

2014 TRACK AND FIELD RULE CHANGES

Rule 3-1-2 – No meet official, including meet referee and jury of appeals shall set aside any rule.

-There is nothing in this rule change of any major consequence

Rule 3-2-8, Rule 3-2-7, Rule 5-6-5g - The use of electronic communication devices is permitted during meets in unrestricted areas and coaches' boxes; however, they may not be used for any review of a referee's decision or to communicate with an athlete during a race or trial.

-This is a major change. What it is saying is that coaches may now show students pictures of their performance or videos of their performance between trials during competition. This makes life easier for officials who no longer need to worry about what students are seeing on mobile devices. There have been a number of questions asked about where this can happen. Don't make this too complicated. Wherever students could be and visit with their coaches in years past is where they can still be. The only difference now is they can view electronic images that they previously were not allowed to see. Coaches, don't take your pictures and video to the referee to argue a ruling. The change clearly states that officials' decisions will not be reviewed

Rule 4-3-1c(7) - ~~Any visible undergarment worn underneath the uniform bottom that does not extend below the knees is now considered a foundation garment and not subject to single, solid color rule. An undergarment extending below the knees shall meet all requirements regarding a visible undergarment.~~

-The reason this rule is crossed out is because it is not going to be used in Iowa. Below is the Iowa adaptation for this rule. The Iowa adaptation basically keeps the old rule with one very important variation. That variation is that on relays and in cross country exposed undergarments underneath the top or bottom do not need to be the same color for every runner.

Rule 4, Section 3, Article 1, b, 8. Unchanged

Rule 4, Section 3, Article 1, c, 7. The rule is revised to read: "Any visible garment(s) worn underneath the uniform bottom shall be unadorned and of a single, solid color, but not necessarily the same length. As per NFHS rules, a single, visible manufacturer's logo and/or single school name or insignia no more than 2 1/4 inches are permitted on the undergarment. Visible items worn under both the top and the bottom do not have to be the same color." **Reference to extending below the knees** is deleted.

Rule 4, Section 3, Article 1, c, 7 Notes 1. "If more than one visible garment is worn under the uniform bottom, all must be the same color. **Reference to which extends below the knees is deleted.**

Rule 4, Section 3, Article 2, b. Additional restrictions for relay races. "Any visible garment(s) worn by two or more relay team members underneath the uniform top and/or underneath the uniform bottom shall be

unadorned and a single solid color, but not necessarily the same length. Reference to **extending below the knee** is deleted. Reference to **same** color is deleted.

Rule 6-2-9 – Consistent in all field events for communication, a pass shall be communicated to the event judge before

-Not much to say about this change. This now makes this rule in the throws consistent with the jumps.

2014 MAJOR EDITORIAL CHANGES

Rule 4-6-3,4 – These two articles, which address how to order reruns after an act of interference has occurred, have been deleted from Rule 4 and moved to rule 5-9, which defines interference in running events.

-Nothing new here. Same wording just moved to a new section of the rule book.

Rule 5-1-3 & 5-2-6 – All-weather track surfaces utilizing a painted line to mark the inner edge of the track are now the more commonly-used surface. The order of listing a painted line, followed by a raised curb to designate the inside edge of the track is more appropriate for the construction and design of today's track.

-Nothing new here. Only the order of presentation in the rule book changed.

Rule 6-3-1,2 and Rule 7-3-1,2 – Clarifies that the tie-breaking procedure in field events applies only for places 7-3-2,2 scoring and removes unnecessary language from the rules.

-There is no change here. We will continue to break ties as we always have.