

# Duties of the Field Event Referee

A new rule this year states “no meet official including the meet referee and jury of appeals shall set aside any rule”. In order to be credible as a referee it is our duty to see that every athlete has a consistent experience at every track meet that they attend. Regardless of which part of the state or classification of the meet, it is imperative that we as referees and our event judges enforce the rules.

## Pre Meet

1. Arrive at the meet site at least 1 hour before meet starting time. Don't assume any of the following items will be there and ready.
2. Meet with games committee and meet director discuss meet procedures, restricted areas, coach boxes, etc.
3. Meet with facility manger, ground crew members. You will need to know who and where these people are when you need something. (New crossbar, cones, broom etc.)
4. Tour field events areas, check for legal pits, pit padding, runways, throwing cages, throwing surfaces, markings, area flagging.
5. Check each event to make sure they have the equipment required for that event.
6. Check wind gauges are set up properly and in working condition. (Long & Triple Jump)
7. Check with implement inspector if they understand the weigh in procedures and rules. Make sure scales are working and are certified.

## Meet

1. Meet with all field event judges as a group or one at a time. Make sure they have read their event guidelines and check list for their event. It is very important they go over the items on the check list with the contestants. Make sure shot, discus, long and triple jump judges understand how and fill out the 9 finalist sheets.

## **MAKE SURE THEY ONLY USE PENCIL!!!**

2. Walk around to all events before they start to make sure they understand how to run the event and that they have gone over the items on the check list. Check with the wind gauge operators at the long and triple jump to make sure they are set up in the correct place and they are set on the 5 second average and the know how to work the wind gauge.
3. After competition has started make the rounds to watch how they are doing and if there are any problems. Give suggestions on how they can make things better.
4. Continue making the rounds solving problem observing and making suggestions.
5. Long, triple, shot, discus events check the finals list to make sure they have the top 9 or 10 correct before they start the finals.
6. When an event is over check the score card to make sure the event judge made the correct placement of placers and broke ties correctly. Sign the card and take the card to the scores table so that you can answer any questions they may have about placement or ties.

## **Post meet**

1. At the end of the meet you need to record the time the meet concluded and sign the score sheet.
2. Waite 30 minutes after the last event is over to se if there is going to be any appeals regarding misapplication of the rules.

If you have any question please give me a call or email.

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