

USATF National Convention – Indianapolis, IN
Thursday Dec. 3, 2009

Officials – Rules Subcommittee – Caucus Rm. 1:30-2:50

1. Re-Certification tests were too extensive. New tests will be scaled back. The high school rules will not be on the test.
2. A separate test will be made available for high school officials.
3. Association and National level will be reduced to 25 questions (no high school).
4. Masters level will have more situation essay questions.
5. New tests will be available next fall.

Rule changes for 2010

1. About 10 rule changes were passed. Check the national website.

Rule book changes for 2010

1. 85 changes were made. A lot of these are cleaning up the language of the rules.
2. These are taking out a lot of exceptions for youth and masters. The Oregon association will put the matrix up on our website as soon as they are approved.

Officials – Equipment and Facilities – Caucus Rm. 4:30-6:20

1. Action Items
 - a. Develop a national inspector's technical manual – in progress
 - b. Develop a repair manual – in progress
2. Implement Problems
 - a. In Arkansas found a big problem: (NCAA) Discus was covered with meet marks.
 - b. Received a list of possible cleaners for implements. (Matrix)
 - c. Will mail out and post it on the website.
3. Box Collars for the PV
 - a. Gill is making (not out yet) new PV box collars that wrap around the box to protect the athlete from falling into the box and being hurt.
 - b. Gill is working to develop better helmets for the vaulters.
4. Rule Changes for 2010
 - a. HS no change
 - b. NCAA no change
 - c. USATF: 3 changes
 - i. Women's shot size under review.
 - ii. Master's shot is has ...
 - iii. 750 gm discus same size as the 1 kg. Discus.
 - d. Passed rule for women's masters 2 kg. Shot and hammer on the horizon.

- e. Turbo Javelin design size has changed. USATF does not have specs for them. How do you compare the new one the old ones??? Affects records.

Friday Dec. 4th

Officials – General Session 1 – W Grand 3, 9:00-11:50

Treasure Sue Polansky

- a. Finish 2009 with \$11-12,000 in reserve
- b. Reserve will be less for the next 3 yrs. (normal for each Olympiad)

L & L by Laws & Regulation Changes John Bahakel

1. Differentiating between bylaws and regulations.
 - a. Bylaw takes a 2/3 majority
 - b. Regulation takes a majority vote
 - c. Select and post officials for the national meet by the end of the convention was past way. This year they will collect names and review then after the convention before they choose the officials.

Officers Reports

2. Chair Len Krsak
 - a. 350+ applications for national meets
 - b. Application must be in by Oct. 17th to be considered.
 - c. Please follow the instructions when filling out the applications.
 - d. Best trained officials in the world are USATF officials.
 - e. Trying to get a best practices across the country for all officials.
 - f. Officials have the opportunity to officiate youth & masters meets.
 - g. Difficult to recruit younger officials.
 - h. All applications for national meets will be on line next year. This applications are for national and masters level officials.
3. Awards Gordon Bobcock
 - a. Awards committee has become much more active this year.
 - b. Divided the country into 5 regions
 - c. Award nominees were recognized for tonight's awards.

4. Hall of Fame Awards Sue Polansky
 - a. 141 ballots sent in, 100 sent back because of errors.
 - b. All voting next year will be done on the website.
 - c. To be inducted you must receive 50% of the votes.
 - d. When nominated your name will remain on the ballot for 3 years Instead of 5 years.
5. Certification Jim Flanik
 - a. Added membership requirements
 - b. 5000 plus officials certified.
 - c. Big push to get more officials.
6. Rules George Kleeman
 - a. Sub-committee expanded this year to 8 officials.
 - b. Certification tests are changing again.
 - c. There will be 4 tests (New, Association, National, Masters)
 - d. Continue to have specialty tests i.e. LDR, Weights & Measures....
 - e. Tests will be available on NOC website next year.
 - f. Went over a sample of the rule changes from the rules committee. This will be voted on later in this convention.
 - g. Rule book updates were done with the NCAA interpretation book.
7. Training Rex Harvey
 - a. Training committee is broken up into 5 groups. Would like each representative to attend one.
 - b. Will have 2 hour clinics for certification and specialty clinics.

Nominees for NOC Treasure

Paralympics' Track & Field

- a. Presentation on current state of Paralympics in the US.
- b. Need help identifying athletes.
- c. Need help officiating.
- d. Opportunities to compete in regular meets.

Championship Meet Etiquette

Best Practices Rich Schornstein

- a. Send best practices going on across the US. Share with the national office to send out to the other associations.
- b. These will be posted on the NOC website. All areas are covered.
- c. Would like to have a recruiting brochure for officials.

NCAA Project Bob Tice

- a. Officials being paid is the new push.
- b. Conference meets should have competent officials.
- c. Bob met with all the major levels of NCAA about paying officials.
- d. 80% return from conferences. They all want more officials.
- e. Many different types of certification. (high school, USATF)
- f. Biggest goal is recruiting more officials.

Master's Track & Field

Affirmative Development Yvonne Grimes

- a. Looking at developing minority officials (especially women) for higher levels of officiating (national, masters).

Appeals / Selection

Officials – Clinic Certification Chairs – W Grand 1, 4:00-5:50 (open meeting, no agenda)

1. Suggestions on
 - a. Send in card with date Jan. 2009 for re-certify Even if they did it in 2008)
 - b. New officials use the current date.
 - c. Prints cards on the first of the month.
 - d. To change data only use the save "NOT PRINT CARD".
 - e. New numbers start with 2 zeros instead of 1.
 - f. Lost almost 5000 officials from the last Olympiad.
 - g. There will be a separate NFHS test, or you can make your own.
 - h. Long term goal is to make the database more user-friendly. Will include i.e. mailing labels.
 - i. Will send labels and / or report.
 - j. Reviewed how officials were chosen for national meets.
2. Certification Process
 - a. Master level test was too much.
 - b. How do we retain an official? First year to 4 year officials are the hardest to keep.
 - c. Idea came up about using webcam training.
 - d. When officials want to get a specialized certification, maybe they should work as a volunteer for a couple of meets so they have real experience.
 - e. Motion was passed to redo the way we certify officials. Send Jim Flanik an email if you would like to work on this committee.

Saturday Dec, 2009

Officials – Clinic Starters – 12:00-1:50

The Art of Starting – Tom Hott

1. The start command – Give the athlete time to get ready
2. Voice – Consistent volume and speed
3. Hold time – long enough for them to run – 1.8 to 2.2. Practice that time frame.
4. No false start rule
 - a. USATF one on the field, next on the athlete
 - b. IAAF, College, HS – no false start
 - c. Combined Events
 - i. IAAF – first on the field (rule 162.7). Second on the field
 - ii. USATF / NCAA – 1 on the field, second out rule 162.12
5. Start Protest
 - a. IAAF – athlete can appeal to the track referee unless you use a false start control apparatus.
 - b. USATF – Same rule as IAAF
 - c. IAAF Start Protest – If the starter fails to call a false start from the start control apparatus the athlete may protest to the track referee. (Athlete must finish the race)
6. International Starting
 - a. Responsibility of starter and assistants
 - i. In USA recall team works together on a false start.
 - ii. In Europe the starter has the responsibility for the false start.
 - b. In Europe the assistant starters
 - c. Use of guns(s) – In Europe they use 2 guns – 1 start, 1 recall
 - d. Positioning
 - i. Europe the starter is even with the start line, recall is down the track.
 - ii. Europe the starter is behind the runners and on the outside of the track.
 - iii. Waterfall start Europe starter stands behind the runners.

Officials – General Session II – 3:00-5:50

1. Appeals and Selection – Delores Murray
 - a. Only received one letter about selection to the national meet.
 - b. Follow the guidelines for filling out the applications. Pay attention to the deadline.
2. Communications / Newsletter – Jimmy Stuart
 - a. All newsletters are electronic, no paper copies.
 - b. Newsletter sent out twice a month. Always looking for new articles.
 - c. New official's website, old one will redirect you to the new one. All the old links are dead.

3. Equipment & Facilities – Bob Springer
 - a. Two newsletters this year. Sept. and Feb.
 - b. Problems with javelin specs & markings on implements.
4. Evaluations – Murray Sanford
 - a. We do not evaluate NCAA meets. Only evaluate USATF meets.
 - b. Evaluations were turned in on time.
5. Historian – Charlie Ruter
 - a. 2 yrs. Ago began the history of USATF. It is finished and published. \$20.00
6. Master Referee – Jim Skelly
 - a. Committee formed to train national masters referee. 25 have been trained.
 - b. 11 new applications for this year.
 - c. Must be certified at the association level to apply.
7. Uniform & Merchandise – Win Eggers & Keith Mitchell
 - a. 400 shirts on order. Having trouble with the larger sizes being cut big enough.

New Business

1. Topics for next year should be presented to Rex Harvey.

Unfinished Business

1. none