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To: USATF Ohio Association Executive Board

From: Len Krsak

Subject: 2017 Rules Committee Annual Meeting Report

The Rules Committee acted upon 79 articles during the 2017 Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. Majority of the articles considered were to align USATF's rules with IAAF rules. After discussion and debate results are classified as A = Accepted AA = Accepted as amended R = Rejected T = Tabled W = Withdrawn.

Below please find committee's results:

A = Accepted	57
AA = Accepted as amended	11
R = Rejected	6
T = Tabled	3
W = Withdrawn	2
Total	79

Also enclosed with this report please find a final score card and a few amended articles.

The entire Rules Committee's package can be viewed by going online to USATF's website.

Respectfully submitted,

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# USATF RULES COMMITTEE SCORECARD

Committee Actions as of 2 December, 2017 FINAL

	Action	Item	Action	Item	Action	Item	Action
1	T	21	A	41	AA	60	R
2	T	22	A	42	A	61	A
3	W	23	AA	43	AA	62	A
4	T	24	AA	44	AA	63	A
5	A	25	A	45	A	64	AA
6	A	26	A	46	A	65	A
7	A	27	A	47	A	66	A
8	A	28	A	48	A	67	A
9	A	29	A	49	A	68	AA
10	A	30	A	50	A	69	A
11	A	31	R	51	A	70	A
12	R	32	A	52a	AA	71	A
13	A	33	W	52b	A	72	R
14	A	34	A	53	R	73	A
15	AA	35	AA	54	A	74	A
16	A	36	A	55	R	75	A
17	A	37	A	56	A	76	A
18	AA	38	A	57	A		
19	A	39	A	58	A	11a	A
20	A	40	A	59	A	27a	A

**Final Actions:** A=Accepted    AA= Accepted As Amended    R=Rejected    T=Tabled  
W=Withdrawn

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Item 15 - Amend the submission as follows:

In Rule 146.2 and Rule 146.9, replace the word 'announcement' with 'publication'.

Add as a second sentence in Rule 132.2:

The Competition Secretary shall keep a log that records the time of day of all results publications.

Item 18 – Amend the submission as follows:

Delete the sentence “Any type of shoe used must be reasonably available to all.”

Item 23 – Amend the submission to add the following and add a new Rule 302.1(b)

For the Youth Exception see Rule 302.1(b)

Rule 302.1(b)

Receiving physical support from another (other than helping to recover to a standing position by a competitor in the event or meet personnel) that assists in making forward progression in the race is considered assistance in accord with Rule 144.3.

Item 24 – Amend paragraph (b) in the submission to read:

In Track Events longer than 10,000m, water shall be provided; (~~and~~) sponging stations and refreshments may be provided. ...

Item 35 – Amend the submission as follows:

Any competitor(s) charged with a false start shall be disqualified and a red and black (diagonally halved) card shall be raised in front of the respective competitor(s), and when lane markers are being used, a corresponding indication (~~(, such as a red flag, may)~~) should be placed on the respective lane marker(s). For Combined Events, see Rule 200.3(c); For Youth, see Rule 302.2(d); For Masters, see Rule 332.2(c).

Item 41 – Amend to the submission:

(f) Principles of assigning lanes.

i. For events of 100 meters to 800 meters, inclusive, and relays up to and including the 4x400 Meters:

a. In the first round, including a final if it is the first round and any additional qualification round, lanes will be drawn by lot, using the lanes designated by the Games Committee.

...

NOTE 2: In any 800 meter race, including a final, where for any reason there are more competitors than lanes available, the Games Committee shall determine in which individual lanes more than one competitor shall start.

Item 43 – Amend the submissions as follows and place as a note in Rule 166.1.:

In (~~(single day invitational competitions)~~) non-championship competitions, ...

Item 44 – Add to the submission:

Delete Rule 332.2(i).

Item 52a – Amend the submission as follows:

### TIME IN MINUTES FOR INITIATING A FIELD EVENT TRIAL

Total # of Athletes Competing at the Start of the Round	Individual Event			Combined Event		
	HJ	PV	Other	HJ	PV	Other
More than 3 or the very first trial for a competitor	((4)) <u>0.5*</u>	1	((4)) <u>0.5*</u>	((4)) <u>0.5*</u>	1	((4)) <u>0.5*</u>
2 or 3	1.5	2	1	1.5	2	1
1	3	5	-	2	3	-
Consecutive Trials	2	3	2	2	3	2

\* For Youth Athletics, this time shall be one minute.

Item 64 – Amend the submission as follows:

The applicable period in the Pit Lane will be the following. For races up to and including:

<u>5km: 0.5 min</u>	<u>10km: 1 min</u>	<u>20km: 2 min</u>
<u>30km: 3 min</u>	<u>40km: 4 min</u>	<u>50km: 5 min</u>

Item 68 – Amend the submission as follows:

#### 1. Course

- ~~Mountain ((Races))~~ Running takes place on terrain that is mainly off-road, unless there is significant elevation gain on the route in which case a macadamized surface is acceptable;
- ~~((Competitors shall not use supplementary aid(s) to assist their progress on course))~~ Each Mountain Running course is specific with the natural conditions dictating the basic course route. Existing roads and trails should be used. The Organizers are responsible to care for the environment.
- ~~((The profile of the course involves either considerable amounts of ascent (for mainly uphill races), or ascent/descent (for up and down races with start and finish at the same level)))~~ The course length may vary from 1km to the marathon distance respecting required technical details. Courses can be mostly uphill, up and down or a mix.
- The average incline should include a minimum of 5% (or 50 meters per kilometer)
- The entire course shall be clearly marked;
- Natural obstacles or challenging points along the course should be additionally marked;
- The Games Committee shall, prior to the race, announce the distance and total ascent / descent of the course which must have been measured. The Games Committee shall also provide a map and detailed profile of the course together with a description of the technical difficulties to be confronted during the race.

#### 2. Race Types

- ~~((Classic Mountain Races of 5km to 20km))~~ Classic Mountain Running races have mass starts in which all athletes start together or separately by sex or age categories.
- Time Trial Mountain Running races have individual start times at various intervals and are considered time trials. The results are ordered by the individual finish times.
- Long Distance Mountain Running race courses include distances of approximately 20km to 42km. Participants under the age of 18 should not compete at distances exceeding 25km.
- Mountain Running relay race composition, course distances and course types could vary widely, depending on the natural conditions and the plans of the Organizers.

#### 3. Water, Sponging, Refreshment

Water and other suitable refreshments shall be available at the start and finish of all races. Additional drinking / sponging stations maybe provided at suitable places along the course if the length, difficulty or the weather conditions of the race warrant such provision.