

MINUTES
TRACK & FIELD AND CROSS COUNTRY RULES COMMITTEE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

Marriott Hotel

Indianapolis, IN

June 9-10, 2002

Committee members in attendance:

Jack Hedlund	Chair	2003
Donald Danser	I	2004
Brigid DeVries	II	2005
Johnny Seabrooks	III	2002
Fred Steinkamp	IV	2003
Fred Binggeli	V	2004
David Jackson	VI	2003
Hal Harkness	VII	2005
Mike Bauer	VIII	2002
Leon McKenzie	NFCA	2002
Kathleen Hutfilz	NFOA	2004
Cynthia Doyle	NFHS	

Guests in attendance:

Jan Johnson Skyjumpers.com

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, GENERAL INFORMATION- Cynthia Doyle, Jack Hedlund

Purpose of Meeting, Charge to Committee- Staff read the mission statement to the committee. The chair then proceeded to remind the committee members of their importance of serving on the committee.

Staff asked that paperwork and expenses be returned to the NFHS within 30 days.

- A) Expense forms
- B) Pictures for the rule books
- C) Responsibilities of the committee
- D) Action of the committee-approved by the Rules Review and Board of Directors
- E) Evaluation form-return to NFHS
- F) Conflict of Interest Statement-need signed copy from each new member
- G) Indemnification Statement-coverage of insurance
- H) Voting procedures-7 votes to pass, support vote once taken

2. QUESTIONNAIRE TOTALS

- A. NFHS sent out 1000 questionnaires to State Associations. State Associations distribute the questionnaire to coaches and officials.
 - Items with a favorable response rate of 60% or greater, were placed on the questionnaire. Three items were included.
 - One correction was made to the Questionnaire Totals that changed the percent of respondents.
- B. Staff reported to committee regarding the American Society for Testing Measurements (ASTM) and NFHS Sports Medicine Advisory Committee (SMC) emphasis on pole vault landing systems.

-ASTM ballot items were distributed to the committee. ASTM provides standards from research done by specific task force groups such as the Pole Vault Task Force. Standards from ASTM research was presented to the NFHS rules committee for information and decision making purposes.

-SMC's request for the NFHS Track Rules Committee to consider a larger landing surface and the lightening statement for outdoor venues was included in the packet.

-An assortment of articles on track and field, including articles on pole vault, were provided to committee members.

3. US Tennis Court and Track Builders Association: Staff asked the committee to voice any special concerns that should be carried to the US Tennis Court and Track Builders Association. Suggestions included:

- ✓ Lines on runway for pole vault
- ✓ Layout of pole vault landing pad with new dimensions
- ✓ Layout of pole vault runway being from the north to south
- ✓ Change which allows planting box on both sides of the landing pad
- ✓ Add dash line and waterfall start to high school tracks
- ✓ Add alley starts on outside lanes
- ✓ Extend polyurethane beyond the takeoff board of the long jump pits
- ✓ Make statement about hard and unyielding surfaces

4. Staff report from US Tennis Court and Track Builders Association.

USTCTBA expressed concerns that coaches and athletic directors are not included in the design of track and field facilities. Without their input, venues are often less than what is expected to fulfill the needs of the program.

USTCTBA asked the NFHS Track Committee to consider making all distances and measurements metric. This would include throws, horizontal jumps and vertical jumps. Although most high schools do not use metric, USTCTBA felt that schools would better prepare their athletes if they were in sync with what goes on internationally in track and field.

Staff shared the development of NIAAA Leadership Training Course (LTC) on turf, and suggested that with the help of USTCTBA, NIAAA may be interested in a curriculum on tennis court and track facility education.

5. Discussion/Voting of Proposed Rules Changes (attachment)

6. Review of possible upcoming changes in the shot and discus sector: Staff shared proposed NCAA rule changes and IAAF changes reducing the sector to 34.92 degrees for all throwing events. NCAA rules will remain at 40 degrees. Staff will continue to monitor changes at upcoming NCAA and USATF meetings.

7. Suggested Points of Emphasis for 2003:

- Consider statement on lightening
- Equipment statement
- Coaching box
- When high schools use college facilities
- Pads and box collars
- When a referee declares a venue unsafe

8. Identify possible questionnaire items for 2003

- Declared false start in track
- One-piece body suits and leotard being legal
- Tight fitting bike shorts being legal
- No longer require a metal arch as foul line in javelin
- Use of metric for all measurements, heights and distance
- In order to receive a mark, the javelin must land point first
- Restrict the use of watches during competition
- Prohibit the use of assistance devices or personal contact (taps) during warm-up
- Move the cross bar to a position of 16 inches beyond the vertical plane of the top of the box to 30 inches in the direction of the landing surface.
- Zero points awarded to teams or individuals for cancelled events
- Prohibit run-outs on track events over 800 meters
- Require the javelin to land tip first in order to “mark”

9. Recognition of committee members attending their final meeting
Johnny Seabrooks Sec. 3, Mike Bauer Sec. 8, Leon McKenzie NFCA

10. Review of subcommittee’s assignments and assigned rule

11. Helmets- Staff provided a copy of an article addressing the position on the topic describing a variety of headgear and helmets. Staff will travel to an ASTM meeting to gather more information on helmets.

12. Guest speaker: Topic Pole Vault

13. Rule Interpreter Meeting date – January 23, 2003 in Indianapolis, Indiana