

You Are The Referee

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Situation 1

The incoming runner (first leg) in the 4x200 relay stumbles and falls to the infield just before the exchange zone, then reaches out to handoff baton. The baton is in exchange zone but runner is off track.

Situation 2

Team A reports for the 4x400 relay. Runner A2 has no lower arms. The clerks ask the referee to determine if the runner may participate in the relay.

Situation 3

In the 4x200, runner #2 drops baton and picks it up, then hands off to #3, now in last place. The exchange occurs outside zone, and runner #3 throws baton. The coach asks if this will be recorded as a DNF or because he wants to use his #4 runner in an additional event.

Situation 4

An athlete reports for the shot put with tape around two of her fingers. The fingers are not taped together. The shot put judge tells the athlete she must remove the tape, and her coach appeals to the referee.

Situation 5

An athlete leaves the High Jump for another event, and when she returns she informs official she is injured and cannot continue. At the conclusion of the event, she is tied with another jumper for first place. How do you proceed?

Situation 6

As athlete A1 makes his attempt in the pole vault, he brushes the bar and the support slips down the standard. The event judge rules it "No jump" and allows the athlete another attempt after the cross bar is replaced at the correct height. The coach of B1 objects, claiming it should be called a miss.

Situation 7

In the pole vault at a district meet, after several athletes have cleared the opening height and several have missed it, it is discovered that the wrong starting height was used. Several coaches voice complaints to the referee.

Situation 8

At a 16 team invitational, it is announced at the coaches' meeting before the meet that athletes who are lapped in the 3200 will be pulled from the track. Several coaches complain to the referee that they were not informed of that decision prior to submitting their entries.

Situation 9

An athlete is heard by several officials using profanity toward another athlete in the awards area, well after his event.

Situation 10

Team A is using "Fly-by" exchanges in the 4x100 meter relay, and as runner A2 is handing off to A3, he drifts into the lane outside of the team's assigned lane, but does not interfere with the team in the outer lane. The umpire reports this to the referee.

Situation 11

The hurdle crew asks the referee for the correct placement of the hurdles in a mixed shuttle hurdle relay, and what the exchange zones should be.

Situation 12

Meet management tells the referee for a small relays-style meet that they plan to run mixed gender relays

a.) but not score them.

OR

b.) and only used combined team scoring, with no separate boys and girls team scores.

Situation 13

In the shot put, an athlete's hair touches outside the ring as she leans forward in her follow through. The event judge calls a foul, and the coach appeals that call to the referee.

Situation 14

After the bar in the pole vault is raised to the next height, some athletes are eliminated from competition. When only 5 vaulters are left, the event judge announces that the time limit will now change to 3 minutes. Several coaches appeal the change to the referee.

Situation 15

As athletes are checking for the pole vault at a 12 team invitational, they are informed that they must weigh in to make sure their weight agrees with what the coach entered on their form.

Situation 16

At an 8 school invitational, two athletes are disqualified for walking during the 3200 meter run, for "unacceptable conduct."

This PowerPoint will be available as a pdf at:

<https://www.gytoa.com>

It will be available Saturday evening, and 2 versions will be posted – 1 with referee's decisions and one without.

If you encounter unusual situation situations that might be worth discussing at next year's clinic, please forward them to:

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