the best performance made by an American citizen or relay team composed entirely of U.S. citizens and in each case also USATF members. Separate records may be established for each of the age divisions listed in Rule 320, and such records shall be kept separately for men and women.

(d) An All-Comers Record, which shall be the best performance made in the United States by any competitor or relay team.

(e) A Masters All-Comers Record, which shall be the best performance made in the United States by any competitor or relay team in any Masters Division.

(f) An American Youth Athletics Record, which shall be the best performance made by an American citizen or relay team composed entirely of U.S. citizens in Youth Athletics meets sanctioned by USATF. The record application must include the athlete's current USATF membership number.

Rationale: *Records are largely defined by individual federation now that the IAAF has chosen to recognize absolute records as World Records. In the interest of maximizing positive exposure and reflecting the best performances for those who choose to compete for the USA, we feel there should be limitations to who shall be eligible. The IAAF does not recognize dual citizenship in the cases of World Records.*

Item 32 – Submitted by John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair. Amend Rule 261.1 as follows:

NOTE: There shall be specific national outdoor and indoor records.

Rationale: *As part of adopting the IAAF framework for records, there has been on-going discussion about overall records vs indoor and outdoor records. This would return to the separate indoor and outdoor records.*

Item 33 – Withdrawn

Item 34 – Submitted by Bob Hersh, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 261.4 as follows:

When an Open or Junior Men's or Women's National or American Citizens track and field record has been equaled or bettered in a USA National Championship, Olympic Trials, or other meet conducted by USATF, or in the Olympic Games, IAAF World Championship, IAAF (~~World~~) Continental Cup, or other meet conducted by the IAAF or one of the IAAF's Area Associations or sanctioned as a Permit meet by the IAAF or one of its Area associations, that record may be ratified based on the official results of the meet without the need for a formal record application, pending the outcome of doping control testing. Such ratification may be made by the appropriate Sports Committee upon the recommendation of the Records Committee at any time after the results of the required doping control tests have been received. 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.

Rationale: *Given the state of Area oversight of their meets these days, I think it is well worth doing and will save a lot of generally unnecessary work. Also, allowing ratification to take place between USATF Annual Meetings will create additional opportunities to publicize record achievements, and may accelerate the payment of record bonuses to athletes.*

Item 35 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 261.5 as follows:

When a Masters Record has been equaled or bettered in a (~~World Masters Association~~) WMA Championship, a USATF Masters Indoor or Outdoor National Championship, a USATF Masters Long Distance Running (LDR) Championship or any event listed in Rule 261.4, that ...

Rationale: *1) WMA does NOT mean World Masters Association. 2) WMA has been previously defined (260.6). 3) WMA Rulebook compliance: Rule 260.4.2.2 4) The current wording is wrong, as it states records at ANY "USA Masters Indoor or Outdoor Championship" do not require an application. This wording would include Association or Regional Championships, which is false. The new wording clarifies that applications are not needed for records performed at National meets.*

Item 36 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 264.1 as follows:

No record claimed for the Hammer, Discus, Shot, Javelin, or Weight shall be allowed unless it has been made with an implement that complies with the specifications for the official implements adopted by the IAAF and USATF, or, for Masters records, WMA. The implement must be certified as to weight, measurement, and material on the date of and prior to the competition in accordance with Rule 139.2. If the Referee becomes aware during an event that a record has been equaled or bettered, he shall immediately mark the implement used and undertake a check to ascertain whether it still complies with the Rules or if there has been any change in characteristics. Normally, such implement shall be checked again after the event.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 260.1.1.1. If the proposed amendment to 320.1(c) is adopted, the source of specifications will be WMA.*

Item 37 – Submitted by Claire Tafelski, President NJ Assn. On behalf of Josiah Novack. Amend Rule 301 as follows:

9 – 10 Division ... Discus – 750g

Rationale: *Youth Athletics has encouraged expansion of opportunities in throwing events, both in adding new events and having a method for developing competitors through having appropriate implements among age divisions. In the shot put, competitors in 7-8 age division have a 2 kg implement, moving to 6 lb implement in 9-10 and 11-12 age divisions. In the javelin, competitors in 7-8 and 9-10 age divisions have Mini Javelin with a 300 g implement, moving to Aero Javelin with a 450 g implement in 11-12 age division and Javelin with a 600 g implement in 13-14 age division. Having discus in 9-10 age division, with 750 g implement, would allow for developing competitors in this event prior to 11-12 and 13-14 age divisions with 1 kg implement. The implement is readily available, since Masters has discus for women in 75-79 age division and older, with 750 g implement. In addition, youth competitors in para-athletics in U14 and U11 age groups compete in discus with 750 g implement.*

Item 38 – Submitted by Laurie Boemker, Rules Committee Officials on behalf of Anthony Young and Jim Hanley. Add New Rule 302.2(i) as follows:

For the 8 & Under, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14 year old divisions, while running around a curve and not being fouled, a competitor shall be considered to be out of the lane when he/she steps on the inside lane line for three or more consecutive steps with either or both feet.

NOTE: 15-16 and 17-18 age divisions follow Rule 163.5

As a companion: –Amend Rule 163.5 as follows:

NOTE 1: *Material advantage includes improving position by any means, including exiting from a 'boxed' position in the race by having stepped or run inside the inside edge of the track.*

NOTE 2: For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.2(i).

Rationale: *In NCAA competition, athletes are disqualified for stepping on the inside lane line two times. High school athletes, under NFHS rules, are disqualified from the event for three steps. In contrast, IAAF and USATF rules, which state that a competitor must keep in his allotted lane from start to finish, can result in a DQ for an athlete stepping on the inner lane line one time. Participants in Youth Athletics are presently under general Rule 163.5 which is much stricter than either the high school or college rules. The reason for Rule 163.5 in the first place is to prevent runners from gaining a material advantage by shortening the distance as they go around the curved track. Subjective terms like “material advantage” always put officials in a difficult position. By spelling out the number of steps, this change eliminates such subjectivity. No one wants to see 8 year olds disqualified for inadvertently stepping on the inner lane line one time.*

Item 39 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 302.3(a) as follows:

The procedure for entering a relay is ~~((given))~~ in the ~~((Youth Guide))~~ Youth Training & Development Manual and Meet Entry Information. Failure to comply with the procedure may result in disqualification

Rationale: *The Youth Guide is no longer published.*

Item 40 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 302.3(d) as follows:

All participants on a team shall wear a top of the same color. At Regional and National Championships, all participants on a team shall wear a top of a same color as well as ~~((shorts))~~ bottoms of a same color. The Games Committee shall assign an individual to review colors of team uniforms in the clerking area.

Rationale: *This is a clearer description of the intent and will accommodate concerns for those athletes who have religious beliefs that do not allow them to wear shorts or briefs.*

Item 41 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of John Padula. Amend Rule 302.4(a) as follows:

INDOOR EVENTS						
Division	Distance	Hurdles	Height	To First	Interval	To Finish
11 - 12 GB	50m	4	30"	12m	7.5m	15.5m
11 - 12 GB	55/60m	5	30"	12m	7.5m	13m/18m
13 - 14 G	55/60m	5	30"	13m	8.5m	11.5m/8m
13 - 14 B	55/60m	5	33"	13m	8.5m	11.5m/8m
15 - 18 G	55/60m	5	33"	13m	8.5m	11.5m/8m
15 - 18 B	55/60m	5	39"	13.72m	9.14m	4.72m/9.72m
High School G	55/60m Shuttle Relay	5	33"	13m	8.5m	11.5m/8m
High School B	55/60m Shuttle Relay	5	39"	13.72m	9.14m	4.72m/9.72m

Rationale: *To establish specifications for the events. See Item # 10.*

Item 42 – Submitted by Laurie Boemker, Rules Committee Officials on behalf of Scott Phoenix and Bill Linhart. Delete Rule 302.5(s) ## as follows:

~~((In a field event, the viewing of images of previous trials by a competitor is forbidden.))~~

~~**NOTE:** Athletes competing in an event on the infield may not, during the competition, cross to the outside of the track.))~~

As a companion: –Amend Rule 144.4(g) as follows:

~~((**NOTE:** For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.5(s))~~

Rationale: Under NFHS electronic devices may be used in unrestricted areas and coaching boxes, provided the location does not interfere with progress of the meet as determined by the meet referee.

Item 43 – Submitted by Laurie Boemker, Rules Committee Officials on behalf of Scott Phoenix and Bill Linhart. Add New Rule 302.5(t) ## as follows:

A throw will not be valid if any part of the implement has touched the cage.

As a companion: –Amend Rule 197.6 as follows:

...object outside the sector line except as provided in ~~((the))~~ Note 1. See Rules 187.22 and 187.24 for sector description.

NOTE 1: A throw may be valid even if any part of the implement has touched the cage provided no other rule is infringed.

NOTE 2: For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.5(t)

Rationale: Under NFHS, if the throwing implement hits the cage it is a foul. That is what our High School Athletes are used to. The javelin rule for Youth follows NFHS which is significantly different from the USATF current Rules. Following that logic, why wouldn't the same principles apply to the other throws? An additional argument would be if the implement hit the cage, it would have been a foul if the cage wasn't there.

Item 44 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 303.1(d) as follows:

At the National Youth Athletics and National Junior Olympics Championship in the ~~((8 and under, 9-10 and 11-12 divisions, the))~~ 800 Meter Run, without regard to the number of athletes entered, shall be contested as two rounds with the top 8 times advancing to the final.

Rationale: *This has been the meet practice for the last two years and is the desired procedure.*

Item 45 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 303.1(e) as follows:

At the National Youth Athletics and National Junior Olympics Championship in the 8 and under, 9-10, and 11-12 divisions, ~~((events of 1500m and longer))~~ the 1500 Meter Run shall be contested as timed finals, with no more than 18 participants per section. Competitors in the 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 age groups shall run 2 rounds of the 1500 Meter Run with no more than 18 participants per heat in the first round and the top 12 times advancing to the final. At Association and Regional Championships, the meet referee has the discretion to allow more than 18 participants per heat or section.

Rationale: *This has been the meet practice for the last two years and is the desired procedure.*

Item 46 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 303.1(f) as follows:

In events of 2000m or longer, timed finals shall be run with no more than 24 participants per section. The meet referee has the discretion to allow more than 24 participants per section.

Rationale: *This has been the meet practice for the last two years and is the desired procedure.*

Item 47 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Add New Rule 303.1(g) ## as follows:

At the National Junior Olympic Championships the 100m, 200m, 400m, 80m Hurdles, 100m Hurdles and 110m Hurdles shall be contested in 3 rounds with the following requirements and procedures:

i. Fully automatic timing (FAT) must be used.

ii. Twenty-four (24) shall advance to the semi-final round. This shall consist of the top 2 in each first-round heat and the remaining advancers determined by the next best times from the first round.

iii. A 3-heat semi-final round shall be contested with the top 2 from each semi-final heat and next 2 best times advancing to the final.

iv. Each group of advancers, in order by place ranked by time, followed in order by those advancing by time only shall determine the order of lane assignment for the semi-final and final rounds of competition.

Item 48 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Add New Rule 303.1(h) ## as follows:

At the National Junior Olympics Championships, the 200m Hurdles and 400m Hurdles, without regard to the number of athletes entered, shall be contested as two rounds with the top 8 times advancing to the final.

Item 49 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 303.1(h) ## as follows:

In forming heats for events run partially or entirely in lanes where hand timing is used, the guidelines in Rule 166.1 through Rule 166.6 shall be followed.

When fully automatic timing (FAT) is used, in meets other than the National Youth Athletics or National Junior Olympic Championships, the following tables may be used:

FOR EIGHT LANES FAT ONLY					
Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 8	0	-	0	-	1 to 8
9 to 16	0	-	2	3 + next 2 best times	8
17 to 24	0	-	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
25 to 32	0	-	4	1 + next 4 best times	8
33 to 40	0	-	5	1 + next 3 best times	8
41 to 48	6	2 + next 12 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
<u>41 to 48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>8</u>
49 to 56	7	2 + next 10 best times 3 + next 3 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
57 to 64	8	2 + next 8 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
65 to 72	9	2 + next 6 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
73 to 80	10	1 + next 14 best times 2 + next 4 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8
81 to 88	11	1 + next 13 best times 2 + next 2 best times	3	2 + next 2 best times	8

FOR NINE LANES FAT ONLY					
Entries	Trial Heats	Qualifying to Semi-Final	Semi-Finals Heats	Qualifying to Final	Final
1 to 9	0	-	0	-	1 to 9
10 to 18	0	-	2	3 + next 3 best times	9

19 to 27	0	-	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
28 to 36	0	-	4	1 + next 5 best times	9
37 to 45	0	-	5	1 + next 4 best times	9
46 to 54	6	3 + next 9 best times	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
<u>46 to 54</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>6</u>	<u>1 + next 3 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
55 to 63	7	3 + next 6 best times	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
<u>55 to 63</u>	<u>0</u>	-	<u>7</u>	<u>1 + next 2 best times</u>	<u>9</u>
64 to 72	8	2 + next 11 best times 3 + next 3 best times	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
73 to 81	9	2 + next 9 best times 3	3	2 + next 3 best times	9
82 to 90	10	2 + next 7 best times	3	2 + next 3 best times	<u>9</u>
91 to 99	11	2 + next 5 best times	3	2 + next 3 best times	<u>9</u>

As a companion: – Delete Rule 303.1(g) ## as follows:

((In forming heats for events run partially or entirely in lanes where hand timing is used, the guidelines in Rule 166.1 through Rule 166.6 shall be followed.))

Item 50 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth. Amend Rule 303.2(b) as follows:

In the Association or Regional Championship, National Youth Indoor and National Youth Outdoor 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.

Rationale: *This provides the same option at all championship levels.*

Item 51 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 303.4 as follows:

In the National Youth Athletics Championships, events of 100 meters to ~~((800))~~ 400 meters inclusive, and relays up to and including the 4 x 400 meters, the fastest eight times from the preliminary round shall advance to the finals.

Rationale: *This has been the meet practice for the last two years and is the desired procedure.*

Item 52 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 304.4 as follows:

Placing - Computerized transponders may be used to record the finish place of a runner in cross country. A bib transponder or two transponders per runner, one attached to each shoe or foot, must be used. With this condition, the finish place recorded by the chip system shall be the official order of finish for the runners in the competition provided that when this timing system indicates a one-tenth second or less differential a finish line imaging system shall be used to determine the order of finisher for those affected. The referee has the authority to rule on matters of a timing irregularity or other irregularities.

Rationale: *This is to clarify that the torso is the deciding part of the body that determine finish place. There is never an issue when the chip times are more than one-tenth second apart due to distance between competitors.*

Item 53 – Submitted by Bill Quinlisk, President Adirondack Assn. and David Reinhardt, President Niagara Assn. Amend Rule 304.4 as follows:

Placing - Computerized transponders may be used to record the general order of finish (~~((place of a runner))~~) in cross country. (~~((A bib transponder or two transponders per runner, one attached to each shoe or foot, must be used. With this condition, the finish place recorded by the chip system shall be the official order of finish for the runners in the competition. The referee has the authority to rule on matters of a timing irregularity or other irregularities.))~~) If a finish

line imaging system is not used, then judges shall be stationed at the finish line to determine the order of finish. Competitors shall be placed in the order in which any part of their bodies (e.g., the “torso,” as distinguished from the head, neck, arms, hands, legs, or feet) reaches the finish line.

Rationale: *Agreement with IAAF rules, Junior/Open/Master USATF rules and NFHS rules regarding determining finish place in cross country races. The preferred method for determining place is to review the transponder order using a finish line imaging system (i.e., a Lynx camera). If the preferred finish line imaging system is not used, then a finish line judge should determine the official order of finish. While transponder timing may be used to establish the rough order of finish and for determining times, transponders are not precise enough for determining finish order in cross country where finish place is paramount. The previous language about authority of the referee is not needed as this is already covered in Rule 125.2, 125.6 and 119.4.c.*

Item 54 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 305.2 as follows:

Indoor Track and field qualifying procedures –

- ~~((a) An athlete must compete in one of the five Zone Championships to be eligible to compete in the Youth Indoor National Championship or as specified in the published entry material. The host association shall qualify a like number.~~
- ~~(b) Athletes who compete in the Junior National Championships indoor, World Youth Track and Field indoor, United States Olympic Selection Competition, Youth Olympic Games Trials Track & Field or any additional event authorized by the National Youth Executive Committee may be entered in the National Indoor Championship without having to compete in the Zone Championship provided they meet the Youth Athletics age limits. Acquisition of the waiver and completion of the entry to the National Championship must be made at least two weeks prior to the Indoor Championships~~
- ~~(c) Athletes from the Department of Defense Dependent Schools (DODDS) may be entered in the National Indoor Championship without having to compete in a Zone Championship provided they meet the Youth Athletics age requirements. They must enter through the Association hosting the National Indoor Championship.~~
- ~~(d) Track and field shall advance eight individuals and eight relay teams from each Zone Championship to the National Championship. These shall be the top eight finishers in each event.~~
- ~~(e) High school relays and competitors in the 15-16 and 17-18 age groups automatically qualify without competing in a zone.~~
- ~~(f) Revise qualification procedure. (Item (f) to be completed in 2018))~~

By December 31 of the year prior to the Indoor Championships, the Youth Athletics Executive Committee will distribute qualifying procedures for participation in the Youth Indoor Championships which may include participation in zone qualifying meets, achievement of verified standards, or participation granted by waiver.

Rationale: *This is to reflect that we no longer have funding for zonal championship indoor meets*

Item 55 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 306.1(c) as follows:

There will be competition for boys and girls in ~~((preliminary meets and in))~~ Association, Regional and National Championships in age divisions by year of birth. Events and age divisions are the same as for the regular USATF Youth Athletics National Championships program. An Association may host preliminary qualifying meets as long as eliminations are performed and athletes must advance and qualify for participation in the Association meet.

Rationale: *Clarification of the intent of preliminary meets. Associations should not be hosting mandatory meets for the Junior Olympic Program and there be no benefit to athletes who attends and participates. In addition, we do not want to require more meets than necessary.*

Item 56 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Add New Rule 306.1(g) as follows:

Once an athlete begins participation in the Junior Olympic Program his/her club affiliation/representation status must remain the same throughout the entire Junior Olympic Series. Athletes who are unattached must remain unattached and athletes who represent a club shall not switch from one club to another.

Rationale: *This concept was provided in the Youth Guide which is no longer published. This addition clarifies Regulation 4 as it relates to the Junior Olympic Program. An update will be provided in the Youth Training and Development Manual*

Item 57 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth. Amend Rule 306.1(e) as follows:

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 Zone Rep who must submit it to the Youth Athletics ((Chairperson)) Executive Committee for review.

Rationale: *To clarify how and where the request for advancement is submitted and processed.*

Item 58 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 306.1(f) as follows:

With the approval of the Association, athletes who miss their Association Championships because of extraordinary circumstances may be advanced to the Regional meet so long as such advancement does not displace an athlete who competed in the Association meet and does not exceed the Association's allocation to the Regional meet. If an Association has an athlete who meets an extraordinary circumstance and advancement would exceed their allocation, then the athlete may advance so long as all the Associations within the Region agree to the advancement.

Item 59 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 306.2(b) as follows:

Athletes who compete in the Junior National Championships, ~~((World Youth Track and Field Trials,))~~ United States Olympic Selection Competition, Youth Olympic Games Trials-Track & Field, compete in either the Heptathlon or Decathlon at the Youth Outdoor Championships and meets the standard or any additional event authorized by the National Youth Executive Committee may be entered in the National Junior Olympic meet without having to compete in the Association or Regional meet provided that they meet the Youth Athletics age limits. Acquisition of the waiver and completion of the entry to the National meet must be made prior to the Regional meet via the Regional coordinator.

Rationale: *Through this advancement they will NOT displace any performances in their Regional Championships. Very difficult for youth athletes (physically and financially) to compete in three (3) Heptathlons or Decathlons in a one month*

Item 60 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 306.2(d) as follows:

Track and field shall advance five individuals and five relay teams from each Regional to National. These shall be the top five finishers in each event. The combined events shall advance the top two placed individuals and any others who meet a performance standard at the Regional Championship. The performance standard for ~~((all events))~~ the combined events is the average of the 8th place in the last three National Junior Olympic Championships. The number of qualifiers from Regional meets is fixed and no alternates may advance. The host Association shall qualify a like number

Rationale: *To clarify that move-ups are not allowed.*

Item 61 – Submitted by Kenny Emerick, Rules Committee Youth on behalf of the Youth Executive Committee. Amend Rule 306.4 as follows:

The entry information procedure and awards information can be found in the ~~((Youth Guide))~~ Youth Training and Development Manual and Meet Entry Information.

Rationale: *The Youth Guide is no longer published and was replaced by the Youth Training and Development Manual.*

Item 62 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 320.1 as follows:

Article I, Sections I, III and IV, through ((VH) Article V of the USATF Rules of Competition ~~((of USATF))~~ shall be followed unless otherwise provided in this Article VI, Section II (including Sections II-A and II-B).

Rationale: *Correct and error in existence since 2007. Clarifies reference to Article I.*

Item 63 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 320.3 as follows:

(a) There shall be the following age divisions (~~(for)~~) (five-year age groups) for relay events (~~((which are contested at WMA World Championships (4x100 relay and 4x400 relay outdoor, 4x200 indoor))~~)).

(b) There shall be the following age divisions for team (~~(and all other relay)~~) competition (ten-year age groups):

Rationale: *Make competition fairer for relay teams in the upper half of ten-year age groups.*

Item 64 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 320.9 as follows:

Masters records for both relay and individual events may be recognized if at least two athletes (or teams) are bona fide and have participated in the event in which the record purportedly was established.

Rationale: *This is to bring the USATF Masters rules in line with a recent WMA rule change. In the older age groups it is sometimes difficult to put enough athletes on the track.*

As a companion: –Amend Rule 262.3(a) NOTE as follows:

See Rule 320.8 and Rule 320.9 for Masters (~~(Track and Field conditions)~~) exceptions.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 260.1.*

Item 65 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 330.3 as follows:

In all National, Regional and Association Masters Championships, there must be a full complement of individual events, by five-year age divisions, for both men and women. There shall be a minimum of three (~~(prizes)~~) medals per division (~~(for US citizens)~~) in each event for individuals eligible to represent the U.S. at all levels of international competition. In the National and Regional Outdoor Championships, ribbons or equivalent are recommended for (~~(US citizens in places 4-6)~~) such eligible individuals places 4-8. In all National Championships, duplicates for all awards shall be provided for (~~(non-US citizens who place 1-6)~~) guests (not eligible as above) who place 1-8. In Regional Championships, equivalent awards shall be provided for (~~(non-residents who place 1-6)~~) guests who place 1-8.

As a companion: - Amend Rule 261.1(c) as follows:

An American Masters Record, which shall be the best performance made by (~~(an American citizen or relay team composed entirely of U.S. citizens)~~) an individual or relay team such that the individual or each member of the relay team, at the time of the performance, is USA Masters Eligible. Separate records may be established for each of the age divisions listed in Rule 320, and such records shall be kept separately for men and women. See Rule 330.4.

As a companion: – Add New Rule 330.4 as follows:

The term ‘USA Masters Eligible’ shall mean eligible to represent the United States in international competition according to WMA Championship Rules, and holding a current membership in USATF.

Rationale: *WMA Championship Rules C.7 and C.8 have an extensive procedure to determine what country or territory an individual may represent. Those who are able to represent the U.S. as approved by WMA deserve to win awards and set Masters records. Also, to expand the number of awards from 6 to 8 as more awards means more athlete interest and satisfaction with the program.*

Item 66 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Add New Rule 330.4 as follows:

There are no competition uniform similarity requirements for a Masters relay team. Team identification shall be accomplished through the issuing of items such as letters or distinguishing numbers.

As a companion: –Amend Rule 170.23(a) NOTE as follows:

NOTE: For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.3(d). For Masters exception see Rule 330.4.

Item 67 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 331.1(a), Rule 331.1(b), Rule 331.1(c), Rule 331.1(d) and Rule 331.1(g) as follows:

Rule 331.1(a): National Indoor Track and Field ... Indoor Pentathlon.

Rule 331.1(b): National Outdoor Track and Field ... Outdoor Pentathlon.

Rule 331.1(c): Regional and Association Indoor Track and Field ... The Superweight Throw and Outdoor Pentathlon are optional. ...

Rule 331.1(d): Regional and Association Outdoor Track and Field ... Outdoor Pentathlon ...

Rule 331.1(g): National Indoor Heptathlon for Men and Women ...

Rationale: *Clarification.*

Item 68 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 331.1(a) and Rule 331.1(b) as follows:

Rule 331.1(a): National Indoor Track and Field ... ~~1600 Meter Relay, 3200 Meter Relay, ...~~

Rule 331.1(b): National Outdoor Track and Field ... ~~3200 Meter Relay, Shuttle Hurdle Relay, ...~~

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 3.1.2.2 and Rule 3.1.1.1.*

Item 69 – Withdrawn

Item 70 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 331.1(e) as follows:

National Decathlon/Heptathlon. For events in the Combined Events see Rule 200.

Rationale: *Clarification.*

Item 71 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 331.2 as follows:

~~((There shall be club Championships at National Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field Championships. There may be club Championships at Regional and Association Championships. Scoring shall be in the following manner:~~

~~(a) Team scoring is restricted to US citizens, using the adjusted places after removing non-US citizens per Rule 330.3~~

~~(b) National Championship: Scoring in individual events shall be in each five year age group, in each 10 year age group in relay events, and shall be eight (8) points for each first place scored, six (6) points for each second, four (4) points for third, three (3) points for fourth, two (2) points for fifth, and one (1) point for sixth. Scoring in the different age groups, for both men and women, shall be added together to determine club champions. Awards shall be given to the top three clubs.~~

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

There shall be no overall Team Championships.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 151.1*

Item 72 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 331.2(a) as follows:

Team scoring is restricted to ~~((US citizens))~~ individuals who are USA Masters Eligible, using the adjusted places after removing non-US citizens per Rule 330.3. See Rule 330.4.

Rationale: *WMA currently permits non-citizens who live in a country for over 3 years to compete for their country of residence. It does not matter what citizenship(s) they hold. This allows those that are long time US residents to win US awards, run in US relays, and score for US teams. See Item # 65.*

Item 73 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 331.2(b) as follows:

National Championship: Scoring in individual events and relays shall be in each five-year age group, ~~((in each 10-year age group in relay events,))~~ and shall be eight (8) points for each first place ~~((scored))~~, six (6) points for each second, four (4) points for third, three (3) points for fourth, two (2) points for fifth and one (1) point for sixth. ~~((Scoring in the different age groups, for both men and women, shall be added together to determine club champions.))~~ Team scoring is an aggregate of both men and women in all age groups who are team members. Awards shall be given to the top three clubs.

Rationale: *Compliance with other age group changes.*

Item 74 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 331.3 as follows:

When it is not feasible to hold an event as a standard championship event, the ~~((Sport))~~ Masters Track and Field Championship Games Committee may authorize the elimination of that event or the substitution of a comparable event. In addition, the ~~((Sport))~~ Masters Track and Field Championship Games Committee may authorize the substitution of One Mile for 1500 Meters, either indoor ~~((s))~~ or outdoor ~~((s))~~. In either case, the elimination or substitution must be reflected in the entry form and apply to all age groups.

Rationale: *The responsibility and authority to eliminate and/or substitute an event(s) at any given championship logically lies with the MTF Championships Games Committee rather than with the overall Sport Committee. The Games Committee has the timely knowledge of the details of the venue and the close contacts with the LOC that are required to make this kind of decision while the overall Sport Committee (or Executive Committee as appropriate) does not.*

Item 75 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 331.3 as follows:

When it is not feasible to hold an event as a standard championship event, the Sport Committee may authorize the elimination of that event or the substitution of a comparable event. ~~((In addition, the Sport Committee may authorize the substitution of One Mile for 1500 Meters, either indoors or outdoors.))~~ In either case, the elimination or substitution must be reflected in the entry form and apply to all age groups.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rules 3.1.1.1 and 3.1.2.2.*

Item 76 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.1(a) as follows:

There shall be no Regional Championship entry restrictions to ~~((any Masters competitor involving eligibility to compete))~~ Masters who are eligible to represent the U.S. at all levels of international competition. However, only competitors with USATF membership in the Region shall be eligible to win Regional Championship places and awards and to score for any team. Regions may also invite guest competitors who cannot win Regional awards and cannot score.

Rationale: *Incorporate Rule 330.3 restrictions. Regional meets shall be open to any Master that competes internationally for the US. This could include non-US Citizens if they are approved by WMA to compete for the US. But only those that have their USATF membership in the Region may win Regional Championships and score for teams if team competition is held. All others are treated a guest competitors receiving equivalent awards but not scoring. Foreigners who wish to enter would be treated as non-Regional guest athletes earning equivalent awards but not placing or scoring.*

Item 77 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 332.1(b) ## as follows:

Entries for any Championship event shall not be subject to prior achievement of qualifying standards.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 142.3.*

Item 78 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 332.1(c) as follows:

Every Championship event, including combined event championships, will use the implement specifications ~~((weights))~~, hurdle heights and spacings, and race lengths approved by WMA as of January 1 of the current year. A specification will be considered to have been approved by WMA when it has been published in the most recent ~~((IAAF/WMA Handbook))~~ WMA Rules of Competition ~~((approved by the IAAF and WMA Councils))~~. ...

Rationale: *Compliance WMA.*

Item 79 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.1(c) as follows:

Every Championship event, including Weight and Combined Event championships, will use the implement weights, hurdle heights ~~((and))~~, hurdle spacings and race lengths approved by WMA as of January 1 of the current year. ...

Rationale: *Adding a USATF MTF Championship that had been omitted.*

Item 80 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 332.1(d) as follows:

The 'honest participation' rule provided in Rule 142.3 and Rule 142.4 shall not applicable to Masters Athletics.

As a companion: Amend Rule 142.3 as follows:

NOTE: *For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 302.2(g). For Masters exception see Rule 332.1(d).*
Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 142.4*

Item 81 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.2(a) 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 166.2(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 advance on place from any heat to the subsequent round.~~

~~**NOTE:** *For indoor meets, the minimum number of athletes advanced by place may be reduced.*~~)

The USATF Masters Track and Field Championship Games Committee shall have the authority to arrange National Championship heats as to most fairly allow athletes to advance to subsequent rounds. The overall goal is to advance the best athletes into the finals of National Championships. At least the winner of each heat should advance if possible. The Games Committee shall also have the authority to arrange timed finals when that is warranted by numbers of entrants, scheduling requirements, and/or by athletes advanced by Referees. The higher seeds shall be placed in the later timed finals heats. An advancement table, and a list of those events to be conducted as timed finals shall be issued at the same time of the publication of the detailed championship schedule.

Rationale: *The wildly varying number of entrants because Masters do not limit entries, the lack of verification of seed marks submitted, the extremely wide range of ability, size and availability of venues, venue time frames available, daylight hours, etc. all require that Masters Championships have much more latitude on the specifics of heating and advancement for each championship. A permanent fixed advancement table works well in open championships where there is a relatively small group of well known, and closely matched athletes. This is not so in Masters competitions thus the need for much more flexibility.*

Item 82 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.2(b) as follows:

When an individual or relay team, having qualified for a subsequent round, voluntarily withdraws for any reason, the next ranked original non-qualifier, if checked in with the clerk, and only that non-qualifier, shall be advanced to participate in that subsequent round. This procedure is continued in subsequent rounds as required. The provisions of Rule 332.2(a) shall not apply. The referee may re-form the heats.

Rationale: *This is to only have one possible substitution per round.*

Item 83 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Delete 332.2(b) ## as follows:

~~((When an individual or relay team, having qualified for a subsequent round, voluntarily withdraws for any reason, the next ranked original non-qualifier, if checked in with the clerk, and only that non-qualifier, shall be advanced to participate in that subsequent round. This procedure is continued as required. The provisions of Rule 332.2(a) shall not apply. The referee may reform the heats.))~~

Rationale: *There is no similar procedure existing for WMA.*

Item 84 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.2(c) as follows:

False starts are called on individuals, not on the field. For a first false start by a competitor, a yellow and black (diagonally halved) card shall be raised in front of the respective competitor(s), and when appropriately designed lane markers are being used, a corresponding indication should be made (placed) on the respective lane marker(s). For a second false start, the respective competitor(s) shall be disqualified.

Rationale: *Most lane markers do not have the special functionality of displaying violation cards so this rule usually cannot be fulfilled as currently written.*

Item 85 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.2(f) as follows:

Relay teams are defined as follows:

Club: ~~((In accordance with Regulation 4-B, all))~~ All members must be ((resident)) eligible to represent the U.S. at all levels of international competition and USATF members in the Association in which the club is registered (or meet the residency exception of Regulation 4-B).

Non-Club: Any team not meeting the club definition. ~~((Non-club relay teams are defined as:~~

- ~~i. Association: All members must hold current USATF membership in the same Association, or~~
- ~~ii. Region: All members must hold current USATF membership in the same USATF Masters region, or~~
- ~~iii. Unrestricted: Any relay team that does not meet one of the three definitions above.))~~

Club and Non-Club relay teams shall be separate divisions. At Association, Regional, and National Track and Field Championships, and all other meets, each relay team must meet one of the definitions above, or be a foreign national team as guest competitors in the Non-Club Division. A team meeting any of the above definitions may set a Masters record. Separate records shall be maintained in the relays for (1) Club teams and (2) Non-Club teams. ~~((Only the Club record shall be recognized if the Club mark is superior to the Non-Club mark.))~~

Rationale: *This is a relatively recent change in policy and in need of being corrected in the Masters rules. Residency in the club's Association is no longer required. Records will now be kept in all Club and Non-Club relays regardless of which mark is better.*

Item 86 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 332.2(h) as follows:

Combined event scoring will use current ~~((WMA))~~ scoring procedures ~~((, WMA Age Factors and IAAF scoring tables))~~ in WMA Competition Rules Appendix B.

NOTE: Use an Age factor ~~((s for))~~ of 1.0 for each event for ages 30 to ~~((39))~~ 34 ~~((are published in Masters Age Graded Tables)).~~

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Appendix B.*

Item 87 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.2(i) as follows:

Shuttle Hurdle Relay consists of four same-sex members ~~((competing in 10-year age groups (30-39, 40-49, 50-59, etc.)))~~ running the Outdoor Short Hurdles in adjacent lanes in opposite directions using the same hurdle height, spacing, and distance as determined by the age of the youngest team member. ...

Rationale: *All Masters events are now contested in 5-year age groups*

Item 88 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 332.2(k) as follows:

For the purpose of lap counting, athletes shall wear a chip or similarly worn electronic device in the track race walking events and running events 3000 meters and longer.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 165.3.1.*

Item 89 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.3(b) as follows:

When a vertical jumps group of competitors is sufficiently large and/or diverse in ability, ~~((the head judge and))~~ the jumps referee ~~((may))~~ shall have the option of dividing the group into two simultaneous competitions. The same progression of increments shall be used. Simultaneous height changes are not required.

Item 90 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Amend Rule 332.3(c) as follows:

In the High Jump and Pole Vault, a competitor who has not yet entered the competition and who has passed ~~((three consecutive heights after the competition has begun))~~ at least three heights may be permitted a warm up ~~((jump))~~ period of two minutes for the pole vault and 1.5 minutes for the high jump using the runway and the pit without the crossbar in place upon entering the competition. ~~((One such jump shall be allowed for each three passed heights and may be taken only as earned, not cumulatively.))~~ This warm up is given before the bar is raised to the starting height of the entering competitor. If there is more than one competitor entering, the maximum total warmup time allowed will be the number of competitors entering times the appropriate number of minutes.

Rationale: *A Masters exception is needed because the extreme range of master's abilities. It is not safe to require the higher performing competitors to jump after an extended period of time since the general warmup for the event. This will speed up overall competition as competitors will not enter the competition early just to stay warm. This change also greatly simplifies the administration of the event for Field Judges. It is noted that with multiple athletes entering, they rarely use their entire allotted warmup time.*

Item 91 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 332.3(f) as follows:

~~((Privately owned implements shall be exempt from the loss of identity rule (Rule 187.10).))~~ Competitors may use their own throwing implements provided that these implements conform with the rules. Personal implements shall only be issued to the specific competition of their owners. Any other competitor in the owner's specific competition has the right to use that equipment if they so wish.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 187.2.*

Item 92 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Masters T & F Chair. Add New Rule 332.3(f) ## as follows:

Rule 180.10 shall apply subject to the following: In the final rounds of any field event including all field event rounds in a combined event, when an athlete is, for any reason, not present when called up in order, the athlete shall be given a 'technical' pass after the allotted time period has expired. This 'technical pass' allows the athlete to take subsequent trials upon returning to the event when called up in order. This is unlike a 'declared' pass in the vertical jumps which is a pass of all three (or remaining) attempts at the passed height. The 'technical' passes would continue until the athlete returns, the athlete withdraws, or the event is completed. The returning athlete must jump at the current height and take their current attempt when next called up after their return.

As a companion: Amend Rule 180.10 ## as follows:

NOTE 3: *For Masters exception see Rule 332.3(f).*

Rationale: *This is current officiating practice although it is not clearly defined in the rules. This rule would exactly define the procedure that should be used and eliminate a lot of questions that officials now face. This is a Masters exception proposal at this time, but it should be considered for general use.*

Item 93 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 332.3(g) as follows:

WMA ~~((specifications))~~ weights for throwing implements, including the Superweight, are shown in the following table: ...

As a companion: Add New Rule 332.3(h) ## as follows:

WMA specifications are in the individual implement specification tables. See Rules 188.4, 189.2, 191.9, 193.6 and 195.9.

As a companion: Amend Tables in Rules 188.4, 189.3, 191.9, 193.7 and 195.9 as follows:

NOTE: *The specifications for implements used by Masters competitors are those adopted by WMA.*

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rules 188.5, 189.2, 191.9, 193.6 and 194.1.*

Item 94 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Amend Rule 332.3(h) as follows:

In the Long Jump and Triple Jump, more than one take-off board may be used, even within a single age division. All take-off boards shall measure 0.20m in width. In the long jump, one or two take-off lines may be used, one of which shall be 1m from the nearer end of the landing area. In the triple jump,

(i) two or more take-off lines may be used,

(ii) the distance from the nearer end of the landing area shall be appropriate for the age and sex of the athletes in the flight, and

(iii) when more than one take-off line is used, each take-off line shall be placed in full meters apart from the take-off line closest to the nearer end of the landing area.

The take-off boards may consist of material other than wood. Each jumper shall declare prior to each jump which board he or she will use. Plasticine is not required.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rules 184.3, 184.4, 185.5 and 188.3.*

Item 95 – Submitted by Rex Harvey, Chair Masters T & F. Add New Rule 332.4 as follows:

Combined Events

- (a) Combined event scoring will use current WMA scoring procedures, WMA Age Factors and IAAF scoring tables.
- (b) The winner of any Combined Event shall be the competitor who scores the highest total number of points. If two or more athletes achieve an equal number of points for any place in the competition, the procedure to resolve the tie is the following in order until each method is exhausted:
- i. the athlete who, in the greater number of events, has received more points than the other athlete(s) concerned shall be awarded the higher place.
 - ii. If the athletes are equal following the application of Rule 332.4(b) i., the athlete who has the highest number of points in any one event shall be awarded the higher place.
 - iii. For any athletes still equal following the application of Rule 332.4(b)ii., the athlete who has the highest number of points in a second event, or continuing event comparisons if needed, shall be awarded the higher place.
 - iv. If the athletes are still equal following the application of Rule 332.4(b)iii., it shall be determined to be a tie.

As a companion: –Delete Rule 332.2(h) ## as follows:

~~((Combined event scoring will use current WMA scoring procedures, WMA Age Factors and IAAF scoring tables.
NOTE: Age factors for ages 30 to 39 are published in Masters Age Graded Tables.))~~

As a companion: –Amend Rule 200.12 as follows:

NOTE: For Masters exception see Rule 332.4.

Rationale: *Rule 332.2(h) is moved from Track to Combined Events. The Note from 332.2(h) is deleted since Age Graded Tables no longer exist. Masters T&F thinks it is important to break ties to determine overall winners and places. At the current time every event in track & field has a procedure for breaking ties except combined events. It is important that final places should be resolved if possible just as in all other events. If accepted this will be a Masters exception to IAAF/USATF rules at this time, but this rule also should be proposed to the IAAF for their next rules cycle. This is somewhat clarified, but essentially what has been the IAAF rule for many years until recently. The reason for the IAAF change is not known.*

An example: If 3 athletes score the same number of points in a Decathlon. The first tie breaker is how many events each of them won by points. If two won 4 events each and the third only won 2 events, the two eventer receives third place. The next tie breaker is who scored the highest in any event. Say both athletes scored 1200 points in their best event, one in the pole vault and the other in the 100 meter. They are still tied. If one athlete scored 1150 points in his second best event and the other athlete scored 1130, then the 1130 athlete gets 2nd thus making the 1130 athlete first.

Item 96 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 332.4 as follows:

The winner of any Combined Event shall be the competitor who scores the highest total number of points. If two or more athletes achieve an equal number of points for any place in the competition, resolve the tie by ranking the tying athletes using the scores calculated with the IAAF Combined Events Scoring Formulas without truncating individual event scores to the integer.

Rationale: *Easy to explain, simple to implement. This proposal has an analogy in breaking ties between runners in different heats where, for example, they each have official 10.05s, but 10.041 beats 10.042. An example is available.*

Item 97 – Submitted by Graeme Shirley, Rules Committee Masters. Add New Rule 333.4 as follows:

A Pit Lane shall not be used in Masters races.

As a companion: –Amend Rule 230.3(j) as follows:

NOTE: For Masters exception see Rule 333.4.

Rationale: *Compliance WMA Rule 230.7(c).*

Item 98 –Submitted by Mary Rosado, Chair Masters LDR. Amend Rule 341.10 as follows:

An event chosen as a Masters Long Distance Running Championship shall use a transponder timing system as the primary timing and recording system, using ~~((either))~~ ‘Net Timing’, ~~((or))~~ ‘Gun Timing’ or a combination of both. If

'net timing' is used then Rule 165.16 shall apply. In addition, a fully automatic timing camera or video system placed on the finish line must be used to validate places, times and possible records. ...

As a companion: –Amend Rule 165.16 as follows:

In Masters LDR championships and in non-championship races conducted partly or entirely outside the stadium, the Games Committee may elect to determine times and places based 'net times', 'gun times' or a combination of both to determine placing and awards provided that: ...

Rationale: *The Masters LDR Committee wants the ability to use a combination of 'gun times' and 'net times' at their championship events (example: 'gun times' for placing, scoring and age group awards while allowing 'net times' to be used for age-graded awards). Currently, only the use of 'gun times' or 'net times' is allowed. Regardless, 'net times' are still permissible for use for Master LDR record purposes. Rule 165.16 sets guidelines when using 'net times'. Recommended for approval unanimously by the Masters LDR Executive Committee.*

Item 99 –Submitted by Mary Rosado, Chair Masters LDR. Add New Rule 341.12 as follows:

For purposes of Masters LDR championship mixed gender races, men and women are considered to be in separate events and thus athletes of one sex may not be paced or assisted by athletes of another sex. Such actions would be considered illegal assistance. See Rule 144.2 and Rule 144.3.

Rationale: *Language agrees with IAAF guidelines. Masters LDR believes that all athletes should compete honestly with bona fide effort in all championship events. To that end, pacing by an athlete of the opposite gender in a mixed gender championship race should be considered 'illegal assistance' and dealt with accordingly by the Referee. There have been instances of a 'faster' spouse pacing a 'slower' partner in Masters LDR mixed gender championship events. The 'faster' spouse is obviously not competing honestly with bona fide effort. Recommended for approval unanimously by the Masters LDR Executive Committee.*

Item 100 –Submitted by Bob Podkaminer, Rules Committee At-Large. Amend Rule 158 ## as follows:

NOTE 1: This Rule is intended to allow for correction of administrative mistakes, e.g. wrongful competitor identification, typographical and mathematical mistakes. It is not intended to extend the review period for judges and referees or to negate the established appeal process.

Rationale: *This is an effort to clarify how this rule should be used and not used.*

Item 101 –Submitted by John Blackburn, Rules Committee Chair

Placeholder to allow for consideration of Para rules and how to reference in USATF Rule Book.