



# **CTFOA** **Colorado Track & Field Officials**

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## **ANNUAL CHSCA TRACK & FIELD CLINIC**

The Annual Colorado High School Coaches Association T & F Clinic will be held on January 27 – 28, 2017 in Aurora once again. The date has been changed as to not conflict with the Super Bowl as it has in the past. Please mark your calendar! The time and room assignments for our Officials Clinics will be posted in the near future. Two Rules Clinics for officials will be offered once again this year to accommodate as many officials as possible from across the state. The first Rules Clinic will be offered on January 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. and the second Rules Clinic for Officials will be held at the conclusion of the Coaches Meeting on Saturday January 28, 2017. This Rules Clinic for officials will start at 1:30 p.m. so as not to conflict with the coaches' final session as was the case last year. Coaches who wish to certify as officials may attend this clinic.

## **CTFOA DUES FOR THE SPRING 2017 TRACK & FIELD SEASON**

Your dues for the 2017 Track & Field Season are due in the amount of \$60.00. If you have not yet paid your dues, please make your check out to the CTFOA and mail it in to Monica Tillman at CHSAA. The registration form for NEW and VETERAN OFFICIALS may be found on the CHSAA website under the official's link. **The deadline to complete all requirements to become a certified official for the Spring 2017 T&F season is February 28, 2017.**

## **A REMINDER TO REGISTER ON ARBITER ONCE YOU PAY YOUR DUES**

Don't forget to register / re-register on ARBITER after paying your dues for the 2017 Track & Field Season. Once your dues are received by Monica, she will provide you access to ARBITER. Registering on ARBITER is a yearly requirement for all new and veteran officials!

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **January 27, 2017 (Friday)**

Aurora, Co. CHSCA Officials Rules Clinic 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Spruce Room on the lower level.  
Officials packets will be available. You may pick up packets for your colleagues by signing for each one you pick-up.

### **January 28, 2017 (Saturday)**

Aurora, Co. CHSCA Officials Rules Clinic 1:30 – 4:00 p.m.  
Spruce Room on the lower level.  
Officials packets will be available. You may pick-up packets for your colleagues by signing for each one you pick-up.  
On-Line Test opens on ARBITER at 5:00 p.m.  
Officials packets will be available. You may pick-up packets for your colleagues by signing for each one you pick-up.

### **February 27, 2017**

First track practice may be held.

### **February 28, 2017**

On-Line Test Closes at 12:00 Noon on Arbitr.  
Last day Satellite Clinics will be offered for officials in the State.  
Last day officials will be able to certify for the spring 2017 T&F season.  
Dues must have been paid, background checks must be complete, new officials & veteran officials must be registered or re-registered on ARBITER, must have attended the rules clinic in Aurora or a satellite clinic designed & approved by the CTFOA specifically designed for officials, and you must have taken and passed the on-line test on ARBITER with a score of 85% or higher.

### **February 29, 2017**

On-Line Test Review Opens @ 5:00 a.m.

### **March 1, 2017**

List of Certified Officials will be posted on the CHSAA website.

### **March 4, 2017**

First Track Scrimmage may be held.

### **March 9, 2017**

First track meet may be held.

### **March 12, 2017**

Day Light Savings Time begins

### **March 31, 2017**

On-Line Test Review Closes @ 11:59 p.m.

### **May, 18, 19, 20, 2017**

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## **5 STEPS FOR SIGNING IN TO ARBITER**

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

1. User Name:
2. Password:
3. The first time you sign in you must accept the TERMS and CONDITIONS
4. 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](mailto:mtillman@chsaa.org)

## **ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PRESENTING AN OFFICIALS RULES CLINIC FOR 2017?**

If you are a veteran certified official by mid-February 2017 or before and you are interested in PRESENTING a Satellite Rules Clinic for OFFICIALS IN YOUR AREA, please send Gary Strubel an email stating your interest to do so. Once Gary receives that information, he will share it with the Executive Board and a decision will be made as to the number of Rules Clinics for officials that will be added to this year's schedule and who will be presenting at those clinics. **These new clinic sites will be offered in addition to those we have offered across the state in the past if they are approved.**

## **2017 SATELLITE RULES CLINICS FOR OFFICIALS (TRACK & FIELD SEASON)**

Officials who are unable to attend one of the Official's Rules Clinics in Aurora which are scheduled for January 27 & 28, 2017 at the CHSCA T&F Clinic being held at the Radisson Hotel Denver Southeast in Aurora, must attend one of the Satellite Clinics below that will be offered across the state. An updated list of Satellite Clinics being offered will be posted in CTFOA Newsletters and they will be updated on the CHSAA Website as we receive information on them. These clinics are designed specifically for officials, however, coaches who are in need of a Rules Clinic to satisfy CHSAA's yearly requirement may attend. Due to the fact that Satellite Clinics are designed for officials, they will be approximately 2½ hours in length.

### **2017 TRACK & FIELD SATELLITE CLINICS FOR OFFICIALS**

(Additional clinics will be added as they are received)

#### **Fossil Ridge H.S. (Ft. Collins)**

Date: February 8, 2017  
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Where: The Round House  
Contact: Jim Gjerde  
Presenter: Jim Gjerde  
[jgjerde@comcast.net](mailto:jgjerde@comcast.net)

#### **Cheyenne Wells**

Date: February 19, 2017  
Time: 1:00 – 3:30 p.m.  
Where: Cheyenne Wells Elementary School  
Contact: Sammi Chadwick  
Presenter: Gary Strubel & Pat McGraw  
[gharleyclassic@gmail.com](mailto:gharleyclassic@gmail.com)

#### **Trinidad**

Date: February 7, 2017  
Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Trinidad H.S.  
Contact: Darryl Abeyta  
Presenter: Darryl Abeyta  
[dlarun19@gmail.com](mailto:dlarun19@gmail.com)

#### **Colorado Springs**

Date: February 6, 2017  
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Where: CSFD Station #14  
1875 Dublin Blvd.  
Contact: Ray Lutz  
Presenter: Ray Lutz & Roger Caldwell  
[raylutz40@gmail.com](mailto:raylutz40@gmail.com)

#### **Alamosa**

Date: February 28, 2017  
Time: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
Where: Hall of Fame Room (Plachy Hall)  
Contact: Julian Lopez  
Presenter: Julian Lopez  
[poplopez@hotmail.com](mailto:poplopez@hotmail.com)

#### **Montrose**

Date: February 4, 2017  
Time: 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
Where: Montrose H.S. "Project Lead the Way Classroom" (Construction Trades Bldg.)  
Contact: Brian Simpson 970-240-6413  
Presenter: Gary Strubel  
[gharleyclassic@gmail.com](mailto:gharleyclassic@gmail.com)

#### **Grand Junction**

Date: February 23, 2016  
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.  
Where: Grand Junction H.S. Library  
Contact: Ned Pollert  
Presenter: Ned Pollert  
[nedpollert@bressnan.net](mailto:nedpollert@bressnan.net)

## **SPRING "NEW RULES" CLINICS HOSTED BY LEAGUES & SCHOOLS FOR COACHES**

Every year, individual schools and/or leagues host "New Rules" Clinics for coaches who choose not to attend or were unable to attend the CHSCA Clinic in Aurora. As a result, these schools/leagues are often searching for an official to present the new rules for the 2017 season for these coaches as required by CHSAA. **PLEASE BE REMINDED THAT, IF YOU HAVE BEEN ASKED TO PRESENT AT ONE OF THESE CLINICS (OR WILL BE), YOU **MUST** HAVE ATTENDED THE RULES CLINIC DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY FOR OFFICIALS EITHER ON JANUARY 27 OR 28, 2017 IN AURORA.** If you have questions, please feel free to contact Gary Strubel.

## **THE CTFOA OFFICIALS HANDBOOK HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE CHSAA WEBSITE**

The CTFOA Handbook is being provided on the CHSAA "Officials" website only. This change follows suit with other CHSAA sports that have already made this transition. With that being said, should there be officials out there who do not have access to a computer; those officials may contact Monica Tillman at 303-344-5050 and she will be happy to assist you.

## **2017 CHSAA TRACK & FIELD BULLETIN**

The T&F bulletin will be posted on the CHSAA website in the near future.

## **IS YOUR BACKGROUND CHECK UP TO DATE? DO YOU NEED ONE?**

If you are unsure when your background check expires, please contact Monica Tillman at CHSAA. If you are in need of a background check, you may access ARBITER to get that done. *For those of you who may have already had a background check through your school district, you must get a separate one for officiating as background check information is not shared between employers and various agencies.*

**DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER, E-MAIL OR MAILING ADDRESS?**

Please contact Monica Tillman ([mtillman@chsaa.org](mailto:mtillman@chsaa.org)) at CHSAA with any new contact information that you may have.

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## **2017 TRACK & FIELD RULES CHANGES**

- 3-2-4u**  
**NEW** *The games committee should have responsibility for providing liquids during the race and not leave this duty to each coach.*
- 3-6-1,**  
**3-4-7** *Signifying with a bell one lap remaining in the 800 alerts timers, place judges and FAT operators on notice, builds excitement for spectators and is a positive signal for the competitors. Updates to current trends in sport.*
- 3-6-1** *The authority to disqualify a runner for a false start should be extended by rule to the starter as well as the referee.*
- 3-10-7** *Clarifies field event judge's protocol for signifying the performance result when flags are not being utilized.*
- 4-3-1b (5)**  
**8-6-1b (4)** *Removes the NOTE limiting the placement of the American flag to one piece of uniform apparel as this is contradictory to the rule.*
- 4-6-**  
**NEW**  
**g, 8-7e** *Although uncommon that appropriate health-care professionals are not available to assist an injured/ill competitor, there may be occasions when a competitor is needing assistance to confirm his/her health status or to arrive to a location for health care. Should another competitor assist, such competitor shall not be disqualified, only the assisted competitor shall be disqualified for not completing the race unassisted. Reorganize rule to indicate why competitor is disqualified.*
- 4-6-5h**  
**NEW** *The rule should include coverage of the actions of competitors and nonparticipating team members as well as assistance/aid from other parties.*
- 5-1-3** *In the absence of a curb, the placement of cones ensures the competitors run the prescribed race distance.*
- 5-6-4** *The results of running events are based on head-to-head competition and all contestants should have the opportunity to compete in the heat earned by the athlete's place and/or qualifying times. Consistent with current trends in the sport.*
- 5-7-3** *Reinforces the concept that distance races (800, 1600, or 3200) only use a standing start. Consistent with the current trends in the sports.*
- Rules**  
**6 & 7** *Reorganizes Rules 6 and 7 into one rule "Field Events" to avoid duplicity in the rules, remove unnecessary language, be more concise in the presentation of the events rules and create a section on general rules for all field events.*
- 6-2-6** *For purposes of risk management, warm-ups in a field event may not take place until the venue is declared open and required supervision is in place. For further risk minimization for athletes, spectators and officials involved in the event, athletes should be prohibited from picking up an implement and doing turns while other competitors are completing their throws or using the runway during competition unless they have been called for their attempt.*
- 6-2-10** *Clarifies how trials are recorded when a legal implement breaks during competition. More appropriate to list within rule rather than a NOTE.*
- 6-7-9e** *The top or sides of the stop board are outside of the ring and touching outside of the ring is not compliant with leaving from the back half of the circle and is a foul.*
- 7-2-1** *The NFHS rules allow several special events to be added to the order of events but no specific event rules are written. By utilizing USATF Youth Event rules, there are standard rules which are age appropriate. However, state associations may already have appropriate rules in place and this should be an option stated in the rules. COLORADO WILL ISSUE MORE INFORMATION ON THIS RULE PRIOR TO THE START OF THE 2017 SEASON.*
- 8-1-3b** *Clarifies that either directional flags and/or sign posts shall be used in cross country.*
- 9-2-2,**  
**3-17-2** *Officials need guidance as to where to place the wind gauge when there are multiple takeoff boards. As the rule is currently written, it implies either having to move the wind gauge between jumps or having a second gauge. As the better jumpers will most likely use the farther board, it is logistical to have the wind gauge at the location farthest from the pit.*

# POINT OF EMPHASIS FOR 2017

## NFHS Track and Field Uniform Regulations

Rule 4-3 and 9-6 outline NFHS Track and Field and Cross Country uniform regulations. In most cases the clerk of the course has the responsibility to check and enforce uniform, visible apparel and shoe regulations. The ultimate responsibility regarding uniform compliance rests with the school coach. If the school does not issue some component of the required uniform, it is the coach's responsibility to educate parents and student-athletes regarding garments that will comply with NFHS rules prior to purchase.

Garments worn under the track bottom that do not extend below the knees are considered "foundation" garments and therefore are not subject to color or logo restrictions. A sports bra and/or boxer style undergarment, if worn as intended, are considered "foundation" garments therefore could contain more than one color in the fabric and/or have multiple logos.

If two or more athletes participating as a member of a cross country team or as relay team members are wearing visible undergarments extending below the knees, the rules require the color of the undergarments be the same regardless of length of the undergarment worn by the remaining members. The purpose of this requirement is to ensure that members of any cross country or relay team are easily identifiable to meet officials and competitors. (Pg. 79) 2017 T&F & C C Rules Book.

### 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, etc. are not ok)*

*You may order these items from:*

*Christine DeRock*

*Rock Soft Chenille*

*970-412-0994*

*117 Birdie Dr.*

*Milliken, Co. 80543*

*[rocksoftchenille@hotmail.com](mailto: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 are \$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 and we will be happy to assist you.

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