

NFHS Track &Field

2012 Track and Field Comments on the Rules

Monday, February 13, 2012

- 1. 3-4-2, Referee** - Administrative duties for the meet referee may need to continue after the meet to document actions which occur during the competition. This revision illustrates the difference between the meet referee's jurisdiction during the contest and other administrative responsibilities such as submitting specific reports after the meet. In addition, clarifies that state associations may continue to develop and implement policies that allow for review of unusual incidents that occur while the meet officials have jurisdiction or after the meet.
- 2. 4-3-1b(8), 4-3-1c(7), 9-6-1b(7), 9-6-1c(7) NOTE 2, Uniform** - Stitching on a visible undergarment, top or bottom, of a contrasting or different color to that of the single, solid color of the garment will not distract or cause the color of the undergarment to become confusing. The stitching must be used for construction of the garment and not design.
- 3. 4-3-3 PEN, Jewelry**- The penalty and potential of disqualification for wearing jewelry should apply only to the competitor involved.
- 4. 5-7-3, Start** - Creates consistency in the distance behind the starting line for the step-up mark used in all one command running events. This distance is far enough behind the line that competitors will have a definite stop before the starting line and eliminate a leaning movement into the start.
- 5. 7-4-10, 7-5-17, Flights** - Defines the minimum number of competitors in a flight and eliminates the maximum number of competitors in a flight. Further clarifies the use of "five alive" and the procedure to follow to end "five alive" in an orderly fashion.
- 6. 7-5-2, Pole Vault** - Eliminates the limit of the requirement for only two layers of tape and requires the tape to be of uniform thickness. This change does not remove the intent that a competitor cannot build a knob type grip to enhance his/her performance.
- 7. 7-5-25, 7-5-29, Pole Vault** - Clarifies who may touch or catch the pole and under what circumstances touching the pole is not allowed. The touch or catch by the competitor that prevents the crossbar from being dislodged is a foul.
- 8. 9-1-1, Course** - This method of measurement is a more accurate distance of the running route taken by competitors and updates the rule to current trends in the sport for course measurement.
- 9. 9-3-3, 9-6-2, Order of Finish** - Updates terminology when referring to a computerized transponder and includes allowing the use of a transponder being placed on the runner's bib. Clarifies, when worn on the shoes, there is to be one transponder/chip on each shoe and transponder/chips determine the order of finish.