



2015 NFHS TRACK AND FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY RULES INTERPRETATIONS

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Corrections to Rules Book: Page 2, 6-4-9g f; Page 3, Editorial, 7-6-17; Page 49, Rule 7, SECTION 1 DEFINITIONS

Corrections to Case Book and Manual: Page 62, SITUATION 6.4.9B, RULING: A foul throw is declared in (a) ~~and (b)~~; Page 67, SITUATIONS 7.2.41 12 A, RULING:...to a completion ~~or pass~~ after being called...; SITUATIONS 7.2.41 12 B, 7.2.41 12 C; SITUATIONS 7.2.42 13 A, B, C and D.

SITUATION 1: In the high jump, there is one competitor remaining. The competitor has five minutes to complete a trial. The competitor is called and the five minutes begin. The competitor exits the immediate competitive venue to (a) get a different pair of shoes; (b) talk to his/her coach at the coach's box; (c) view a video of his/her previous performance with the coach at the coach's box. **RULING:** Legal in (a) and (b); illegal in (c). **COMMENT:** Although the competitor, once called, has five minutes to initiate an attempt that results in completion, the competitor shall not be allowed to receive any coaching by way of electronic devices (video) during a trial. (3-2-8a)

SITUATION 2: In the discus throw, A1 releases the discus and steps out of the back half of the throwing circle (a) while the discus is in flight, or (b) after the discus lands within the sector lines. **RULING:** A foul is declared in (a). The throw in (b) is legal. **COMMENT:** Providing all other requirements of a legal throw are met, the competitor may legally exit the back half of the throwing circle only after the implement has landed within the sector lines. Exiting the throwing circle from any location is a foul if the

implement has not landed. (6-4-9f)

SITUATION 3: In the shot put, A1, upon release of the implement, steps on top of the stopboard before the shot put lands within the sector lines. The judge located at the ring calls "foul" or, if using flags at the meet, raises a red flag. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** It is a foul to touch the top of the stopboard before the put is marked. (6-5-9e, Officials Manual)

SITUATION 4: The discus throw of A1 (a) lands within the sector lines and all other event requirements are met. The sector judge immediately goes to the spot of the first impact for measurement purpose. (b) lands outside the sector and the sector judge indicates with his/her hand extended towards the sector line that has been violated by the implement landing outside the line, which confirms the foul. **RULING:** Correct procedure in both (a) and (b). (6-4-9-d, Officials Manual)

SITUATION 5: In the throwing events, once the implement has landed, the event judge is certain the competitor has not fouled and the implement landed within the sector, the event judge shall call "fair," or, if flags are used, raise a white flag. **RULING:** Correct procedure. (Officials Manual)

SITUATION 6: Prior to the start of the meet, as the meet referee and the meet director are conducting a venue check for each field event, it is noted in pole vault that an ASTM plant box padding is not in place. The meet referee indicates the event shall not be conducted without the required padding. The hosting school complies

before opening the event for warm-ups and eventually competition. **RULING:** Correct procedure. **COMMENT:** It is required, beginning with the 2014-15 school year, that planting box padding meeting the applicable ASTM Specification Standards is in place for the pole vault. (7-5-14)