

DUTIES OF THE HEAD FIELD JUDGE-REFEREE

If there is not a head field judge, the referee assumes these duties. The head field judge shall have jurisdiction over all judges of the field events; shall oversee the measuring, weighing and inspection of the implements and apparatus; check records; and see that the field events start on time and continue without delay. In case of infractions or any irregularities not specifically placed under the jurisdiction of other field judges, the head field judge shall report directly to the referee for a final decision.

It is the responsibility of the head field judge to:

1. Inspect the competition area for safety of competitors and officials.
2. Review procedures for using equipment and/or implements when provided by the games committee.
3. Inspect, measure, and weigh implements and apparatuses, such as cross bars, jumping standards, pole vault poles, etc. The inspector(s) of implements will carry out these duties.
4. Determine that the pole vault official is zeroing the standards.
5. Conduct a pre-meet meeting of all individual event judges. Items to cover at this meeting will usually include what the individual judge will tell all competitors when they meet with them. See "Head Field Judge Pre-meet Meeting Agenda".
6. Insure that each event judge has a stop watch or other timing device and instruct them that each try by a competitor will be timed.
7. Make certain field events begin on time and continue without necessary delay.
8. Make every effort to ensure that each competitor has a fair and equal opportunity to perform.
9. Verify outstanding performances that may qualify for records.
10. Review and certify (initial) the scorecards of each completed field event.
11. Instruct event judges to secure facilities and return equipment after completing competition. No practice after competition ends.
12. Communicate with the meet referee as needed.