



USATF National Officials Committee

Field Referee Examination

2009-2012 Olympiad Edition

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Instructions: 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.

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.

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 (11 Points)

1. Who can compete in an Association's Track & Field 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 a championship meet? (1 point)
 - a) Meet Director
 - b) Coordinator of Officials
 - c) Appropriate Sports committee
 - d) Officials committee
3. True or False, all events conducted by or sanctioned by USATF or one of its associations must be conducted under the Championship rules. (1 point)

4. True False 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)
5. True False Wheelchair athletes can throw from either a discus or shot size ring to the normal 34.92 degree sector for all throwing events. (1 point)
6. True False The maximum height of a throwing frame or chair including the cushion used as a seat is 0.7m. (1 point)
7. What is the diameter of the discus circle? (1 point)
 - a) 2.135 m
 - b) 2.50 m
 - c) 2.00 m
 - d) 3.00 m
8. What is the length of the long jump runway? (1 point)
 - a) 45 m
 - b) 39.62 m
 - c) 40 m
 - d) Unlimited
9. What is the weight of the Junior shot? (1 Point)
10. True or False, to be measured, the javelin must stick in the ground. (1 point)
11. True False In the blind long jump for classes B11 and B12, if an athlete takes off before reaching the 1 m x 1.22 m rectangular take off area, the jump will be measured from the edge of the take-off area farthest from the pit. (1 point)

Section 2 (32 Points)

12. Describe the purpose and duties of the National Technical Official or NTO. (2 point)
13. What are the duties of the field referee? (10 Points)
14. There are a total of 9 jumpers in the Men's Long Jump competition. During the first round jumper # 7 pulls a leg muscle and reports to the event chief that due to his injury, he will not take any more jumps. The preliminary rounds are listed below:

	1	2	3	Seq. for Finals	4	5	6	Best
1. Johnson	8.25	7.65	F	2				
2. Silva	8.23	F	8.24	5				
3. Devoreau	F	8.12	8.26	7				
4. Holiday	F	8.20	8.23	3				
5. Chang	8.21	8.05	8.26	6				
6. Gomez	8.23	8.22	F	4				
7. Ives	8.29	P	P					
8. Booker	F	8.17	F	1				
9. Redman	8.25	7.27	8.27	8				

Review the preliminary results and the sequence provided. Provide comments on your reasons for any changes. Give the proper procedure for determining the finalists and their jumping order in the finals. (8 points)

15. You are head field judge for the Olympic Trials and have two flights of men jumping simultaneously to qualify for the finals in the **high jump**. The automatic qualifying height is **2.29**. The results are shown below. Indicate the automatic qualifiers with **Q**, the other finalists with **q** under "Qualify", the order of finish in the preliminary round in their flight under "Place", overall place under "Overall" and the order in

which they should jump in the finals under "Jump". Give your reasons for any choices you have to make. (12 points)

Flight 1

	215	220	225	227	Place in Flight	Overall Place	Order to Jump	Qualify
Matt Hemingway	-	O	XXO	O				
Jeremy Fischer	XXO	XXX						
James Nieto	-	O	XO	XXX				
Charles Austin	-	O	-	O				
Kenny Evans	-	XXO	XXX					
Buz Martin	-	O	XO	XO				
Nathan Leeper	O	O	XXX					
Mark Boswell	-	O	-	XO				
Furman David	O	O	XXX					
Henry Patterson	XXO	XO	XXO	XXX				
Tora Harris	O	O	O	XXX				
Ron Nelson	O	XXX						
Marc Chen	O	O	O	XO				

Flight 2

Athlete	215	220	225	227	Place in Flight	Overall Place	Order to Jump	Qualify
Charles Clinger	-	O	XXO	O				
Roderick Newton	O	XO	XO	XXX				
Tim Bell	-	XO	XO	XO				
Stephen Parker	O	XO	XXX					
Paul Klemic	O	XXX						
Darnell Furman	O	XO	O	XO				
Eugene Sproke	XXX							
Robert Jordan	O	O	XXO	O				
Shane Levy	XO	XO	XXX					
Ben Challenger	O	XO	XXX					
Jason Boness	O	XO	O	XXX				
Steve Smith	-	O	O	O				

Section 3 (37 Points)

16. You are the head officials of the pole vault. An athlete asks that his time be stopped until the start of the 200 m which has just been called to the line. The timer stops the clock but then resets it to 1 minute rather than just restarting it for the remainder of the time. You don't notice this until another athlete points it out to you. You know that originally at least 20 seconds had elapsed before the athlete requested the time to be stopped. The clock now reads 25 seconds to go. What action would you take for this athlete and why? What would you say to the timer and when? What are all the options that you can think of? (5 points)
17. You are head of the high jump qualifying competition. At the end of a round, no one has yet made the automatic qualifying height but you have only 12 jumpers remaining in the competition. One jumper has yet to make an attempt and was not scheduled to jump at this height. What would you do? How much time do the jumpers have on their first jump and why? (5 points)
18. As head of the hammer you observe that the cage door was not reset properly after it was set for the previous thrower. The next thrower has been called up and entered the ring, but not yet started to throw. What action would you take and why? (3 points)

19. As referee at your association's JO meet, you observe that the triple jump official is using two takeoff boards because of the differences in the athletic abilities within the age group. They are using cones to indicate which board the athlete will be jumping from. Later you get a protest from a coach that claims that his athlete was not allowed to change his take off board during the competition. What would you do? (4 points)
20. In the javelin, one of the throwers starts his run up from the left side of the runway and then crosses on to it diagonally before throwing from the right side. On his third attempt his foot is on the left runway line when he starts his approach. Does that make it a foul throw or not and why? (1 point)
21. At an invitational meet, a meet photographer gets right next to the sector line in the javelin in order to get a better picture. The approved photographers' box is about five feet back from the line but everyone is ignoring it. The next athlete has been called up and about 10 seconds have elapsed on his time when you notice what you feel is a safety problem. The photographer is standing on the sector line just about the distance that this athlete is known to throw and there is a wind that would tend to carry the javelin toward that sector line. What action would you take and when? What if it was a repeat offense? How would you handle any possible interruption of the athlete's attempt? (2 points)
22. After a discus thrower has started her throw, you observe a fellow track official crossing the sector to give splits for the 1500 m at a point where you expect the discus to land. What action would you take and why? (2 points)
23. You are the field referee and there have been several successful attempts at the national record for the women's pole vault during this competition. You have been there to witness the procedure and verification process, which have been handled very well by the event officials. You are called away to handle a protest from another athlete. There is another attempt at a new record. Explain what action you would take if you hear the announcer call you to return to the pole vault venue to certify the record measurement. (3 points)
24. During the third round of the women's discus, an unmarked disk is found when inspected in the field following the throw. No one but the athlete who just threw the discus will admit to using it. As referee you are called to the competition. What are your options? Which one would you do? There has been at least one Olympic Trials qualifying throw before this occurred. (5 points)
25. Following a record throw in the woman's weight throw, the implement is impounded, rechecked and found to be legal per 187.14. During the next round several people used the implement. The new record holder then uses it and improves the record mark. However, on recertification this time the implement fails, i.e. it is too long. What action should be taken concerning the second record throw and the throws between the first record throw and the subsequent one? (3 points)
26. As head judge you excuse a female high jump athlete for the next round following her successful attempt, to go to take a jump in the long jump, which is occurring simultaneously. However, since there are only three jumpers remaining in the competition, the bar is raised to a second height before she returns. She is the first jumper in the order. Do you call her up and record a time foul, or do you pass her to the next height? Give the rationale for your answer (3 points)
27. A triple jumper comes down the runway and steps on the line on the side of the runway before taking off over the board. The official at the line puts up a red flag. The athlete protests and asks that the mark be measured. When you receive the protest, what steps are you going to take and what is your decision? (1 point)

Total Points: 80



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% Correct _____

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Section 1 11 points

If the answer is FALSE...explain why the answer is FALSE.

1			1
2			1
3			1
4			1
5			1
6.			1
7			1
8			1
9			
10			1
11			1

Section 2 32 points

12. Describe the purpose and duties of the National Technical Official or NTO. (2 point)

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13. What are the duties of the field referee? (10 Points) *1 point for each duty or alternate duty up to 10 points*

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The procedures for determining the finalists should be

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- *The jumping order is: See Rule(s) #*

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- Under "Qualify" indicate the automatic qualifiers with **Q**, the other finalists with **q**.
- Under "Place in Flight" indicate the order of finish in the preliminary round in their flight.
- Under "Overall Place" their overall place when considering both flights.
- Under "Order to Jump" the order in which they should jump in the finals.
- Give your reasons for any choices you have to make. (12 points)

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At least 3 possible actions:

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Use Rule(s)...

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Total Points 80