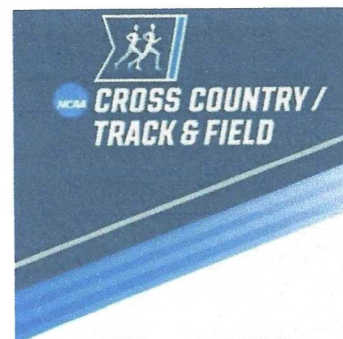


## New Rules Testing Requirement For NCAA Championship Meets

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For several months, the National Officials Committee and the NCAA have been working on ways to increase our collaboration in officiating NCAA Championship meets. Though there is still work to be done to get everything we would like accomplished, the first piece of the process will soon be in place. Beginning with this fall's recertification period, there will be an NCAA rules examination required to officiate NCAA national championship meets.

The plan is for the open-book, online exam to go live on or about November 1 when the USATF rules reviews become available. The exam was created by the NCAA but will be administered through the [NOC's Dashboard website](#) and process. I want to thank Mark Kostek and Milan Donley for their work in writing the exam, and Mark Heckel for his work on getting it prepared for use on the website page.



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Here is some more information:

- The candidate will have two attempts to pass the exam with a score of 80% or better. If they fail twice, they must wait at least 24 hours before taking the examination again. At present, there is no maximum number of times candidates can take the examination until they pass.
- Officials who are USATF Certified and have current memberships will have their results reported to the NCAA and to their respective Association Certification Chairs. They will be required to enter their Association and membership number (not their certification number) so their score can be recorded in USATF Connect.
- At the NCAA's request, individuals will be able to take the test without being a USATF member. They will not indicate an Association or membership number as part of the registration process. The results of their examination will be reported to the NCAA.