

NFHS Track &Field

2013 Track and Field and Cross Country Points of Emphasis

Thursday, September 20, 2012

1. Officiating when the acceleration zone is not used –Umpires shall be placed by the referee in position that they may observe the competition closely. A sufficient number should be assigned to adequately observe the race and in relays the exchange zone. Umpires are stationed at the beginning and end of zone and must move to keep all competitors during exchange in view.

2. Mechanics for head event judge when excused competitor has not returned –The head event judge may excuse a competitor to participate in another event. The games committee must establish the time for the excusal from the event. The order of competition to accommodate may be made as well as trials in succession. When the competitor checks out through the event judge, his/her time is recorded it is know the competitor is excused, when he/she should return and that the competitor shall not be called up for a trial when excused from that event.

3. Head event judge responsibilities to enhance event safety –The head event judge should arrive at the event venue in time to do a walk through to check and make certain the required markings and equipment are set-up properly. The area around the venue should be clear and cordoned off to keep spectators and others safe distance away from the competitive venue area. The head event judge should meet will all parties involved in administering the event and review procedures to be followed to conduct the event in a safe environment. Any problems should be reported to the meet director.

4. Use of flags by field event judges –The rules currently provide for a number of required uses of flags ranging from signaling a state of readiness to a potential violation. All personnel should be knowledgeable of what color flag to use, when and where. Many times in larger meets the event judges will use red flags to indicate they are not ready for competition to begin and white to indicate ready. When the conditions warrant, the additional use of flags can be useful to keep the meet progressing smoothly and safely.

5. Continuous flights, “5 Alive” and “5 Active” –When using continuous flights when one competitor will not be participating the next competitor will be called to move into the rotation and will just become the next competitor. Another method is to have the next competitor move into the rotation in the very location where the previous competitor had been participating. Either of these two methods is acceptable to keep the competition moving with cond.

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