

HEAD FIELD JUDGES PRE-MEET MEETING AGENDA

The following items should be covered when the head field judge meets with the event officials. Also it should be used as a guide for the event judge when they meet with the competitors.

1. Jewelry rule. Contestant will not wear jewelry during competition. Competition ends when the event judge has recorded the results. Competitors cannot put on jewelry between trials. Religious or medical medals may be worn, but the medals and chains must be taped to the body under the jersey. A medical alert bracelet may be taped to the wrist with the faceplate showing. Beads in the hair are considered jewelry.
2. Uniform rule. If a contestant competes with an illegal uniform, they are disqualified from that event. No warning is given. The head field judge should cover the uniform rules with the event judges. A copy of the uniform rules for each event judge would be appropriate.
3. Time limit after contestant name is called. If the athlete is going to pass, they must say "pass" when their name is called. Failure to do so constitutes a try. After their name is called, it is too late to consult with a coach.
 - Pole vault – one and one half minutes.
 - All other field events – one minute.
 - When three or fewer competitors remain, the high jump competitors will be allowed three minutes and those in the pole vault four minutes. When one competitor remains in the high jump, he/she will be allowed up to five minutes and the pole vaulter six minutes to initiate a jump.
4. Inform athlete that a judge will be checking implement inspection marks prior to each attempt. Explain a procedure to show marks.
5. Go over procedures the athlete must follow if competing in other events. See handout on this procedure.
6. Warm-up procedure. Explain how long the pit/throwing area will be open for everyone and/or time it will close. Warm-up between flights, five minutes.
7. Explain that they cannot view videotape/digital cameras prior to the completion of competition.
8. Explain that they cannot use a wireless device such as a cell phone or walkie talkies while competing in an event. Keep cell phones out of the competitive area.
9. Indicate limits of the restricted area around the event. An athlete can only visit verbally with a coach outside this restricted area (unrestricted area).