

2001 USATF RULES PACKAGE AS PASSED Revised 12/4/01

This being an odd-numbered year, the only submissions that were presented for consideration by the Rules Committee were (i) items that were tabled last year and (ii) items intended to conform USATF's Rules of Competition to those of the IAAF and the WMA (formerly known as WAVA). None of the last year's tabled items were approved this year. The following is a list of all conforming items that were approved in Mobile at the 2001 Annual Meeting. Items not shown were withdrawn, rejected, or tabled.

IAAF 1 – Amend the table in Rule 10.2(a) to add the following implements:

Junior Men's Shot Put and Hammer Throw - 6kg
Junior Men's Discus Throw - 1.75kg

IAAF 2 – Amend the table in Rule 11.2(a) to add the following implements:

Junior Men's Shot Put - 6kg

IAAF 3 – Amend Rule 30.5 as follows:

. . . Race Walking Officials, which may include an official in charge of the Warning Posting Board and/or a Recorder.

IAAF 4 – Amend the second sentence of Rule 32.6 as follows:

The referees for track events and for events outside the stadium . . .

(As an editorial matter, re-number the second of the two rules that appear as 32.6.)

IAAF 5 – Append the following to the first sentence of Rule 34.2:

, and who shall assign the other Finish Judges to their respective duties.

IAAF 6 – Add a new Rule 35.3 and renumber the remainder of Rule 35:

The Chief Field Judge in each field event shall assign the other Field Judges to their respective duties.

IAAF 8 – Amend Rule 39.2(b) as follows:

Each Judge shall use a white yellow paddle for signaling cautions during a race.

IAAF 9 – Amend Rule 39.3(d) as follows:

Disqualification may shall be given immediately as soon as practicable after the competitor has finished . . .

IAAF 10 – Append the following to Rule 39.3(d):

The failure to give prompt notification shall not result in the reinstatement of a disqualified competitor.

ITEM 13 – Add a new Rule 39.3(g) as follows:

Where appropriate equipment is available, hand-held computer devices with transmission capability may be used by the judges in communicating all warnings to the Recorder and the Warning Posting Board(s).

IAAF 14 – Add a new first sentence to Rule 47.6 as follows:

The wind gauge may be started and stopped automatically and/or remotely, and the information conveyed directly to the competition computer.

IAAF 15 – Amend the first sentence of Rule 49.1 as follows:

The Starter shall have entire control of the competitors at their marks and shall be the sole judge, except as herein otherwise provided, of fact as to whether or not any competitor has committed a false start.

IAAF 17 – Amend Rule 50 as follows:

. . . The Jury of Appeal shall consult with all relevant officials. If the Jury of Appeal is in doubt, other available evidence may be considered. If such evidence, including any available video evidence, is not conclusive, the decision of the Referee shall be upheld.

IAAF 18 – Add the following after the penultimate sentence of Rule 50:

The Jury of Appeal may, however, reconsider decisions if new conclusive evidence is presented.

IAAF 21 – Delete the last two sentences of Rule 60.17.

IAAF 22 – Append the following to Rule 66.2(a):

In order to facilitate this communication and not to disturb the staging of the competition, it is recommended that a place in the stands, close to the immediate site of each field event, be reserved for the athletes' coaches.

IAAF 23 – Add a new Rule 66.9, as follows, and renumber the existing 66.9:

Physiotherapy and/or medical treatment necessary to enable an athlete to participate, or continue participation once in the competition area, by personnel designated or approved by the Meet Doctor specifically for this purpose, is permitted and shall not be considered assistance, provided that it does not delay the conduct of the competition or a competitor's trial in the designated order.

Amend the last clause of Rule 66.7 as follows:

. . . except as provided by Rules 66.8, 66.9, 66.10 or Rule 132.

IAAF 24 – Amend the first sentence of Rule 71.3(e) as follows:

In the High Jump and Long Jump, the sole shall have a maximum thickness of 13mm and in the High Jump, the heel shall have a maximum thickness of 19mm.

IAAF 25 – Amend Rule 77 by numbering the existing rule as 77.1 and adding a new Rule 77.2 as follows:

The Referee has the discretion to waive the honest effort rule in the event an athlete provides a medical certificate, endorsed by a medical officer appointed or approved by USATF or the Games Committee, attesting to the fact that the athlete became unable to compete after being declared, or after competing in a previous round, but will be able to compete in further events on a subsequent day of the competition.

IAAF 26 – Amend NOTE 2 to Rule 80.8 as follows:

. . . where not more than 3 4 teams are competing, . . .

IAAF 27 – Append the following to Rule 80.9:

Should any runner not follow this paragraph, his/her team shall be disqualified.

IAAF 28 – Append the following to Rule 80.12:

Passing of the baton outside the take-over zone shall result in disqualification.

IAAF 29 – Add a new Rule 80.12, as follows, and re-number remaining paragraphs of Rule 80:

Competitors are not permitted to wear gloves or place substances on their hands in order to obtain a better grip of the baton.

IAAF 30 – Amend the second sentence of the existing Rule 80.12 as follows:

. . . and is completed the moment it is in the hand of only the receiving runner only.

IAAF 31 – Amend Rule 80.14 as follows:

Runners, before receiving and/or after handing over the baton, should remain in their respective lanes or zones, in this latter case until the course is clear, to avoid obstruction to other competitors. Rule 65.6 shall not apply to these athletes in this situation. Should any runner willfully impede a member of another team by running out of position or lane at the finish of the leg, the impeding runner is liable to cause the disqualification of his/her team the team of the impeding runner shall be disqualified.

IAAF 32 – Amend the third sentence of Rule 80.16 as follows:

The composition of the team and the order of running for a relay must shall be officially declared before the start of each round of competition no later than one half hour before the published starting time for the first heat of each round of the competition. Further alterations may be made only on medical grounds (verified by a medical officer appointed by the Games Committee), and only until the final call for the particular heat in which the team is competing.

IAAF 33 – Replace the second and third sentences of Rule 81.5(a) with the following:

At the start of a race, the surface of the water shall be level with the surface of the track, within a margin of 2cm. The depth of the water closest to the hurdle shall be 70cm for approximately 30cm. From there, the bottom shall have a uniform slope upwards to the level of the track at the farther end of the water pit. The hurdle at the water jump shall be 3.66m (±2cm) wide, and shall be firmly fixed to the ground, so that no horizontal movement is possible.

IAAF 34 – Replace Rule 81.5(b) with the following:

The sloped portion of the bottom of the water pit shall consist of a synthetic surface, or matting, of sufficient thickness to afford safe landing, and allow for the spikes to grip satisfactorily.

IAAF 35 – Add a new Rule 90.4(c) as follows and re-letter the remainder of 90.4:

In non-championship competition, in the discretion of the Games Committee, the number of trials allowed to each competitor may be reduced to four.

IAAF 36 – Amend the last sentence of Rule 90.8(c) as follows:

If an athlete subsequently decides not to attempt that trial, or is not present for the that trial, it shall be considered a failure deemed that the athlete is passing once the period allowed for the trial has elapsed.

IAAF 37 – Replace the second sentence of Rule 90.8(d)ii with the following:

The following time should not normally be exceeded: 1 minute in all events.

IAAF 38 – Amend Rule 90.8(d)iii as follows:

In the final stages of the competition in the High Jump and Pole Vault, but not in the combined events, when only two or three competitors remain following the completion of the round, the above times should be increased to 2 1.5 minutes for the High Jump and 3 2 minutes for the Pole Vault. When there is only one competitor remaining following the completion of a round in such competition, these times should be increased to 5 3 minutes for the High Jump and 6 5 minutes for the Pole Vault.

IAAF 39 – Replace the second sentence of NOTE 2 to Rule 90.8(d)(vii) with the following, as a new Rule 90.8(d)(vii), renumbering subsequent subparagraphs:

In addition, an official shall raise and keep raised a yellow flag, or another suitable indicator, for the final 15 seconds remaining of the time allowed, when applicable.

IAAF 40 – Amend Rule 90.11 as follows:

The Games Committee should place a wind sock near the take-off in all jumping events and near the discus and javelin

IAAF 41 – Append the following to Rule 91.3:

In the Javelin Throw, a competitor may wear elbow protection.

IAAF 42 – Append the following to Rule 91.4:

In the Hammer Throw, a suitable substance may also be applied to the gloves.

IAAF 43 – Add a new Rule 218.6(a), as follows, and renumber remainder of Rule 218:

Indicator Lines –

(a) High Jump: A white line 50mm wide shall be drawn (usually by adhesive tape or similar material). The nearer edge of the line is drawn along the nearer edge of the uprights and extends for 3 meters on either side of the uprights.

IAAF 44 – Replace **Note 1 to Rule 93.14(a)** with a new Rule 218.6(b), as follows:

(b) Pole Vault: A white line 1cm wide may shall be drawn . . . This will facilitate the determination of the zero point and the checking of the uprights.

IAAF 45 – Amend Rule 93.18(a) as follows:

after the vault, the bar does not remain on the **supports** pegs because . . .

IAAF 46 – Replace **Rule 93.18(d)** with the following:

During the vault, the vaulter steadies or replaces the bar with his/her hand(s).

IAAF 47 – Append the following to Rule 93.20:

and the vaulter shall be awarded a new trial.

IAAF 48 – Amend Rule 94.4(a)ii as follows:

Touches the ground **beyond** between the marker material or the take-off line extended and the landing area.

IAAF 49 – Replace Rule 94.4(e) with the following:

. when leaving the landing area, makes first contact with the ground outside the pit closer to the take-off line than the nearest break made in the sand.

IAAF 50 – Amend Rule 99.1(d) as follows:

. . . or where the competitor touches with any part of the body or limbs, the arc as marked

IAAF 51 – Append the following sentence to Rule 99.2.:

If the competitor thereby loses his balance and contravenes any part of this Rule, it shall not be counted as a foul throw and the competitor shall be awarded a new trial.

IAAF 52 – Append the following to Rule 100.3:

and the athlete shall be awarded a new trial.

IAAF 53 – Amend Rule 143.2, as follows:

In races that include a large number of competitors, a five-minute, three-minute, and one-minute warnings should shall be given, with additional warnings if required.

IAAF 54 – Amend Rule 150.3(a) by adding the following, after the second sentence:

A competitor who fails to leave the track or course, as required by this Rule, shall be subject Rule 65.8.

IAAF 55 – Add a new Rule 150.4 as follows and re-letter the existing .4:

In addition to the water and/or refreshment stations provided at the beginning and end of the race, for all events of 10km or longer, refreshment stations shall be provided every lap. In addition to refreshments provided by the organizing committee, athletes shall be permitted to provide their own refreshments at refreshment stations. In addition, drinking/sponging stations for water only shall be placed approximately midway between the refreshment stations or more frequently if weather conditions warrant such provision.

IAAF 57– Amend Rule 160.3(c) as follows:

In the running events **and hurdles**, a competitor shall be disqualified in any event in which he or she has made ~~three~~ two false starts.

NOTE: This rule amendment shall be effective January 1, 2003, but may be implemented in the discretion of the Games Committee of any meet during the year 2002.

(As an editorial matter, the 2002 Rule Book would show both the existing rule and the change effective 1/1/03.)

IAAF 58 – Replace **Rule 182.4(b)** with the following:

The conditions imposed for recognizing a Combined Events record shall have been complied with in each of the individual events, except that, in events where wind velocity is measured, at least one of the following conditions shall be satisfied:

- i. The velocity in any individual event shall not exceed plus 4 meters per second.
- ii. The average velocity (based on the sum of the wind velocities, as measured for each individual event, divided by the number of such events) shall not exceed plus 2 meters per second.

IAAF 59 – Amend Rule 201.4 as follows:

Grip Handle The grip may be either single-or double-loop construction, but must be rigid and The handle shall be made solid and rigid made of one piece without hinging joints of any kind, and so made that it cannot stretch appreciably while being thrown. It shall be equilateral triangle shaped. It must be attached . . . overall length of the hammer. The grip shall be straight and 115mm long, measured on the inside.

Amend Rule 201.5 to change **grip** to handle.

NOTE: This amendment shall be effective 1-1-2003.

(As an editorial matter, the 2002 Rule Book would show both the existing rule and the change effective 1/1/03.)

IAAF 60– Amend the table in Rule 203.2 to provide specifications for the 1.75kg discus, as follows:

Nominal wt – 1.75
Min. Record wt – 1.750
Outside diam. Min – 210
Outside diam max – 212
Diam of flat area min – 50
Diam of flat area max – 57
Thickness at center min – 41
Thickness at center max – 43
Thickness of rim 6mm from edge min – 12
Thickness of rim 6mm from edge max – 13

(As an editorial matter, add missing row to table showing max thickness of rim as 13 for all weights.)

IAAF 61 – Amend the second sentence of Rule 210.5 as follows:

The board shall measure 11.2 to 30cm wide, 1.22 1.15m (± 1 cm) long on the inside arc measured straight end to end.

IAAF 62 – Amend the last sentence of Rule 212.1 as follows:

Sectors shall be 40 34.92 degrees.

Replace Rule 212.3 with the following:

As an aid in marking and checking the 34.92-degree sector, use the formula $A \times .6 = B$, where A is the distance from the center of the circle to a point on each of the two sector lines and B is the distanced between those two points. Thus, for example, 20 meters from the center of the circle, the distance from one sector line to the other will be 12 meters.

This amendment will be effective January 1, 2003.

(As an editorial matter, the 2002 Rule Book would show both the existing rule and the change effective 1/1/03.)

IAAF 64 – Amend the second sentence of Rule 218.3 as follows:

These end pieces shall have a semicircular cross-section; they shall be hard and smooth.

NOTE: This amendment takes effect 1-1-2003.

(As an editorial matter, the 2002 Rule Book would show both the existing rule and the change effective 1/1/03.)

IAAF 65 – Amend the third sentence of Rule 218.8 as follows:

They must not extend more than 75 55mm from the uprights, which should extend 35-40mm above the supports pegs.

NOTE: This amendment takes effect 1-1-2003.

(As an editorial matter, the 2002 Rule Book would show both the existing rule and the change effective 1/1/03.)

IAAF 66 – Amend Rule 218.10 as follows:

Where it is feasible, the landing area for the High Jump should measure not less than 5 6m long by 4m wide; for the Pole Vault it should measure not less than 5 7m long and 5 6m wide. . . .

IAAF 68 – Amend Rule 217.2 to change the angle of the plasticine from 30 degrees to 45 degrees.

IAAF 69 – Append the following to Rule 75.1(a):

As an exception, in the first round of the outdoor 800 Meters, up to 12 runners may start.

WMA 1 – Amend the table in Rule 205.4 to provide that the maximum length of the metal head is 270mm for the 500g javelin and 250mm for the 400g javelin, rather than 300mm and 280mm, respectively.