

CTFOA

Colorado Track & Field Officials

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Dear CTFOA Officials,

We are quickly coming to the end of the 2017 Track & Field Season and soon it will be time for the 2017 State T&F Championships at JEFFCO Stadium. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to our officials' organization. I would also like to thank those officials who have joined our association this season and hope you will remain with us for many years to come.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBERS OF CTFOA OFFICIALS FOR THE 2017 SEASON:

This year (2017) we are pleased to announce that we have 197 certified officials compared to 165 certified officials in 2016. In addition, we are extremely pleased to announce that our association has 39 certified women officials this year. Many thanks to all of those who helped recruit new officials to our association.

2017 STATE TRACK & FIELD MEET ASSIGNMENTS

If you have not yet received your assignment for the State Meet, please contact Kathryn McOmbler at the CHSAA office.

2017 CTFOA AWARDS

Every year the CTFOA honors officials at the State Championships who have made major contributions to our organization. This year, these awards will be presented on Saturday May 20, 2017. Therefore, if you would like to nominate an official for this award, please submit their name to Gary Strubel gharleyclassis@gmail.com. Once these nominations have been received, all names will be submitted to the CTFOA Executive Board for consideration. Once the board reviews these nominations, a decision will be made as to who will be honored at the State Meet this year. At that point, Gary Strubel will notify those who have been selected for the award (or an immediate family member) and the honoree will be asked to submit a biography that will be read at the presentation ceremonies as their plaque is awarded to them.

Rules and Meet Administration Interpretations

KC Logan

The following are questions and situations from the 2017 season:

- 1) *If a games committee has set minimum marks for field events, do officials have to measure at least one trial for each athlete even if all efforts fall short of the minimum?*

Officials do not need to measure efforts that do not meet the minimum standard. Minimums are set to expedite an event, while still allowing a majority of competitors to achieve a measurable mark; this will easily allow the pre-determined number of athletes to advance to the finals. Furthermore, measuring at least one throw for every athlete doesn't necessarily prevent controversy. If an athlete has 3 preliminary throws or jumps that don't meet the minimum, how would you know which one to measure? You wouldn't necessarily measure their best attempt anyway. Note: If the games committee does not set minimum marks, all legal efforts must be measured.

- 2) *According to the wording in Rule 6.2.6 - "athletes should be prohibited from picking up an implement and doing turns", does the word "and" imply the athlete cannot practice turns at all even without the implement?*

It means that they cannot do practice turns with the implement in hand; they can do practice turns without the implement.

- 3) *Can athletes have access to the implement before they are called for a throw? (Rule 6.2.6)*

Meet management can decide when the athletes will get access to their implements during competition. Once the athlete has the implement in hand, the rule states that they cannot warm up with it. In other words, competitors can hold the implement, but may not toss/spin/etc. If an athlete is observed warming up with an implement during the competition, they should be warned and educated of the new rule; if observed again, the competitor shall be disqualified from the event.

- 4) *Can athletes stand in line with implements, or do the implements need to be racked and off limits unless actually entering the ring for a throw? (Rule 6.2.6)*

This is up to meet management and how they would like to run the event efficiently and safely.

Yes, all athletes could stand in line with implements. Yes, the implements could be racked and off limits unless a competitor is entering the ring for a throw. Or it could be a combination of these two. For example, the on-deck and on-hold competitors could have their implements while they wait to be called up.

- 5) *There are coaches that like their athletes to use weights, medicine balls, etc. to warm-up on the side prior to their attempts. Does rule 6.2.6 prohibit this?*

Rule 6.2.6 is very specific about using the implements only for competition after warm ups have concluded and the competition has begun. It does not address the other aids listed. Over the years, there have been rule changes to make the throwing areas safer for competitors and spectators. Rule 6.2.6 is the latest rule to increase safety in the throws; it reads word for word out of the NCAA rulebook. Other items used for warm up would need to be addressed by the games committee or meet management and, if permitted, should be monitored for safety.

- 6) *Are pole vault poles considered implements and, therefore, fall under the restrictions set forth in Rule 6.2.6?*

Yes, vaulting poles are listed in the rules as implements but **do not** fall under the restrictions stated in Rule 6.2.6. This rule is very specific to the throwing events only; vaulting poles are exempt from this rule. However, the games committee or meet management could make rulings further restricting the use of vaulting poles if they felt safety could be compromised.

- 7) *A female pole vaulter jumping at a very low height (6'), clears the crossbar and lands on her feet. However, she is still holding onto the pole, reaching over the crossbar while standing in the pit. The athlete made no attempt to push the pole away. Should this be ruled a fair or failed trial?*

While an argument can be made either way for a fair or failed trial, in this situation we should err in favor of the athlete and a fair trial. It would be difficult for the athlete to release the pole with such a short drop from the crossbar to the landing pad. This situation should take care of itself as the crossbar height increases; the pole, if not released, will eventually dislodge the crossbar.

Comments from CTFOA Track Official Benny Nasser

With respect to retrieval of implements, if we look in the 2017-18 version of the Track and Field and Cross Country Officials Manual, page 74 bottom of diagram 10, "Carry shot to outside of the sector and a volunteer should carry the implement back to the throwing area. Implements should never be thrown back." Pages 72-73 of diagram 8 "Carry discus to outside of the sector and a volunteer should carry the implement back to the throwing area. Implements should never be thrown back."

If you look at the two diagrams, they also show arrows on both sides of the sector lines for both discus and shot areas indicating that shot and discus are not thrown back.

When I referee, I enforce the carry back implements to the area where implements are kept, no throwing of any implements. I alert the meet director as to what is expected so they have volunteers to handle the carry back of implements.

NOTE: This matches up with NCAA and USATF procedures.

CONSISTENT ENFORCEMENT OF THE UNIFORM RULE ACROSS THE STATE

You are being reminded that as officials, **you** are responsible for the fair, equitable, and consistent enforcement of the uniform rule(s) at all Qualifying Meets. In the past, there has been criticism expressed that at some meets across the state, the uniform rule is not being enforced and therefore is problematic when athletes attend the next meet where the rules are enforced. Also, be reminded that at the conclusion of every Qualifying Meet, the Running Referee and the Field Referee is required to submit an email report regarding warnings and/or disqualifications that have been handed for uniform violations to athletes and their coaches. This form can be found on the CHSAA website. Please submit your report within 24 hours after the conclusion of the meet to Gary Strubel (gharleyclassic@gmail.com). Gary will in turn forward your report to Jenn Roberts Uhlig at CHSAA for corrective action if necessary.

IMPORTANT DATES

May 18, 19, 20, 2017

State Track @ JEFFCO

5 STEPS FOR SIGNING IN TO ARBITER

1. Go to <http://www.Arbitersports.com/> and enter the sign in information into the entry fields at the top right of the page.

2. User Name:
3. Password:
4. The first time you sign in you must accept the TERMS and CONDITIONS. Make sure your personal information is accurate by clicking the Profile tab. Phone numbers can be updated by clicking the Phones link on the left-hand side of the profile page.
5. If you need further assistance, please email mtillman@chsaa.org

2017 CHSAA TRACK & FIELD BULLETIN

The T&F bulletin is posted on the CHSAA website.

IS YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION CORRECT & UP TO DATE ON THE CHSAA CTFOA OFFICIALS LIST?

We have been told by some athletic directors, assignors and other officials that ,when they have tried to contact officials to work Qualifying Meets, their emails have been returned to them as “undeliverable” or their phone numbers are no longer in service. Please check the CTFOA Officials list that is posted on the CHSAA website to make sure your contact information is correct. If your information needs to be updated please email Monica Tillman (mtillman@chsaa.org) AND Gary Strubel (gharleyclassic@gmail.com) with your updated information and we will update our records.

2017 SPRING AND 2017 FALL CROSS COUNTRY CTFOA “Required” OFFICIALS UNIFORM

Optic yellow and / or fluorescent orange CTFOA embroidered shirt(s).

Black, Khaki, stone colored shorts and / or long pants when working as a CTFOA Official (Charcoal, Green, Purple, Grey, etc. are no longer ok)

You may order these items from:

Christine DeRock

Rock Soft Chenille

970-412-0994

117 Birdie Dr.

Milliken, Co. 80543

rocksoftchenille@hotmail.com

Christine accepts credit/debit cards and she will mail your shirts/jackets to your home or business. Embroidery and shipping is included in the price of the shirts and jackets. All shirts come in women’s and men’s sizes.

S, M, L, XL = \$25

2XL, 3XL, 4XL are \$27.00 and CTFOA jackets including embroidery are available in Optic Yellow and/or Fluorescent Orange for \$50

HAVE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS, CONCERNS AND/OR A NEED FOR AN INTERPRETATION OF THE RULES?

If so, please feel free to contact any one of the Executive Members below.

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