

USA TRACK & FIELD NATIONAL OFFICIALS COMMITTEE
2017-2020 Field Referee (Grades 1 & 2)
Certification Rules Review (v 1.0)



Purpose

The purpose of this open-book rules review is for officials to demonstrate their familiarity with, and knowledge of USATF and NCAA rules as a Referee for running events.

Instructions

Use the 2016 USATF Competition Rules (<http://www.usatf.org/About/Competition-Rules.aspx>) and the 2015-2016 NCAA Cross Country/Track & Field Rules (<http://www.ncaapublications.com/c-60-track-field.aspx>) to complete this review.

There are a variety of question types in Sections I thru V below. Enter your answers below on this paper, which will serve as your answer sheet, and send it to your association certification chair.

Scoring

A total of 100 points are available. The minimum passing score is as follows: **Grade 1 - 80%**; **Grade 2 – 90%**

PART I – True/False Questions (Total: 14 points – 2 points for each question)

There are 7 questions – 1 point for the correct answer and 1 point for the correct rule number. In those questions where USATF and NCAA are both listed or more than one rule applies, **at least name one of the rules (USATF or NCAA) to receive credit.**

1. In the shot put in **NCAA and USATF** competitions, the athlete must leave the circle under control for the throw to be legal.
True / False USATF Rule # _____ NCAA Rule # _____

2. In a **USATF** meet, the referee has the power to cancel or postpone to a future date any event, even if it is underway, if in the Referee's judgment the competition cannot be conducted or completed in a satisfactory manner and in fairness to the competitors and the officials.
True / False USATF Rule # _____

3. In **NCAA** competition, a referee may act upon a violation he or she observes during competition.
True / False NCAA Rule # _____

4. In both **NCAA and USATF** meets, a discus that hits the cage but lands in the sector is a foul.
True / False USATF Rule # _____ NCAA Rule # _____

5. In the throws, an attempt is good if the implement lands on the sector line in both **NCAA and USATF** competitions.
True / False USATF Rule # _____ NCAA Rule # _____

6. In **NCAA and USATF** competitions, if a vaulter's pole breaks during a jump, the trial does not count and the vaulter gets another attempt.
True / False USATF Rule # _____ NCAA Rule # _____

7. In a field event in both **USATF and NCAA** meets, it is a foul if an athlete does not complete his/her attempt before the prescribed time expires.
True / False USATF Rule # _____ NCAA Rule # _____

PART II – Multiple Choice/Fill in the Blank Questions (Total: 13 points)

There are 5 questions. Points are indicated for the correct answer and correct rule number(s).

Circle the correct answer letter (#8-#10); fill in the blanks (#11); and enter 1, 2, and 3 (#12).

In all cases, fill in the correct rule number(s).

8. Indicate the appropriate time to change time limits in the vertical jumps in **USATF** meets, citing the appropriate rule. (2 points; correct answer – 1 point, correct rule number – 1 point)
- A. During a height, when you reach the appropriate number of athletes jumping at a particular height.
 - B. During a height, when you reach the appropriate number of athletes left in the competition.
 - C. At a height change, when you have the appropriate number of athletes jumping at that height.
 - D. At a height change, when you have the appropriate number of athletes left in the competition.
- USATF Rule Number _____
9. In a **USATF** throws competition, which of these is illegal? Cite the appropriate rules. (2 points; correct answer – 1 point, correct rule number – 1 point)
- A. Tape on the wrist
 - B. Tape on their wrist or hand, but not the fingers
 - C. Taping two or more fingers together so that they cannot move independently
 - D. Tape on fingers that allows the fingers to move independently
 - E. All of the above
- USATF Rule Number _____
10. For a javelin throw to be legal in an **NCAA** meet, which of the following must be true? Cite the appropriate rule. (2 points; correct answer – 1 point, correct rule number – 1 point)
- A. The javelin must stick in the ground.
 - B. The javelin must leave a mark in the ground.
 - C. The head of the javelin must hit the ground first.
 - D. The tail of the javelin must not hit the ground first.
- NCAA Rule Number _____
11. Where a pole vaulter **may** position the standards behind the back of the plant box in these competitions? Please indicate the appropriate rules. (3 points – ¼ point for each answer)
- A. **USATF Youth:** Between _____ cm and _____ cm Rule Number _____
 - B. **USATF Open:** Between _____ cm and _____ cm Rule Number _____
 - C. **USATF Masters:** Between _____ cm and _____ cm Rule Number _____
 - D. **NCAA:** Between _____ cm and _____ cm Rule Number _____
12. Number, in order, the correct three steps for breaking a tie for first place in the vertical jumps in either NCAA or USATF meets. Please indicate the appropriate rule for both **USATF and NCAA** competitions. (4 points - 1 point for each correct answer and ½ point for each rule number)
- ___ Fewest number of attempts during the competition
 - ___ Fewest attempts at the tying height
 - ___ Jump-off between tied competitors
 - ___ Highest opening height
 - ___ Fewest misses throughout the competition
 - ___ Fewest passes throughout the competition
- USATF Rule Number _____ NCAA Rule Number _____

PART III – Results (Total: 23 points)

3 questions, each worth points as indicated in the question.

13. There are 9 jumpers in the Men's Triple Jump competition during a **USATF** meet, with 8 athletes advancing to the final. Determine which athletes advance to the final and put them in the correct jumping **order**. Indicate the applicable rule. (5 points – 4 points for places - ½ point for each correct place; 1 point for correct rule)

Competitor	Preliminary Round			Order in Finals	Final Round		
	1	2	3		4	5	6
1. Johnson	12.56	12.51	12.65				
2. Silva	12.28	12.22	12.56				
3. Devoreau	X	12.71	X				
4. Holiday	12.73	-	-				
5. Chang	X	11.73	12.06				
6. Gomez	X	X	12.78				
7. Ives	12.10	12.17	X				
8. Booker	12.49	12.49	12.65				
9. Redman	X	12.28	12.71				

Rule Number _____

14. Below are the results that are given to you from an **NCAA** high jump competition. Review the results and if they are not correct, make necessary adjustments. If a jump-off is necessary, list the athletes involved, where the jump-off would begin, and the increments used (7 points)

	2.15	2.20	2.25	2.27	2.29	2.31	Place	Corrected Place
Matt Hemingway	-	O	XXO	O	XO	XXX	3	
James Nieto	-	O	XO	XXX			8	
Charles Austin	-	XO	O	O	XO	XXX	1	
Kenny Evans	-	XXO	XXX				10	
Buz Martin	-	O	XO	O	XXX		4	
Nathan Leeper	O	O	XXX				9	
Mark Boswell	-	O	-	XO	XO	XXX	2	
Furman David	O	O	XXX				9	
Henry Patterson	XXO	XO	XXO	XXX			7	
Tora Harris	O	O	O	XXX			6	
Ron Nelson	O	XXX					11	
Marc Chen	O	O	O	XO	XXX		5	

- 3 points (1/4 per athlete) for putting the jumpers in the correct places
- 1 point for identifying jumpers involved in jump-off and who is involved
- 1 point for identifying where that jump-off begins
- 1 point for identifying the jump-off progression
- 1 point for identifying the NCAA Rule

Additional answer space below if needed for #14 question or on a separate sheet

15. Below are the women’s pole vault results from an NCAA Preliminary Round competition. Only twelve athletes can advance to the finals. Indicate the **qualifiers** with **q** under “**Qualify**”; the **order of finish** in the preliminary round in their flight under “**Place**”; and the **overall place** under “**Overall**”. If there are not a clear twelve qualifiers, describe how you would determine who advance to the finals. If a jump-off is necessary, list the athletes involved, where the jump-off would begin, and the increments used. **(11 points)**

Flight One

Athlete	3.75	3.90	4.05	4.15	4.20	4.25	Place	Overall	Qualify
Kiley Tobel	-	O	XO	XXX					
Karly Jackson	O	O	XXX						
Annika Roloff	-	-	O	XXO	O				
Lexi Masterson	O	XO	XO	XXX					
Kimyanna Rudolph	O	O	XXO	XO	XXX				
Megan Clark	-	XO	XO	XO	XXX				
Sophie Gutermuth	-	O	XXX						
Neal Tisher	-	O	O	O	XO				
Sabrina Hochreuther	-	O	XXX						
Kelsie Ahbe	-	-	O	XO	XO				
Kelly Truppo	-	O	XXO	XXX					
Petra Olsen	-	-	XXO	O	XXO				
Caroline Hasse	-	O	O	O	XXX				

Additional answer space below if needed for #15 question or on a separate sheet

Flight Two

Athlete	3.75	3.90	4.05	4.15	4.20	4.25	Place	Overall	Qualify
Alexandra Wasik	-	XXO	O	O	XXX				
Erin Champion	-	XO	XXO	XXX					
Sydney Clute	-	O	XXO	XO	XO				
Chanel Krause	O	O	O	XXO	XXX				
Cameron Overstreet	-	XO	XXO	XXX					
Lakan Taylor	-	XO	XO	XXO	XO				
Martina Schultze	-	-	XO	O	O				
Lauren Chorny	O	O	XXO	XXO	XXX				
Claire Lucas	-	XXO	O	O	XXX				
Alysha Newman	-	XO	O	O	O				
Sarah Bell	-	O	XXO	XXX					
Sydney White	O	O	XXO	XO	XXO				
Carolina Carmichael	-	-	O	XXO	O				

- 2 points (1 point per flight) for athletes in correct order within flight
- 3 points for athletes in correct overall order
- 2 points for correctly identifying qualifiers
- 1 point for correctly identifying athletes involved in a jump-off
- 1 point for correctly identifying jump-off starting height
- 1 point for correctly identifying jump-off increment
- 1 point for NCAA Rule

PART IV – Essays (50 points)

There are 10 questions, each worth 5 points. Write your answers on a separate sheet and attach it to these pages.

Note: The essay questions below reflect complex situations that have several things to consider. Be certain to address such things as: What information do you need, who would you talk to, and what questions would you ask? What rules are pertinent to the situation? What are possible options to remedy the situation? What option would you select and why?

16. In a pole vault competition, one competitor has not taken a jump in the first hour of competition. When the athlete prepares to start jumping, there are three athletes left in the event, including this athlete. Compare how much times the athlete gets to warm-up and the time limit for his or her first attempt in an **USATF open, NCAA, Masters, and Youth** events. (5 points)

17. During a **USATF** competition, an athlete in the pole vault asks that her time be stopped until after the start of the 200-meter dash for which the Starter has just called the runners "on your marks." the starting line for the 200 meters is next to the pole vault run-way. The timer stops the clock but then resets it to 1 minute rather than just restarting it for the remainder of the time. You don't notice this until another athlete points it out to you. You know that originally at least 20 seconds had elapsed before the athlete requested the time be stopped. The clock now reads 25 seconds to go. What action would you take for this athlete and why? What would you say to the timer and when? What are all the options that you can think of? (5 points)

18. A high jumper in a **USATF** event is excused from the next round of competition following a successful attempt to take a jump in the Long Jump, which is occurring simultaneously. However, since there are only three other jumpers remaining in the high jump, that round goes quickly, and the bar is raised to a second height before she returns. She is the first jumper in the order. Do you call her up and record a time foul, or do you pass her to the next height? Give the rationale for your answer. Would your answer change if it were an NCAA event? **(5 points)**
19. In the long jump, at an **NCAA** conference outdoor championship, a competitor fouls at the board in his final preliminary attempt in the third round. The competitor immediately protests the call. The coach immediately files a written protest. What steps need to be taken? If the protest cannot be completed before the time for the final rounds to begin, how would you proceed? **(5 points)**
20. At an **NCAA** conference meet, the discus sector is next to the pole vault venue. The events are scheduled to take place at the same time. What factors would you consider regarding the safety of this situation? What are the options available to you? What steps could you take to ensure the safety of the athletes and why would you choose those actions? **(5 points)**
21. During the third round of a **USATF** women's discus, an unmarked disk is found when inspected in the field following the throw. No one but the athlete who just threw the discus admits using it. As Field Event Referee you are called to the competition site. What are your options? Which one would you do? There has been at least one Olympic Trials qualifying throw before this occurred. **(5 points)**
22. For a discus competition at an **NCAA** competition, laser measurement is being used with two officials, both holding prisms, marking in the sector. During the second round of competition, a mark is measured as 40.34 meters yet the prism is at the 35 meter line. What steps would you take to address this discrepancy? **(5 points)**
23. You arrive at a **USATF** association meet to discover that shot put sector has not been set and there is no facility crew present. How would you proceed? **(5 points)**
24. The men's hammer competition at an **NCAA** meet has two flights. All the spectators and competitors are seated behind the cage. During warm-ups for flight 2, both cage doors are open. After the second throw in Flight 2, it was noticed that both doors were still open. What actions would you take and why? **(5 points)**
25. During the first of two flights of a **USATF** discus competition, it begins to rain. Some of the athletes ask you to "flood" the ring by pouring water into it. Other athletes are opposed to this. What would you do and why? Would you consider suspending the competition? Why or why not? If the rain stops during the first flight's competition, would you stop the competition to dry the circle? Why or why not? Would you take any action if the first flight throws in the rain, but the rain stops before the second flight competes? **(5 points)**