



USATF National Officials Committee
Combined Events Rules Review

Review – Applicable For All Levels Of Certification

2009-2012 Olympiad Edition

Instructions: The following review is divided into three sections.

Section I- The True/False and multiple choice questions are taken from the 2008 NFSHSA, 2008 NCAA, and 2008-9 IAAF Rule Books. As a Combined Event Official you should be aware of these rule differences.
(25 Points)

Section II- These essay questions are derived from situations that are conducted under the *USA Track & Field 2008 Competition Rules*. **(15 Points) Answer at least one in each section and a total of 3.**

Section III- Note the difference in the various rule books for the situations presented. **(60 Points)**

Note: This 2009-2012 Olympiad Rules Review requires the *USA Track & Field 2008 Competition Rules*, in **CONJUNCTION** with any subsequent updates, the NFSHSA, NCAA, USATF and IAAF Competition Rule Books of 2008 or later.

Please **PRINT** your answers on the **ANSWER SHEET** provided and return to your Association Certification Chair for his/her review.

SECTION 1 – TRUE/FALSE questions. (If the question is partially false, consider the entire question to be false.) If you want you can explain your answer.

A. NFHS (High School-please note that each state may have adopted their own interpretations) (5 Points)

T F 1. Combined Events are considered a special High School Event. **(1 Point)**

T F 2. The order for high school combined events is the same as for IAAF. **(1 Point)**

T F 3. The discus or triple jump may replace the javelin in some states. **(1 Point)**

T F 4. Unless otherwise specified in state or league rules, the combined events will follow the USATF Combined Event Rules. **(1 Point)**

T F 5. There are only two types of combined events sanctioned by NFHS. **(1 Point)**

C. IAAF (5 points)

T F 6. In Combined Events, the first false start is charged to the field and thereafter to the individual. **(1 Point)**

T F 7. Pacesetting is not permitted by persons not participating in the race. **(1 Point)**

T F 8. A Wind Sock is required in all field events to show the athlete the approximate direction/strength of the wind. **(1 Point)**

T F 9. Ultrasonic wind gauges shall be used at all International Competitions in Combined Events in groups 1.1(a) to (f). **(1 Point)**

T F 10. In combined event field events, where there are eight athletes or fewer, each athlete shall be allowed six trials. **(1 Point)**

B. NCAA & USATF (15 Points)

In this section assume questions apply to both NCAA and USATF Open events unless otherwise stated.

T F 11. Combined events can be measured in feet and inches. **(1 Point)**

12. In the Combined Events Vertical Jumps, a competitor in NCAA and USATF shall be given ___ minutes in the high jump and ___ minute in the pole vault between consecutive jumps even if he or she is the only competitor remaining in the competition. **(1 Point)**

(a) 1 & 1 (b) 2 & 3 (c) 4 & 5 (d) 3 & 5 (e) 1.5 & 2

13. Combined event competitors are allowed ___ attempts in the long jump and throwing events. **(1 Point)**

(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

14. A combined event athlete may be disqualified after ___ false start(s). **(1 Point)**

(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4

T F 15. If the FAT system fails in the 800m in an NCAA event the hand times will be converted to automatic times and scores taken from the scoring table. **(1 Point)**

T F 16. The referee will make the final determination for which facilities will be used if separate but equal facilities are available. **(1 Point)**

T F 17. The recommended increment for the pole vault in the decathlon is 5 cm. **(1 Point)**

T F 18. The combined event field should be split into flights if there are more than 15 athletes. **(1 Point)**

T F 19. If more than one field event flight is warranted, the athletes must be split on a random basis. **(1 Point)**

T F 20. The final event of a combined event competition should be run as a single section when possible. **(1 Point)**

T F 21. In hurdle races, alternate lanes must be used.

T F 22. An athlete who did not appear and attempt an individual event shall not be allowed to continue to participate in the combined event.

T F 23. Although it is common practice to allow 30 minutes between the events of a combined events competition, the referee can change that rule. **(1 Point)**

T F 24. The basis for NCAA and USATF combined events are the IAAF Combined Events scoring tables. **(1 Point)**

T F 25. Ties are not broken in NCAA Combined Events **(1 Point)**

Section II - Please select three (3) questions to answer. At least one question must be from each of the two categories listed below. The third is your choice. Present the steps you need to resolve the situation. Please apply USATF rules of competition. (15 Points)

26. Track Events Question

A - In the 110m hurdle race in a USATF Combined Event competition, competitor (A) knocks over a hurdle in his lane and causes it to land in the lane of another competitor (B) and as a result causes competitor (B) to be impeded. No violation was reported but the coach of competitor (B) protests. Please resolve this situation. **(5 Points)**

B - A USATF competitor reports for the 200 m at the end of the first day but only takes ones step out of the blocks. Is she allowed to compete in the Long Jump the next day? How is the 200m scored? **(5 Points)**

C - Coming down the home stretch, the last place runner in the USATF decathlon 1500 speeds up so he doesn't get past by the leader. Should this be considered pacing or help to the leader? What should be your response? **(5 Points)**

27 Field Events Question

D - In the first round of the decathlon shot put, an athlete pulls a leg muscle and so passes the rest of his throws and goes to get medical attention. He does not return until the high jump has started. He never checked in but does arrive before his name appears on the list. Should he be allowed to continue or has he abandoned the competition? What proactive steps might you take as coordinator? If the jumps at the starting height have been completed does that make any difference in your decision? **(5 Points)**

E - During the pole vault a decathlete asks to be escorted to the toilet. He does not return by the time his name is due to be called. What should you do? What if you come to the last jumper in the round and he hasn't returned. What steps should you take? Who needs to be involved in the decision? What proactive steps can you take when you excuse him to make sure this problem does not occur? Remember this is an USATF meet. **(5 Points)**

F - In the Combined Events long jump an athlete has two fouls on his or her first two jumps. On the third attempt because of sporadic changes in wind direction and velocity, he/she gets to 45 seconds. Because you were interrupted by another athlete talking to you, you forget to put up the yellow flag and announce that 15 seconds remain. After 60 seconds you put up the red flag for a time foul. The athlete protests that he was not aware that he was running out of time because he never saw the yellow warning flag and thus should get that last 15 seconds to take his last jump. What would you do and why? **(5 Points)**

Section III - Explain the differences, if any, for the situations presented for each of the four rulebooks, i.e. high school, NCAA, USATF and IAAF. **(60 Points)**

28. During the 110m hurdles on the start of the second day, the camera cap cover is inadvertently left on so that no automatic times are recorded for the first heat although the computer clock started. There were three hand times taken of each of the competitors. What do you do? What if someone in the second heat where the times are recorded set decathlon record? How is it scored? How is this event scored for the competition? **(4 Points)**

29. In the Pole Vault pole an athlete leaves the runway but does not break the plane of the bar. Under which rulebooks may he or she continue with that jump attempt? **(1 Points)**

30. Make a table showing the time allowed for **combined events** for NCAA and USATF: What is the time limit for each situation. Place information in the table provided including rule and page number. Read each case carefully and answer each question for throws, horizontal jumps (others) and each of the vertical jumps if there are any differences. **(24 Points)**

Question	NCAA			USATF		
	HJ	PV	Other	HJ	PV	Other
What is the normal time limit for initiating an attempt in a combined field event?						
What is the time when it is a consecutive attempt by the same athlete in the same round or a subsequent round in combined events?						
What is the time when there are three or less athletes remaining in a round in combined events?						
What is the time when there are three or less athletes remaining in the combined events competition?						

31. **Decathlon High Jump**...Determine the best jump, and points for all competitors.. (22 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					
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LL	P	O	O	XO	XP	XP	P	X					
MM	P	P	P	O	XO	XO	XXO	XXX					
NN	O	XO	XXO	XXX									
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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

32. At the end of the decathlon competition you have two athletes with identical scores of 8160. The following table shows their scores in each event. Who should get the higher place, and give your reasons why? (10 points)

Event	Athlete A	Place	Athlete B	Place
100 m	874	3	838	7
Long Jump	863	4	932	1
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High Jump	794	4	705	8
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Total Points 100



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Name _____

Home Phone _____

Please Print

Please be neat!

E-mail address _____

USATF Official's # _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Instructions: Fill out complete form. From the attached Rules Review, indicate the appropriate answer.

Year of Rulebooks Used: NFHS _____ NCAA _____ USATF _____ IAAF _____

Section I: USATF/NCAA/IAAF Competition Rules (95% on Section 1 -1 Point each)

Use additional space to explain your answer if "explain" is listed under answer.

NFHS Rules

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IAAF Rules

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NCAA and USATF Rules

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Section II: Situational Short Essay Answers (5 points each) Select 3 USATF Rules

It is important that you provide the necessary steps to resolve the problem and support your decision. Use the back of the page if needed. Indicate which situation you have chosen next to #____.

26 Track Event Situation # ____:

27. Field Event Situation #____:

III. Rule Differences: (60 points)

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