



**USATF National Officials Committee**  
**Combined Events Referee's Examination**  
**2009-2012 Olympiad Edition**

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**I**nstructions: This is an open book test but it is required that you take it as an individual. The questions are not in any particular order. You should not discuss your answers with anyone else. You should use the 2008 or later USATF Competition Rules and NCAA Rules to complete this test. You will need to give the appropriate rule references when completing the questions in Section 3 to support your answers. Section 1 contains true-false or multiple choice questions. Generally each question is worth one point unless otherwise indicated. Section 2 contains various rule applications. The value of each question is shown in the parenthesis. Section 3 contains situations that you might rule on as a referee. To get full credit for these discussion questions, please list as many alternatives as you can think of, indicate your chosen decision, reference the appropriate rule by number and explain why you have made the decision you have chosen. Some questions have no clear right answer. The goal of this examination is to assess your approach to refereeing and your application of the rules when there is no direct answer in the book. The rationale for your answer is the most important element of your answer. This section contains the majority of the points. Please **write or type** your answers clearly on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided and return it to your Certification Chair for review and grading. If you need more room for a particular answer, clearly label any additional sheets with the question number and indicate on the main answer sheet that there is additional discussion on an attached sheet. Generally, this test should not take more than two hours to complete. In addition you should take the Combined Events Officials Specialty Review.

**PURPOSE:** This is an examination. The goal is to make sure that every Referee is familiar with the current content and location of the rules and their application to the USATF and NCAA competitions in which he or she will officiate. This test is a part of the Committee's three-step training program (clinic, formal rules review and supervised practice), and emphasizes those rules basic to USATF and NCAA competitions. Effective competition officials and referees do not rely on memory alone in making decisions- when in doubt they look it up and quote the appropriate rule in rendering their decision.

**Section 1 (14 points)**

1. Who can compete in an Association's Combined Events Championship? (1 point)
  - a) All members of USATF
  - b) All members of an association
  - c) Anyone who enters
2. Who is responsible for approving the officials in an USATF combined events championship meet? (1 point)
  - a) Meet Director
  - b) Coordinator of Officials
  - c) Appropriate Sports committee
  - d) Officials committee
3. The height of the 110 m hurdles for the open decathlon men is: (1 point)
  - a) 0.762 m
  - b) 0.840 m
  - c) 0.914 m
  - d) 0.991 m
  - e) 1.067 m

4. True False All combined events conducted by or sanctioned by USATF or one of its associations must be conducted under the Championship rules. (1 point)
5. Where do you find the rule for team scoring for Combined Events? (1 point)
6. True False In USATF 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. (1 point)
7. True False The combined Events Referee shall have jurisdiction over the conduct of the combined events competition but the track and field Referees shall retain jurisdiction over the conduct of the respective individual events within the combined events competition. (1 point)
8. True False Because of the possibility of interference, a coach says the hurdle races must be run in alternate lanes. (1 point)
9. True False The false start rule is different from the normal start rule since it allows for disqualification only after the second false start by an individual. (1 point)
10. If possible, the time between the last event on the first day and the first event on the second day should be at least (1 point)
  - a) 12 hours
  - b) 8 hours
  - c) 15 hours
  - d) 10 hours
11. The normal increment for the high jump in the combined events in a USATF Championship meet is \_\_\_\_\_ cm. (1 point)
  - a) 5
  - b) 1
  - c) 3
  - d) 2
12. True False The time increment in the combined events for initiating a trial is the same as for the open competition except when there is only one athlete remaining. (1 point)
13. True False It is common practice to split a large combined event field by their starting heights in the high jump or the pole vault. (1 point)
14. An athlete throws the discus 42.74 m. The table shows the following points to be awarded. (1 point)
 

| Performance | Points |
|-------------|--------|
| a) 42.80    | 722    |
| b) 42.75    | 721    |
| c) 42.70    | 720    |
| d) 42.65    | 719    |

What points do you give him?

## Section 2 (23 points)

15. What are the recognized methods of timing? (4 points)
16. Describe the purpose and duties of the National Technical Official or NTO. (2 points)
17. Which side of the 5 cm line drawn on the track is the finish line? (1 point)
18. List the order of the women's heptathlon. (8 points)
19. How is the order of competition determined for each event? (1 point)
20. If an athlete drops out of the competition, does his/her scores and marks up to that point get dropped or are they included in the final results? (1 point)
21. For masters combined events, what scoring tables are used? (2 points)
22. How many combined events are eligible for national records in the open division? (2 point)

23. Is the combined events record requirement for wind velocity different from the normal events? If so, how? (2 points)

### Section 3 (33 points)

24. You are the combined event referee. You excuse an athlete after his second round jump in the long jump to get some medical attention for a sore hamstring. He has not returned when the shot put warm-ups are completed. What options do you have? When would you consider him to have abandoned the competition and why? (4 points)

25. You are the combined events coordinator for the decathlon. On the morning of the second day one of the athletes tells you that he has pulled a leg muscle and doesn't want to run the 110 m hurdles but does want to try to compete in the discus and the javelin. What action would you take? Is this allowed? If so, under what conditions? (3 points)

26. On the second day the FinishLynx system fails for the 110 m hurdles in the first heat. But one of the athletes in the second heat is on a record pace. How do you score the hurdles and is the record attempt invalid? (4 points)

27. Determine the best jump, places and points for all competitors. (15 points)

|    | 1.72 | 1.75 | 1.78 | 1.81 | 1.84 | 1.87 | 1.90 | 1.93 | 1.96 | 1.99 | Best | Pl. | Points |
|----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|--------|
| EE | P    | P    | P    | P    | O    | O    | XO   | O    | XXX  |      |      |     |        |
| FF | P    | P    | O    | O    | XO   | XXO  | XO   | XXX  |      |      |      |     |        |
| GG | O    | XO   | O    | XXO  | XO   | O    | XXX  |      |      |      |      |     |        |
| HH | P    | P    | O    | XO   | XO   | XXO  | XXO  | XXX  |      |      |      |     |        |
| II | P    | P    | P    | P    | P    | O    | XO   | O    | XXO  | XXX  |      |     |        |
| JJ | P    | P    | P    | P    | O    | O    | XXO  | XXX  |      |      |      |     |        |
| LL | P    | O    | O    | XO   | XP   | XP   | P    | X    |      |      |      |     |        |
| MM | P    | P    | P    | O    | XO   | XO   | XXO  | XXX  |      |      |      |     |        |
| NN | O    | XO   | XXO  | XXX  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |     |        |
| QQ | O    | P    | P    | O    | O    | XXX  |      |      |      |      |      |     |        |
| RR | P    | P    | P    | P    | P    | O    | XXO  | XO   | XXO  | XXX  |      |     |        |

### High Jump Scoring Table...

|        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Height | 1.72 | 1.73 | 1.74 | 1.75 | 1.76 | 1.77 | 1.78 | 1.79 | 1.80 | 1.81 | 1.82 | 1.83 | 1.84 |
| Points | 560  | 567  | 577  | 585  | 593  | 602  | 610  | 619  | 627  | 636  | 644  | 653  | 661  |
| Height | 1.85 | 1.86 | 1.87 | 1.88 | 1.89 | 1.90 | 1.91 | 1.92 | 1.93 | 1.94 | 1.95 | 1.96 | 1.97 |
| Points | 670  | 679  | 687  | 696  | 705  | 714  | 723  | 731  | 740  | 749  | 758  | 767  | 776  |

*Places 5 points; Heights 5 points; Scores 5 points.*

28. At the end of the decathlon competition you have two athletes with what appear to be identical scores of 8160. The following table shows their scores in each event. Who should get the higher place, and give your reasons why? (5 points)

| Event     | Athlete A | Place | Athlete B | Place |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|-------|
| 100 m     | 874       | 3     | 838       | 7     |
| Long Jump | 863       | 4     | 932       | 1     |
| Shot      | 820       | 8     | 849       | 5     |
| High Jump | 794       | 4     | 705       | 8     |
| 400       | 830       | 7     | 850       | 5     |

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|---------------|------|----|------|----|
| 110 m Hurdles | 932  | 1  | 874  | 9  |
| Discus        | 707  | 11 | 849  | 3  |
| Pole Vault    | 728  | 9  | 649  | 11 |
| Javelin       | 795  | 7  | 836  | 1  |
| 1500 m        | 817  | 4  | 778  | 8  |
| Total         | 8160 |    | 8160 |    |

29. After the decathlon javelin the point scores are as follows. Should there be one or two heats of the 1500m, and if so, how would you split them? (2 points)

|    | <b>Name</b> | <b>Score</b> | <b>Heat</b> |
|----|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1  | Pappas      | 7930         |             |
| 2  | Huffins     | 7820         |             |
| 3  | Janvrin     | 7750         |             |
| 4  | Mc Mullen   | 7740         |             |
| 5  | Steele, D.  | 7650         |             |
| 6  | Hart        | 7500         |             |
| 7  | Anderson    | 7250         |             |
| 8  | Smith       | 7220         |             |
| 9  | Rodgers     | 7001         |             |
| 10 | Pope        | 6850         |             |
| 11 | Steele, T.  | 6532         |             |
| 12 | Fritz       | 6354         |             |
| 13 | Morgan      | 6112         |             |
| 14 | Jackson     | 6103         |             |
| 15 | Brophy      | 6050         |             |
| 16 | Moore       | 6013         |             |

**Total Points: 70**



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Please **write or type** your answers clearly on this **ANSWER SHEET** and return it to your, National Certification Chair for review and grading. If you need more room for your answers, please indicate "Continue" in the answer section for that question and indicate the page where the rest of your answer is located. Clearly label any additional sheets with the question number.

**Section 1**                      **14 Points**

| <i>#</i> | <i>Answer</i> | <i>Comment</i> |          |
|----------|---------------|----------------|----------|
| 1.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 2.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 3.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 4.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 5.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 6.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 7.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 8.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 9.       |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 10.      |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 11.      |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 12.      |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 13.      |               |                | <b>1</b> |
| 14.      |               |                | <b>1</b> |

**Section 2****25 Points**

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| 15. What are the recognized methods of timing? (4 points)   | <b>4</b> |
| 16. Describe the purpose and duties of the National Technical Official or NTO. (2 points)   | <b>2</b> |
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*Note there is no difference between Rulebooks for this situation since all use the IAAF tables for scoring.*

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