

## USATF RULES COMMITTEE SCORECARD

Committee Actions as of  3pm  1 December, 2018

	Action		Item	Action		Item	Action		Item	Action		Item	Action
1	A		21	A		41	AA		61	A		81	W
2	A		22	R		42	R		62	A		82	AA
3	A		23	R		43	R		63	A		83	W
4	AA		24	A		44	A		64	A		84	A
5	A		25	A		45	A		65	AA		85	AA
6	AA		26	A		46	A		66	A		86	A
7	A		27	AA		47	A		67	A		87	A
8	AA		28	R		48	A		68	W		88	AA
9	AA		29	R		49	A		69	W		89	AA
10	AA		30	W		50	A		70	A		90	AA
11	A		31	A		51	A		71	W		91	W
12	A		32	A		52	AA		72	A		92	W
13	A		33	W		53	R		73	A		93	T
14	A		34	A		54	A		74	A		94	AA
15	A		35	A		55	A		75	W		95	AA
16	W		36	T		56	AA		76	AA		96	W
17	R		37	R		57	AA		77	A		97	A
18	A		38	R		58	A		78	T		98	A
19	W		39	A		59	A		79	W		99	R
20	A		40	A		60	A		80	A		100	A
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Final Actions: A=Accepted    AA= Accepted As Amended    R=Rejected    T=Tabled    W=Withdrawn

**Item 4** – 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. Limitations**

The following limitations are applicable to all classifications.

(a) For events longer than Half Marathon or the 1-Hour event the age minimum shall be 16.

(b) For events longer than the Marathon or 2-Hour event the age minimum shall be 18.

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

**As a companion:** – Amend Rule 253.2(c) as follows:

Long Distance Mountain Running race courses include distances of approximately 20km to 42km.  
~~((Participants under the age of 18 should not compete at distances exceeding 25km.))~~

**Item 6** – Amend Rule 143.2 as follows:

In hot weather, an athlete competing in a Long Distance race ~~((road run))~~ may compete without a top shirt. This ruling will be made by the Referee with the approval of the Games Committee.

**Item 8** – 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 solid 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 be marked with a line of width 15cm in a color contrasting the running surface and))~~ shall be 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 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. ...

**Item 9** – Amend the submission as follows:

For Youth Athletics exception see Rule 303.1(h). For Masters exception see Rule 332.2(k).

**As a companion:** Add Rule 332.2(k). Include the table used by Masters at their Championships.

**OUTDOOR**

**100m, 200m, 400m, Hurdles**

Number of Declared Competitors	Number of Semi Finals	Qualifying	Final
1-8	0		1
9-16	2	2 P 4 T	1
17-24	3	2 P 2 T	1
25-32	4	1 P 4 T	1
33-40	5	1 P 3 T	1
41-48	6	1 P 2 T	1
49-56	7	0 P 8 T	1
57-64	8	0 P 8 T	1
65-72	9	0 P 8 T	1

**800m**

Number of Declared Competitors	Number of Semi Finals	Qualifying	Final
1-12	0		1
13-24	2	2 P 8 T	1
25-36	3	2 P 6 T	1
37-48	4	2 P 4 T	1
49-60	5	2 P 2 T	1
61-72	6	0 P 8 T	1

**INDOOR**

**8 lanes (60m, 60m Hurdles)**

Number of Declared Competitors	Number of Semi Finals	Qualifying	Final
1-8	0		1
9-16	2	2 P 4 T	1
17-24	3	2 P 2 T	1
25-32	4	1 P 4 T	1
33-40	5	1 P 3 T	1
41-48	6	1 P 2 T	1
49-56	7	0 P 8 T	1
57-64	8	0 P 8 T	1

Number of Declared Competitors	Number of Semi Finals	Qualifying	Final
1-6	0		1
7-12	2	2 P 2 T	1
13-18	3	1 P 3 T	1
19-24	4	1 P 2 T	1
25-30	5	0 P 6 T	1
31-36	6	0 P 6 T	1
37-42	7	0 P 6 T	1
43-48	8	0 P 6 T	1

Outdoors – Events 1500m and longer – finals on time  
Indoors – Events 400m and longer – finals on time

**Item 10** – Add New Rule 170.12 ## as follows:

The Shuttle Hurdle Relay consists of four members running the Hurdles in adjacent lanes in opposite directions using the same hurdle height, spacing, and distance as the standard Hurdle event. 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. For Masters exception see Rule 332.2(i).

**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).

**Item 27** – Amend Rule 244.4 as follows:

In events using transponder reading devices located on the running surface, ((at least 15cm 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. ...

**Item 41** – Amend the submission 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	8.0m	10m/15m
13 - 14 B	55/60m	5	33"	13m	8.5m	8m/13m
15 - 18 G	55/60m	5	33"	13m	8.5m	8m/13m
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	8m/13m
High School B	55/60m Shuttle Relay	5	39"	13.72m	9.14m	4.72m/9.72m

**Item 52** – 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, shall 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 the finishing order is reviewed by a finish line imaging system to determine the order of finisher for any questionable placing. The referee has the authority to rule on matters of a timing irregularity or other irregularities.

**Item 56** – Add New Rule 306.1(g) as follows:

Once an athlete begins participation in the Junior Olympic Program, throughout the entire Junior Olympic Series:

- (i) Athletes who are unattached must remain unattached.
- (ii) Athletes who represent a club shall not switch from one club to another.
- (iii) An athlete may withdraw their club affiliation and compete unattached.

**Item 57** – 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 shall be made in writing to the Association Youth Chair, who shall then submit it to the Regional Coordinator, who shall then submit it to the Zonal Representative who shall then submit it to the Youth Athletics ((Chairperson)) Executive Committee for review.

**Item 65** – 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 USA Masters Eligible individuals. 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.

**Item 76** – Amend Rule 332.1(a) as follows:

There shall be no Regional Championship entry restrictions to ~~((any Masters competitor involving eligibility to compete))~~ athletes who are USA Masters Eligible. 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.

**Item 82** – 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 as required.))~~ The provisions of Rule 332.2(a) shall not apply. The referee may re-form the heats.

**Item 85** – Amend the submission as follows:

Relay teams are defined as follows:

**Club:** ~~((In accordance with Regulation 4-B, all))~~ All members must be ((resident)) USA Masters Eligible in the Association in which the club is registered (or meet the residency exception of Regulation 4-B). ...

**Item 88** – Add New Rule 332.2(k) as follows:

At the National Championships, athletes shall wear a chip or similarly worn electronic device in the track race walking events and running events 3000 meters and longer for lap counting.

**Item 89** – 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 using similar facilities and conditions. The same progression of increments shall be used. Simultaneous height changes are not required.

**Item 90** – Amend Rule 332.3(c) as follows:

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

minute. Such warm-up shall occur at the change of the bar to the height the competitor enters the competition.

**Item 94** – 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 boards may be used, one of which shall be 0.5m or 1m from the nearer end of the landing area. In the triple jump,

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

(ii) when more than one take-off board is used, each take-off board 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.

**Item 95** – Amend the submission as follows:

**NOTE:** *Rule 332.4(b) shall not be applied when more than two competitors are tied.*

**Item 101** – Amend the submission as follows:

Retain a placeholder to allow for consideration of Para rules and how to reference in USATF Rule Book.

**As a companion:** Amend Rule 144.1 as follows:

**NOTE 1:** *For athletes with disabilities entering open competitions, refer to the “USATF Policy and Procedures for Evaluation of Requests for Accommodations Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act” (<http://www.usatf.org/about/legal/policies/ADA.asp>).*