

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS  
TRACK AND FIELD QUESTIONNAIRE 2002**

Total Responses: 449

Responses per state:

AL	5/21	CT	1/13	ID	8/13	LA	0/29	MS	14/17	NJ	18/25	OK	0/31	TN	6/17	WV	5/9
AK	2/5	DE	0/3	IL	5/39	MA	0/1	MO	19/33	NM	0/1	OR	13/19	TX	44/85	WI	25/31
AZ	3/13	DC	3/3	IN	10/27	ME	3/9	MT	6/13	NY	22/47	PA	0/37	UT	0/9	WY	4/7
AR	7/13	FL	10/31	IA	24/29	MD	11/13	NE	13/23	NC	14/21	RI	0/3	VT	1/3		
CA	14/71	GA	7/25	KS	21/25	MI	16/47	NV	3/7	ND	8/11	SC	7/13	VA	0/1		
CO	0/21	HI	3/5	KY	11/19	MN	14/31	NH	1/5	OH	32/53	SD	0/1	WA	16/25		

Questions		Total			State Association			Officials			Coaches		
		Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes
<b>PART I - Checkup on present (2002) rules. Are these changes made last year satisfactory?</b>													
1.	Defining a track team as more than just competing athletes.	456	15	96 %	49	0	100 %	208	3	98 %	180	11	94 %
2.	When the referee determines an event is unsafe for competition, the points for that event shall be totaled and divided equally among visiting teams.	346	124	73 %	38	11	77 %	163	47	77 %	131	59	68 %
3.	Requiring that sportsmanship be discussed at the meeting of coaches, captains and officials prior to the first event.	380	91	80 %	42	6	87 %	164	48	77 %	159	32	83 %
4.	Requiring the head coach to verify to the referee/starter that all competitors are in compliance with the rules.	377	78	82 %	42	3	93 %	178	27	86 %	143	42	77 %
5.	Prohibiting jewelry (other than religious or medical, when appropriately taped to body).	364	103	77 %	37	10	78 %	174	37	82 %	141	49	74 %
6.	Determining that a running event is official and concluded when results have been recorded at the finish line.	364	101	78 %	41	6	87 %	167	41	80 %	139	49	73 %
7.	Determining that a field event is official and concluded when results have been recorded by the field event judge.	376	96	79 %	44	4	91 %	170	41	80 %	143	47	75 %
8.	Reducing time limits on the jumping events.	391	77	83 %	44	3	93 %	185	24	88 %	146	44	76 %
9.	Consistently lowering the high jump bar by 1 inch and the pole vault bar by 3 inches to help break first-place ties.	444	22	95 %	47	1	97 %	202	6	97 %	178	12	93 %
10.	Team run-outs no longer permitted when the starter begins final instructions.	412	43	90 %	46	0	100 %	188	14	93 %	162	24	87 %

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PART III - About the rules for 2003. Would you favor?		Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes	Yes	No	% Yes
11.	Allowing the use of computer chips that are attached to shoes to time and score track or cross-country competition.	291	179	61 %	34	15	69 %	130	79	62 %	115	74	60 %
12.	Replacing the 1600-meter run with the mile run.	95	369	20 %	10	36	21 %	40	169	19 %	36	150	19 %
13.	Replacing the 3200-meter run with the two-mile run.	85	382	18 %	9	37	19 %	35	175	16 %	34	155	17 %
14.	When conducting meets with a limited number of competitors, by mutual consent, allowing for meet management, in consultation with the referee/starter, to run girls and boys together in the 3200-meter run and relay, and the 1600-meter...	361	111	76 %	38	11	77 %	163	47	77 %	143	47	75 %
15.	Allowing an athlete to discard an item after he/she has entered the discus or shot-put ring, i.e., towel, shirt, headwear and jewelry.	209	262	44 %	21	28	42 %	97	114	45 %	79	110	41 %
16.	Requiring that the shot and discus be thrown in a 40-degree sector.	293	176	62 %	27	22	55 %	142	67	67 %	113	77	59 %
17.	Reducing the time limit for throwing events to one minute.	395	78	83 %	47	2	95 %	187	24	88 %	144	46	75 %