

**USATF RULES COMMITTEE SCORECARD  
FINAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

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1	A	21	A	41	AA	61	W	81	AA	101	A
2	A	22	W	42	R	62	A	82	W	102	R
3	R	23	AA	43	R	63	R	83	AA	103	R
4	T	24	W	44	R	64	A	84	R	104	R
5	AA	25	R	45	AA	65	A	85	A	105	A
6	Ta	26	R	46	R	66	T	86	R	106	A
7	T	27	W	47	R	67	A	87	R	107	A
8	A	28	A	48	R	68	A	88	A	108	AA
9	AA	29	A	49	A	69	AA	89	A	109	A
10	R	30	A	50	AA	70	A	90	R	110	R
11	T	31	AA	51	W	71	A	91	A	111	R
12	T	32	A	52	R	72	A	92	T	112	A
13	Ta	33	W	53	R	73	A	93	A	113	AA
14	T	34	A	54	W	74	A	94	A	114	A
15	T	35	R	55	R	75	AA	95	A	115	A
16	A	36	A	56	R	76	AA	96	A	116	A
17	AA	37	R	57	R	77	A	97	R		
18	A	38	A	58	A	78	AA	98	AA		
19	AA	39	A	59	A	79	W	99	A		
20	A	40	W	60	W	80	AA	100	A		

**Final Actions: A=Accepted    AA= Accepted As Amended    R=Rejected    T=Tabled    W=Withdrawn**

## **Amended Items**

**Item 5** – Replace the submission with: Add a new Rule 1(e) as follows:

The Club Track and Field championship are open to Permanent Residents (green card holders).

**Item 6** – Replace the submission with: Add a new Rule 1(b) as follows and renumber:

(b) In addition, US citizens who have not previously represented another country or territory in International Competition are eligible to compete in the Championship.

**Item 9** – Replace the submission with the following: Amend Rule 4 as follows:

1. In all USATF Team Championships, whether National, Regional or Association, only teams consisting of duly accredited representatives of a member club shall be eligible to win such team Championship. In Regional Championships, the team Championship may be contested on the basis of Association teams ~~((instead of))~~ in addition to scoring by club teams, at the option of the Games Committee.
2. In Long Distance Running, open and masters cross country running, and open track & field club competition, an athlete who is a non-resident member of an Association is eligible to compete for a team in that Association only if the athlete:
  - (a) resides in an adjoining Association within the government-defined Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) of a city which is primarily in the neighboring Association as approved by the councils ~~((, and the Association of residence does not offer the program))~~, or
  - ~~((b))~~ (b) neither the Association of residence nor any Association adjoining the Association of residence offers the program, or)
  - ~~((c))~~ (b) has historical membership based upon Association residency (at least 3 continuous USATF membership years) in a club is eligible to compete for that club.

**Item 13** – Replace the submission with:

Modify Rules 10-16 to include the posting (notification) specifications and posting deadlines for entry materials, standards where applicable and competition procedure for each championship.

**Item 17** – Amend paragraph 3(d) of the submission as follows:

~~((b))~~ (d) The (10,000 Meters) Race Walk distances shall be set in consultation with the national Race Walking chair;

**Item 19** – Replace the submission with the following: Add New Rule 15.6 as follows and renumber:

At the Fall National Championships, team competition shall be conducted in all races for Association club teams. At the Winter National Championships, team competition may be conducted in all races for Association club teams, and concurrently in the open races for teams representing the branches of the Armed Services.

**Item 23** – Replace the submission with the following

Amend Rule 119.4 as follows:

The Jury of Appeal shall determine if the decision of the Referee or the Chief Race Walking Judge is based upon adequate evidence and within the scope of the authority given to such person. If such determination is in doubt, the Jury of Appeal shall consult with all relevant persons and may consider ~~((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 or the Chief Race Walking Judge shall be upheld unless shown to be clearly erroneous. The decision of the Jury of Appeal shall be final. There shall be no further right to appeal. The Jury of Appeal may, however, reconsider decisions if new conclusive evidence is presented. In Youth Athletics ...

**Item 31** – Replace the submission with the following: Amend Rule 146.2 as follows:

Protests concerning the result or conduct of an event shall (~~relating to matters which developed during the conduct of the competition must~~) be made to the Referee at once and not later than 30 minutes after the official announcement of the result of that event (~~after a result has been announced,~~ ), except for the following:

For Men's and Women's Long Distance Running, the time period shall normally be 24 hours, except for the Professional Section of road races, as defined in the race material (website, entry form, etc.), where the time period shall be one hour.

For Cross Country and Masters LDR Championships the time period shall be one hour.

In the case of events in which final results are not announced on the day of competition, the Games Committee may determine, and announce in the results that are released, a period not to exceed seven (7) days during which protests may be made to the meet or race director.

Amend 146.3 as follows:

Protests, at the discretion of the Games Committee or the Referee, may be made orally or in writing. For National Championships, they must be made in writing. Any protest may, in the first instance, be made orally to the Referee or to the Chief Official of the event by an athlete, or by an official representative of an athlete, who has a bona fide interest in the event. The procedure for protesting, including location, filing methods, acceptable filing period, etc., shall be published in the event material.

**Item 41** – Replace the submission with: Amend Rule 162.17 as follows:

When a false start detection apparatus without an automated recall is used, the Starter ...

**Item 45** – Replace the submission with: Amend Rule 166.1(h) as follows:

... For championship and selection meets, alternate advancement procedures may be used as included in the published entry material.

**Item 50** – Replace the submission with: Amend Rule 180.8(d)iv as follows:

A clock that shows the remaining time allowed should be visible to the competitor. In addition, an official shall raise overhead and keep raised a yellow flag, or another suitable indicator, for the final 15 seconds remaining of the time allowed. When ((If)) the time expires ((before the attempt is initiated then)) the yellow flag shall be lowered (~~and a verbal indication given~~). In addition to the use of flags and/or a clock, a verbal indication (~~of time remaining~~) is acceptable.

**Item 69** – Modify the submission with the following amendments:

3. Handle: The handle shall be made of a round steel rod, not less than 12mm in diameter, bent in a triangular or modified triangular shape so that no side exceeds 20cm inside dimension. A handle shall have two sides of equal length and the third side (handle) of more than or equal length. When the overall length of the implement is measured, the equal sides must form the sides of the triangle. The handle must be rigid and not show evidence of elasticity or malformation after being thrown.

7. Throwing Area: The following apply for the 98, 200 and 300 lb implements.

(a) Construction: The Ultraweight shall be thrown from a square that is made of bands of iron, steel or other suitable material, and painted white. The surface of the square may be sunk flush with the surrounding ground or installed on top of the ground; the latter case being allowed for ease of transportation and storage of the hardware, as well as providing the ability to assemble the square so the front side is even with the edge of the concrete or other slab. If it is installed on the surface of the ground, provisions should be made that allow securing of the square to eliminate movement for the duration of the competition.

**Note:** Further material regarding Ultraweight specifications and illustrations of the implement, throwing area and landing sector can be found in the Officials Manual for the Ultraweight Pentathlon. See Rule 203 for competition rules.

**Item 75** – Modify the submission to the following:

The Chief Judge shall assign the Judges to their respective judging areas and explain the judging procedure to be used during the race. At International Selection Competitions, the Chief Judge shall act as the supervising official for the competition, shall judge the full competition and shall act as a Judge (~~((only in the special circumstance))~~) as described in 230.3(f).

**Item 76** – Modify the submission to the following:

At International Selection Competitions (~~((two))~~) one or more Chief Judge's assistants shall be appointed. The Chief Judge's Assistants shall not act as a Race Walking Judge.

**Item 78** – Replace the submission with the following

Reorganize and amend the submission as follows: Amend Rule 241 as follows:

**MEDICAL AND (~~((SAFETY CONCERNS))~~) REFRESHMENT SERVICES FOR ROAD EVENTS**

1. The organizers of road races (~~((must ensure the safety of))~~) should provide appropriate medical and refreshment services for all competitors.

(a) Medical examinations:

~~((i.))~~ A hands-on medical examination during the progress of an event by designated medical personnel clearly identified by the organizers shall not be considered assistance.

~~((ii. A competitor must retire at once from the race if ordered to do so by a member of the official medical staff who is clearly identified by the organizers (armband, vest, or similar distinctive apparel).))~~

(b). Adequate first aid facilities should be (~~((provided, preferably by use of a mobile unit or units on the running course))~~) available.

(c) A competitor must retire from a race immediately if directed to do so by a duly authorized member of the race medical staff. (See Rule 144.9).

2(a) Drinking/Sponging and Refreshment Stations:

i. Water and, optionally, other suitable refreshments (~~((shall))~~) should be (~~((available at the start and finish of all races))~~) provided at appropriate locations every 5km or more frequently if deemed necessary.

ii. (~~((Drinking/Sponging or refreshment stations shall be provided at suitable intervals of approximately 2-3km based upon weather conditions.~~

~~iii. In all events 10km or longer, water shall be provided at intervals of no more than 5km. In addition,))~~ Race management may provide refreshments (other than water) and/or sponging and/or misting stations (~~((at positions approximately midway between water stations))~~).

(b) (~~((During hot weather, races should be scheduled in the early morning or evening hours and additional aid stations should be made available.))~~) Personal refreshments, which may be provided either by the Organizing Committee or the athlete, may be made available at the stations designated by the athlete. They shall be placed so that they are easily accessible to, or may be put by authorized persons, standing one meter or less from the table, into the hands of, the athletes. Personal refreshments provided by the athletes shall be kept under the supervision of officials designated by the Organizing Committee from the time that the refreshments are lodged by the athletes or their representatives. In National Championships, the Organizing Committee shall make provisions for the collection and distribution of personal refreshments for those competing for the championship, as determined by the Games Committee.

(c) A competitor who collects refreshment from a place other than a refreshment station is liable to disqualification by the Referee. An athlete may carry liquid or solid refreshments on his/her person from the start.

3. If a race is longer than 5 miles and the athlete is under 18 years of age, a statement signed by the athlete's parent or legal guardian permitting the athlete to compete is required.

**Item 80** – Replace the submission with the following: Amend Rule 252.4 as follows:

The starting area of a cross country course should avoid any significant turns for at least the first 400m ~~((, and preferably the first ((1200)).~~ The width of the starting area should be such as to accommodate ~~((handle comfortably))~~ the competitive field.

**Item 81** – Replace the submission with the following: Amend Rule 254 as follows:

2. The finish line shall ~~((should))~~ be marked both with a solid line (5 to 10 cm wide) of contrasting color to the ground placed across the width of the finish area and an overhead banner or other indicator of the finish line. Judges shall be stationed at the finish line to determine the order of finish. Transponder timing shall not be used to determine the final order of finish.
3. ~~((A))~~ Where transponders are not used to determine a preliminary order of finish, a finish chute ~~((similar to a road event finish))~~ system of sufficient capacity should be constructed to enable the race officials to hold each runner until the method or methods of scoring are applied. It is recommended that at least two independent systems (e.g., pull tags and ~~((cards in order of finish))~~ and recording of competitor numbers) be used to score. At the Open, ~~and Junior ((National)),~~ and Masters Cross Country Championships, three independent systems shall be used, at least one of which shall produce a high-quality visual image record of the finishers as approved by the Games Committee.

**Item 83** – Add New Rule after 261.4 as follows:

When a Masters Record has been equaled or bettered in a World Masters Association Championship, a USA Masters Indoor or Outdoor Championship, or any event listed in Rule 261.4, that record may be ratified based on the official results of that meet and the submission of correct age documentation, without the need for a formal record application. However, an application and/or other appropriate documentation may be required by the Records Committee whenever it has received information creating some reasonable doubt as to the correctness of the official result.

**Item 98** – Replace the submission with the following: Add New Rule 304.4 and renumber as follows:

**Placing**

Computerized transponders may be used to record the finish place of a runner in cross country. A bib transponder or two transponders per runner, one attached to each shoe or foot, must be used. With this condition, the finish place recorded by the transponder system shall be the official order of finish for the runners in the competition. The referee has the authority to rule on matters of a timing irregularity or other irregularities.

**Item 108** – Replace the submission with the following: Replace Rule 332.2(b) with:

When an individual or relay team, having originally qualified for a subsequent round, voluntarily withdraws for any reason, the next ranked original ~~((fastest))~~ non-qualifier if checked-in with the clerk of course, and only that non-qualifier, shall be advanced to participate in that subsequent round. This procedure is continued as required. The provisions of Rule 332.2(g) shall not apply. The referee may reform the heats. ~~((may be advanced to fill the vacated position. When an individual or team is disqualified, Rule 166.7 applies.))~~

**Item 113** – Replace the submission with Amend Rule 341.1 as follows:

Team Championships in cross country shall be conducted in 10-year age divisions, 40+, 50+, 60+ and 70+, for men and women. Team Championships in these same divisions may be conducted in other Masters long distance events. An 80+ team division for men and/or women may be added at the discretion of the Games Committee. The maximum number of entries per team shall be unlimited. In Association championships, the maximum number of entries for a team, and the number of members of each team to finish for scoring may be determined by the Games Committee.

Team scoring for cross country ~~((distances up to and including 25 kilometers))~~ shall be as follows:

- M40 and M50 five (5) individuals shall score with a maximum of eight (8) individuals declared per team;

- M60 and above and all women's teams three (3) individuals shall score with a maximum of five (5) individuals declared per team.

Team scoring for road racing Championships shall be as follows:

- All teams, men and women, in all 10-year age divisions, three (3) individuals shall score with a maximum of five (5) individuals declared per team.

For distances over 25 kilometers all teams shall have three scoring members with a maximum of five (5) individuals declared per team.

**MASTERS CROSS COUNTRY TEAM DECLARATIONS AND SCORING**

<b>Age Group</b>	<b>FALL</b>	<b>WINTER</b>	<b>DECLARED</b>	<b>SCORERS</b>
M 40, 50	10,000m	8000m	8	5
M 60, 70	10,000m	8000m	5	3
W40, 50	6000m	8000m	5	3
W60, 70	6000m	8000m	5	3