

RULE 6-7 (p.55)**SHOT PUT**

SUMMARY OF RULES - 2021

Implements

- 1) Boys: Shot Put = 12 lb; Girls: Shot Put = 4 Kg.....6-7-2
- 2) Shot Puts may not have indentations.....6-7-1
- 3) Illegal equipment is not allowed during warm-up or competition. If used = Event DQ.....6-2-10

Uniforms

- 4) Competitors must compete in a complete uniform (school issued/approved).....4-3-1b
- 5) Competitors must wear shoes fastened securely to both feet.....4-3-1a

Warm ups:

- 6) There must be supervision. An official or coach must be present during warm-up.
1st Violation: Warning ... 2nd Violation: Event DQ ... 3rd Violation: Meet DQ.
Once competition begins, venue and associated equipment is off limits for practice.
Event concluded - there will be no further activity - event area is closed.....6-2-6

Order: **Shot Put = Boys 1st [even year], Girls 1st [odd year]**

- 7) Open order: Games committee will set time limit for prelims.....3-2-4d...6-2-19
- 8) Prelim flights of no less than 5 in the order set by games committee.....3-2-3l
- 9) Finalists put worst to best.....6-2-3...6-2-18
- 10) Order may be changed to allow for participation in other events.....6-2-3

Grip:

- 11) Chalk or an adhesive such as rosin may be used to assist with grip.....6-2-12
- 12) Gloves NOT allowed; Tape NOT allowed on hand unless to cover an open wound.....6-7-7
- 13) Taping of wrists permitted; wearing support belts permitted.....6-7-7

Trials:

- 14) Larger meets: 3 prelims – 3 finals: all trials count for placing.....6-2-15
- 15) Smaller meets: 4 trials – no finals: all trials count for placing.....3-2-4e...6-2-7

Time Limit (Table p.41):

- 16) Trials - After being called competitors have one (1) min to initiate a trial.....6-2-2...6-7-9a
- 17) Time limit when excused to other events = determined by games committee.....6-2-4

Measurements:

- 18) Marks are recorded after each legal trial.....mhsaa
- 19) SECTOR LINES are out-of-bounds.....6-7-5
- 20) Measure from nearest edge of mark to inside edge of stopboard thru center of circle.....6-7-10
- 21) Legal trials are measured and recorded to nearest lesser quarter (¼) inch or cm.....6-7-11

Finals:

- 22) There must be at least one qualifying prelim trial for athlete to move on to finals.....6-2-17
- 23) One (1) more competitor advances to finals than places awarded.....6-2-17
- 24) i.e. 8 places score means 9 advance from prelim; everyone tied for 9th also advance.....6-2-17

Failed Attempts:

- 25) Competitor FAILS TO INITIATE A TRIAL within one (1) minute after name is called.....6-7-9a
- 26) Once in the circle, Competitor FAILS TO PAUSE before starting the put.....6-7-9b
- 27) Competitor TOUCHES ANY SURFACE outside of circle during the put.....6-7-9c
- 28) The SHOT DROPS BEHIND OR BELOW the shoulder.....6-7-8...6-7-9d
- 29) A legal put must be made from shoulder with ONE HAND ONLY.....6-7-8
- 30) Shot does not fall WITHIN the sector lines.....6-7-9f
- 31) Competitor LEAVES THE CIRCLE BEFORE the implement has landed.....6-7-9g
- 32) Competitor DOES NOT EXIT BACK HALF of the circle.....6-7-9h
- 33) Competitor does a "CARTWHEEL".....6-7-9i

Ties: (6-3-2a)

- 34) Break ties by comparing 2nd-best efforts (or 3rd-best if 2nd still results in a tie, etc.).....6-3-2a
- 35) Ties remaining after this process -
Add points for places & divide between competitors.....6-3-4

RULE 6-6 (p.53)**DISCUS THROW**

SUMMARY OF RULES - 2021

Implements:

- 1) Boys: Discus = 1.6 Kg; Girls: Discus = 1 Kg.....6-6-2
- 2) A Discus may not have indentations, projecting points or sharp edges.....6-6-1
- 3) Illegal equipment is not allowed during warm-up or competition. If used = Event DQ.....6-2-10

Uniforms:

- 4) Competitors must compete in a complete uniform (school issued/approved).....4-3-1b
- 5) Competitors must wear shoes fastened securely to both feet.....4-3-1a

Warm ups:

- 6) There must be supervision. An official or coach must be present during warm-up.
1st Violation: Warning ... 2nd Violation: Event DQ ... 3rd Violation: Meet DQ.
Once competition begins, venue and associated equipment is off limits for practice.
Event concluded - there will be no further activity - event area is closed.....6-2-6

Order: **Discus Throw = Girls 1st [even year], Boys 1st [odd year]**

- 7) Open order: Games committee will set time limit for prelims.....3-2-4d...6-2-19
- 8) Prelim flights of no less than 5 in the order set by games committee.....3-2-3l
- 9) Finalists throw worst to best.....6-2-3...6-2-18
- 10) Order may be changed to allow for participation in other events.....6-2-3

Grip:

- 11) Chalk or an adhesive such as rosin may be used to assist with grip.....6-2-12
- 12) Gloves NOT allowed; Tape NOT allowed on hand unless to cover an open wound.....6-6-7
- 13) Taping of wrists permitted; wearing support belts permitted.....6-6-7

Trials:

- 14) Larger meets: 3 prelims – 3 finals: all trials count for placing.....6-2-15
- 15) Smaller meets: 4 trials – no finals: all trials count for placing.....3-2-4e...6-2-7

Time Limit (Table p.41):

- 16) Trials - After being called competitors have one (1) min to initiate a trial.....6-2-2...6-6-9a
- 17) Time limit when excused to other events = determined by games committee.....6-2-4

Measurements:

- 18) Marks are recorded after each trial.....mhsaa
- 19) SECTOR LINES and CAGES are out-of-bounds.....6-6-8
- 20) Measure from nearest edge of mark to inside edge of circle through its center.....6-6-10
- 21) Legal trials are measured and recorded to nearest LESSER inch or EVEN cm.....6-6-11

Finals:

- 22) There must be at least one qualifying prelim trial for athlete to move on to finals.....6-2-17
- 23) One (1) more competitor advances to finals than places awarded.....6-2-17
- 24) i.e. 8 places score means 9 advance from prelim; everyone tied for 9th also advance.....6-2-17

Failed Attempts:

- 25) Competitor FAILS TO INITIATE A TRIAL within one (1) minute after name is called.....6-6-9a
- 26) Once in the circle, Competitor FAILS TO PAUSE before starting throw.....6-6-9b
- 27) Competitor TOUCHES any surface outside of circle during throw.....6-6-9c
- 28) Discus does not fall WITHIN the sector lines.....6-6-9d
- 29) Discus hits the cage or object outside the sector and ricochets back into the sector.....6-6-9e
- 30) Competitor LEAVES THE CIRCLE BEFORE the implement has landed.....6-6-9f
- 31) Competitor may enter circle from anywhere ... but ...
Competitor DOES NOT EXIT BACK HALF of the circle.....6-6-9g

Ties: (6-3-2a)

- 35) Break ties by comparing 2nd-best efforts (or 3rd-best if 2nd still results in a tie, etc.).....6-3-2a
- 36) Ties remaining after this process -
Add points for places & divide between competitors.....6-3-4

Landing Area:

- 1) Take-off board shall be 8" (recommended) to 24" deep and 42" to 48" wide.6-9-3
- 2) The landing area should be filled with 12" sand or soft material & level with the board.....6-9-4
- 3) The landing area shall be a minimum of (23) feet long and (9) feet wide.....6-9-5
- 4) Distance from the foul line to pit may be adjusted to accommodate levels of ability.6-9-5

Uniforms:

- 5) Competitors must compete in a complete uniform (school issued/approved).4-3-1b
- 6) Competitors must wear shoes fastened securely to both feet.4-3-1a

Warm ups:

- 7) There must be supervision. An official or coach must be present during warm-up.
It's ILLEGAL to run backward or in the opposite direction (ie. non-legal direction).
1st Violation: Warning ... 2nd Violation: Event DQ ... 3rd Violation: Meet DQ.
Once competition begins, venue and associated equipment is off limits for practice.
Event concluded - there will be no further activity - event area is closed.6-2-6

Order: **Long Jump = Girls 1st [even year], Boys 1st [odd year]**

- 8) Open order: Games committee will set time limit for prelims.3-2-4d...6-2-19
- 9) Prelim flights of no less than 5 in the order set by games committee.....3-2-3l
- 10) Finalists jump worst to best.6-2-3.....6-2-18
- 11) Order may be changed in any jumping event to allow for participation in other events.....6-2-3

Check marks:

- 12) The type material used for checks marks is determined by the games committee.3-2-4b
- 13) Check marks are not allowed on the runway or in the landing pit.6-9-7

Trials:

- 14) Larger meets: 3 prelims – 3 finals: all trials count for placing.6-2-15
- 15) Smaller meets: 4 trials – no finals: all trials count for placing.3-2-4f...6-2-7

Time Limit (Table p.41):

- 16) Trials - After being called competitors have one (1) min to initiate a trial..... 6-2-2.....6-9-8f
- 17) Time limit when excused to other events = determined by games committee.....6-2-4

Failed Attempts:

- 18) Any part of the shoe violates the foul line.....6-9-8a
- 19) Competitor runs through the foul line or foul line extended.....6-9-8b
- 20) Competitor does not keep head in superior position. [NO somersault]6-9-8c
- 21) Competitor does not land in the pit.6-9-8e
- 22) When leaving the pit, competitor touches the ground outside the landing area
closer to the foul line than the nearest mark made in the sand.....6-9-8e
- 22) Competitor fails to initiate a trial within one (1) minute after name is called.6-9-8f

Measurements:

- 23) Measure marks from nearest edge of landing mark perpendicularly to the foul line.6-9-9
- 24) The foul line may need to be extended to ensure a perpendicular measurement.6-9-9
- 25) Measurements of trials shall be taken at the takeoff board.6-9-10
- 26) Legal trials are measured and recorded to nearest lesser quarter (¼) inch or cm.....6-9-11

Finals:

- 27) There must be at least one qualifying prelim trial for athlete to move on to finals.6-2-17
- 28) One (1) more competitor advances to finals than places awarded - no substitutions.6-2-17
- 29) Ex. - 8 places score means 9 advance from prelim; all competitors tied for 9th advance.6-2-17

Ties: (6-3-2a)

- 30) Break ties by comparing 2nd-best efforts (or 3rd-best if 2nd still results in a tie, etc.).....6-3-2a
- 31) Ties remaining after this process -
Add points for places & divide between competitors.6-3-4

Landing Area:

- 1) Landing pads in sections must be attached and encased in a common cover.....6-4-3
- 2) Bordering surfaces (concrete/asphalt) shall be padded 2" min. dense foam material.....6-4-4
- 3) Support bases shall be marked as to their location at the start of competition.....6-4-5
- 4) High Jump crossbar shall be circular, non-metal and 12' to 14'10" in length.....6-4-6

Uniforms:

- 5) Competitors must compete in a complete uniform (school issued/approved).4-3-1b
- 6) Competitors must wear shoes fastened securely to both feet.4-3-1a

Warm ups:

- 7) There must be supervision. An official or coach must be present during warm-up.
1st Violation: Warning ... 2nd Violation: Event DQ ... 3rd Violation: Meet DQ.
Once competition begins, venue and associated equipment is off limits for practice.
Event concluded - there will be no further activity - event area is closed.6-2-6
- 8) Bungee cord crossbars may be used for warm-up jumps.6-2-22

Order: **High Jump = Boys 1st [even year], Girls 1st [odd year]**

- 9) Calling contestants in listed order or using the "Five-Alive" system is allowed.
If number of competitors is less than 9, then ALL will be in a single continuing flight.....6-2-21
- 10) Order may be changed in any jumping event to allow for participation in other events.....6-2-3

Check marks:

- 11) Games committee specifies location, marking material and number of check marks.6-4-7

Trials:

- 12) All competitors receive three (3) trials at each height.....6-2-20
- 13) Trials may be passed and used at the next height.6-2-20
- 14) Only the number of attempts left from previous height will be available.6-2-20
- 15) Once three (3) consecutive misses occur the contestant is finished with event.....6-2-20
- 16) Contestants who pass three or more consecutive heights with NO attempts are permitted one (1) warm-up jump w/o the crossbar in place and enter at that height.
The warm up must be taken at a height change.....6-4-8
- 17) Opening heights will be determined by games committee.6-4-9
- 18) When only one competitor remains, the event winner can choose the next height.....6-4-9
- 19) An accurate measurement of the bar shall be taken before each record attempt.6-4-12
- 20) Measurements shall be made to the nearest lesser ¼ inch or centimeter6-4-13

Time Limit (6-2-2c: Table 1, p.41):

- 21) When called competitors must initiate a trial within one (1) min if more than three competitors. Three (3) min when three or fewer are left. Five (5) min when one is left.6-2-2
- 22) Time limit when excused to other events = determined by games committee.6-2-4

Failed Attempts:

- 23) Competitor displaces crossbar during an attempt to clear.....6-4-14a
- 24) Competitor touches ground/landing area beyond plane of crossbar w/o clearing bar.6-4-14b
- 25) Competitor clears height, then contacts upright and displaces (or steadies) crossbar.....6-4-14c
- 26) After x-bar set and name called competitor fails to initiate a trial within one (1) minute.6-4-14d
- 27) Competitor fails (total body) to go over the crossbar.6-4-14e
- 28) Competitor takes off from two (2) feet; uses weights/artificial aids..... 6-4-10.....6-4-14f

General:

- 29) The crossbar shall not be lowered once the event begins. Exception: 1st place tie.....6-4-11
- 30) If a support ever slips down, the judge will rule 'no jump' and allow another trial.....6-2-23

Ties (6-3-2b):

- 31) 1st tie breaker: fewest number of misses at tied height is winner.6-3-2b1
- 32) 2nd tie breaker: fewest number of misses during competition is the winner.6-3-2b2
- 33) Passed trials shall not count as misses.6-3-2b3
- 34) 3rd tie breaker (**for 1st place only**): Allow (1) more trial at tied height.....6-3-2b4
Tied jumpers both miss = lower the bar 1" and allow (1) trial.
Tied jumpers both clear = raise the bar 1" and allow (1) trial.
Continue to raise/lower the bar and allow (1) trial until winner is determined.
- 35) Ties below 1st place: add points for places & divide by number of tied competitors.6-3-4

Landing Area:

- 1) Landing pads in sections must be encased in a common cover.6-5-7
- 2) Hard surfaces shall be padded with a minimum 2" of dense foam/suitable material.6-5-9
- 3) Support bases must be weighted to prevent them from tipping over.....6-5-10
- 4) Width between support pins are $\geq 13'8"$ and $\leq 14'8"$6-5-10
- 5) Pole Vault crossbar shall be circular, non-metal and $\geq 14'8"$ and $\leq 14'10"$ in length.....6-5-11
- 6) A box collar is required around the planting box.6-5-14
- 7) The crossbar is placed 18" to 31½" beyond the stop board toward the landing pit.....6-5-17

Uniforms:

- 8) Competitors must compete in a complete uniform (school issued/approved).4-3-1b
- 9) Competitors must wear shoes fastened securely to both feet.4-3-1a

Poles:

- 10) Poles may be any length and diameter.6-5-2
- 11) The bottom of pole may be protected tape, PVC, sponge rubber, suitable material.6-5-2
- 12) Manufacturer's pole rating shall be a minimum of ¾-inch in a contrasting color located within or above top handhold position. And, a one 1-inch circular band placed by the manufacturer to indicate the top handhold position is required.6-5-3
- 13) Prior to competition, the coach must verify poles meet specifications and that the vaulter is using a pole rated \geq the vaulter's weight.6-5-3
- 14) Variable weight pole; mismarked pole; lighter rated pole = Illegal = Event DQ.6-5-4

Warm ups:

- 15) Pole vault warm-up may not start until poles have been inspected & approved for use. ...6-5-5
- 16) An official or coach must be present during warm-up. There must be supervision. It's ILLEGAL to run backward or in the opposite direction (ie. non-legal direction).
1st Violation: Warning ... 2nd Violation: Event DQ ... 3rd Violation: Meet DQ.
Once competition begins, venue and associated equipment is off limits for practice.
Event concluded - there will be no further activity - event area is closed.6-2-6
- 17) Bungee cord crossbars may be used for warm-up vaults.6-2-22

Order: Pole Vault = Girls 1st [even years], Boys 1st [odd years]

- 18) Calling contestants in listed order or using the "Five Alive" system is allowed. If number of competitors is less than 9, then ALL will be in a single continuing flight.6-2-21
- 19) Order may be changed in any jumping event to allow for participation in other events.....6-2-3

Check marks:

- 20) Checks marks are not allowed on the runway. They must be placed on the side.6-5-18

Grip:

- 21) Taping wrists is allowed; Tape NOT allowed on hand unless to cover an open wound.....6-5-19
- 22) Gloves NOT allowed.....6-5-19
- 23) The use of a forearm cover to prevent injuries is permitted.....6-5-19
- 24) Chalk or an adhesive such as rosin may be applied to hands or pole.....6-5-19
- 25) Tape on poles must be of uniform thickness below top hand hold mark.6-5-2

Trials:

- 26) Opening heights will be determined by games committee.6-5-16
- 27) When only one competitor remains, the event winner can choose the next height.6-5-16
- 28) All competitors receive three (3) trials at each height.6-2-20
- 29) Trials may be passed and used at the next height.
Only the number of attempts left from previous height will be available.6-2-20
- 30) Once three (3) consecutive misses occur the contestant is finished with event.6-2-20
- 31) A broken pole during an attempt does not count as a trial.6-5-20
- 32) An accurate measurement of the bar shall be taken before each record attempt.6-5-25
- 33) Measurements shall be made to the nearest lesser ¼ inch or centimeter6-5-26

Time Limit (6-2-2c: Table 1, p.41):

- 34) When called competitors must initiate a trial within one (1) min if more than three competitors. Three (3) min when three or fewer are left. Five (5) min when one is left.6-2-2
- 35) Time limit when excused to other events = determined by games committee.....6-2-4

Failed Attempts:

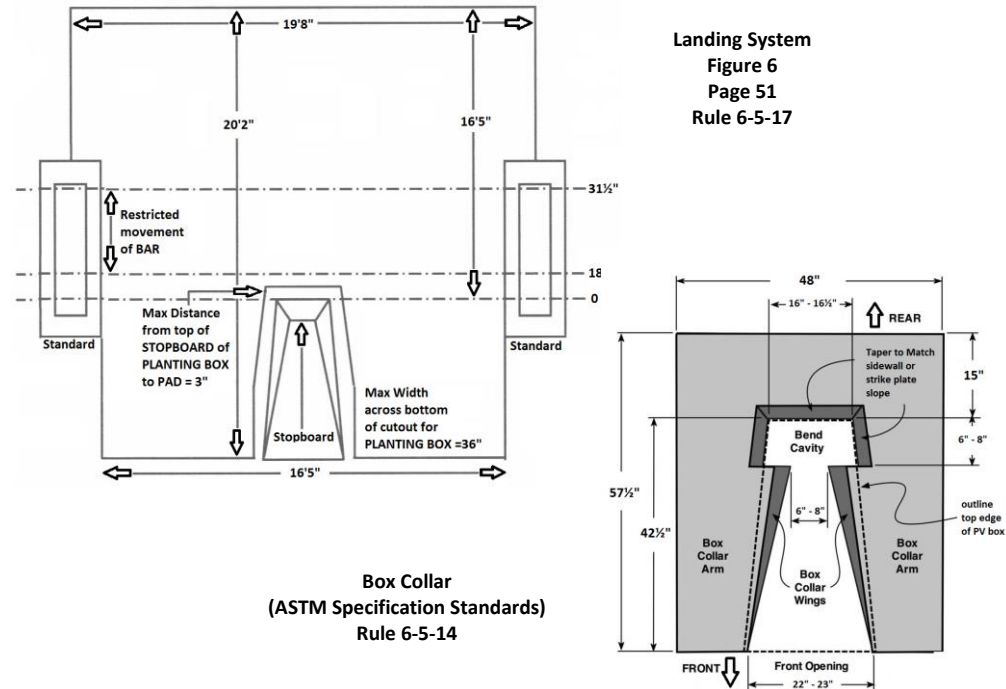
- 36) Competitor displaces crossbar with body or pole during an attempt to clear.6-5-27a
- 37) Competitor leaves ground and fails to clear. (excludes aborted approaches)6-5-27b
- 38) Uppermost hand is raised above starting point when they leave the ground or lower hand moves above upper hand on the pole.6-5-27c
- 39) Body/pole touches ground/landing area beyond plane of stop board before clearing.6-5-27d
- 40) Competitor fails to initiate a trial after being called within time limit.....6-5-27e
- 41) Competitor clears the height, contacts upright and displaces (or steadies) crossbar.6-5-27fg
- 42) Competitor grips the pole above the top circular band placed by the manufacturer.6-5-27h
- 43) Competitor touches (or catches) pole to prevent it from dislodging crossbar.6-5-27i

General:

- 44) No person except competitor, official or designee allowed to touch the pole.....6-5-23
- 45) The crossbar shall not be lowered once the event begins except for a 1st place tie.6-5-24
- 46) If a support is misplaced or slips, this is 'no vault' and another trial will be allowed.6-2-23
- 47) Contestants who pass three (3) or more consecutive heights with NO attempts are permitted two (2) minutes of warm-up per # of opponents w/o the crossbar in place.
Warm up must occur at the height change and contestant(s) enter at that height.6-5-15

Ties (6-3-2b):

- 48) 1st tie breaker: fewest number of misses at tied height is winner.....6-3-2b1
- 49) 2nd tie breaker: fewest number of misses during competition is the winner.....6-3-2b2
- 50) Passed trials shall not count as misses.....6-3-2b3
- 51) 3rd tie breaker (for 1st place only): Allow (1) more trial at tied height.....6-3-2b4
Tied jumpers both miss = lower the bar 3" and allow (1) trial
Tied jumpers both clear = raise the bar 3" and allow (1) trial
Continue to raise/lower the bar and allow (1) trial until winner is determined.
- 52) Ties below 1st place: add points for places & divide by number of tied competitors.....6-3-4



Landing System
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Box Collar
(ASTM Specification Standards)
Rule 6-5-14

Uniform Guidelines**PROACTIVE:**

Athletes may fix their uniforms before competition begins.

INVISIBLE:

Socks; Arm Warmers; HAIR CONTROL; Visor;
Undergarments; Medic Alert; Gloves in HJ & LJ

OK:

Ski Band; Knit Watch Cap; Ball Cap; Jewelry; Sunglasses; Watches;
Sweatband ≤ 2" wide; One Mfg Logo per top/bottom ≤ 2¼" square

NOT OK:

Offensive Tattoo; Dew Rag; Temporary Body Adornment;
Bare Midriff; Hazardous Jewelry; GLOVES in relays/shot/discus/vault

Check In

A contestant who fails to report before the start of competition shall not be allowed to participate in the event (Rule 4-1-3). Contact the REFEREE.

Athletes Leaving to Another Event

- **COMMON SENSE** must prevail.
- **KNOW** the procedure/time limits set by the *games committee*.
- **COMMUNICATE** with athletes at check-in if they have other events.
- **RE-ORDER FLIGHTS** to facilitate athletes competing in other events.
- **TIME-STAMP** excused athletes when they leave and return.
- **ENCOURAGE** athletes competing in other events to 1) take multiple trials; 2) take trials out of order; or 3) use '*stand-ins*.'
- **FINALS - DO NOT CALL** an athlete who is legally excused to another event. Continue the competition. **NOTE:** The competitor with the best prelim mark may wait until any excused competitors have taken all their trials to take the last attempt of the competition (6-2-3).

EXAMPLES of Judges Procedures:**When Athlete Leaves for Another Event and Has Not Returned****SP, DT, & LJ**

If an athlete has not returned and all others have completed trials, announce that all remaining throws must be completed in 10 minutes (or a pre-designated time).

HJ & PV

If an athlete has not returned and all others have cleared the height, announce that the bar will raise in 5 minutes. Unused attempts will be marked as a *pass* that may be used at the new height.

Judges Terminology - ALL FIELD EVENTS**CALLING TRIALS**

James '**UP**' * William '**ON DECK**' * Thomas '**ON HOLD**'.
Competitors must be ready when they are '**UP**,' not getting ready

GOOD ATTEMPT

'**Fair**' - or - White Flag (The use of FLAGS is recommended)

MISSED ATTEMPT

'**Foul**' - or - Red Flag (The use of FLAGS is recommended)

RECORDING TRIALS (HJ & PV)

O = cleared	X = failed	- = pass
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Measuring Attempts

- MEASURE **LJ, HJ, PV, & SP** to nearest lesser ¼" or cm.
- MEASURE **DISCUS** to nearest lesser 1" or EVEN cm.
- MEASURE **LONG JUMP** at the takeoff board not the pit.
- MEASURE heights before record attempts in **HJ & PV**.

Communication

- ANNOUNCE performance heights/distances after each attempt clearly.
- ANNOUNCE and CIRCLE the best performance after final attempt. RECORD carefully in 'BESTS COLUMN.'
- ANNOUNCE order of finish and best performance at conclusion of competition.
- SEND INFORMATION to press box announcer.

Advancing Prelims to Finals

- **DOUBLE-CHECK** the score sheet.
- **CONFIRM** - The Finalists before announcing.
- **SEND FINALIST INFO** to press box announcer.
- **ANNOUNCE** - 1) Finalists & best prelim performance;
2) time at which finals begin.
- (optional) **RE-WRITE** Finalists AND best prelim mark on another sheet in order of finals competition.
- Competitors may view video in a coaches box or unrestricted area.

Appeals / Questions (example: improper attire or implement)

- 1) Record the performances.
- 2) Do not announce results if there is a question or appeal.
- 3) Contact the REFEREE to resolve issue.

COVID-19 Considerations **

General Guidance

PHYSICAL DISTANCING shall be maintained when participants are not engaged in active participation or drills.

NOTE: "Physical or Social Distancing" refers to a separation of individuals of at least six feet, except for momentary interactions.

FACE COVERINGS shall be always worn by all individuals at all times.

Mandated Provision - Face masks which cover the MOUTH AND NOSE are required to be worn by OFFICIALS at all times.

Required by the MDHHS order.

Note: Consideration for COACHES - ALL STAFF shall wear face coverings.

General Considerations – FIELD EVENTS

Shot Put / Discus Throw

Enforce social distancing for all athletes & coaches.

To limit contact: Athletes may provide their own implements and retrieve their own implements after all throws.

It is recommended that implements be sanitized between each use.

Long Jump / Triple Jump

Enforce social distancing for all athletes & coaches.

High Jump / Pole Vault

Enforce social distancing for all athletes & coaches.

To lower risk: Participants/event workers may cover pits by a tarp that is removed and disinfected after each athlete (therefore multiple tarps needed to keep event moving)

To limit contact: Athletes should not share vaulting poles.

COVID-19 Considerations **

General Considerations – RUNNING EVENTS

Sprints / Hurdles / Relays

Enforce social distancing for all athletes & coaches.

Events run entirely in lanes, may use every other lane to assist with distancing.

Blocks should be disinfected after each heat / race.

Recommended: Students wear a cloth facial covering when not actively competing.

Distance / Middle-Distance Events

Enforce social distancing for all athletes & coaches.

Events of 800-meters or longer (any event not run entirely in lanes) are considered moderate risk activities if conducted under normal circumstances..

Rule Change Considerations

Rule 5-10-5

The current rule states:

The baton is the implement which is used in a relay race and is handed by each competitor to a succeeding teammate. *Gloves are not permitted in relay events.*

NOTE: The MHSAA will permit the use of gloves for this year - 2021.

NOTE: Batons should be disinfected after each heat / race.

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