

Excerpt from George Kleeman's **2007 Rule Change Summary of Significant Changes**

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USATF Proposals (to be reviewed and approved or rejected at Indianapolis Convention in December, for the whole package, see Rules Proposal at www.USATF.org)

1. Separate Outdoor and Indoor Rules
2. Certification of accuracy of Wind Gauges
3. Master LDR scoring only by US citizens
4. Eliminate Championship Patches.
5. Define Team Scoring for various groups.
6. Change XC protest period to 30 minutes.
7. In Club Championship only Club members on Club teams.
8. Restriction on membership of athletes on LDR teams from another Association
9. Provide for best qualifying performance for Combined Events Championship
10. Eliminate Short Course XC
11. Modify women's team numbers.
12. Restrict those convicted of drug use from Olympic Trials and international team roles.
13. Youth limit use of video to predetermined official video.
14. Modify job of electronic measurement judge.
15. Specification of age group on back bid for Masters LDR Championships
16. Extend electronic restrictions to MP-3 players and to LDR races.
17. Clarify that judges call can not be protested unless miss apply rule.
18. Clarify only fair attempts are measured.
19. Clarify the definition of hurdling.
20. Specify no foreign substance on batons.
21. Clarify what it means to touch beyond the zero mark in pole vault.
22. Allow use of video for horizontal jump fouls
23. Clarify the definition of the indoor shot.
24. Clarify the definition of the indoor weight.
25. Clarify the definition of the discus and add the 0.75kg discus for older women.
26. Specify the various implement and hurdle differences for combined events.
27. Modify the weights and Superweight used by several age groups.
28. Change back to two different racewalk signs on a single paddle.
29. Clarify the definition of racewalking.
30. Better define the role of pacesetters for LDR events.
31. Specify LDR rules apply to MUTS and XC events.
32. Allow for scratch records during handicapped events.
33. Clarify that road courses must be measured before the event in order for a record to be set and courses must be remeasured along course run in case of a record.
34. Allow Youth records on tracks without curbs if cones present.
35. Add Weight Pentathlon for Women as a record event.
36. Clarification of track events where Master Records can be set.

Youth Rules

37. Clarify rules on youth athletes with different summer and school year residences.
38. Allow youth championships on non curbed tracks.
39. In youth events only members of registered teams may score for such teams.

40. Add Hammer to Youth Division and delay making JO hammer mandatory till 2010 at association and regional meets.
41. Change back to 3000m Racewalk from 5000m for Intermediate and Young Men/Women.
42. For one day youth meets allow running of final at time of prelims if a walkover.
43. Modify Youth and JO Relay rules.
44. Allow three marks for high jump and pole vault in youth meets.
45. Modify final combined event contestant numbers.
46. In Youth Championship modify who qualifies for finals in races up to 800m to best 8 times.
47. Modify XC distances for age groups.
48. Change exemption for JOs from Youth Executive to Youth Chair.
49. Change JO qualifying rules.
50. Clarify the requirements for relay changes for youth teams.
51. Clarify XC exemption for high school students.
52. Clarify JO entry requirements.
53. Change starting heights for high jump and pole vault in JOs.

Masters

54. Separation of records for indoor and outdoor implements.
55. Reduce number of foreign awards in Masters meets.
56. Separate Pentathlon into a separate indoor and outdoor championship.
57. Changes in regional and association T&F championship events.
58. Change team definitions for Masters T&F and performances that score for team points
59. Changes in which races in Masters can be timed finals.
60. Elimination of 27 inch hurdles and changes in heights and distances for other hurdle events plus the definition of hurdling.
61. At association level, Association LDR Committee may set size of team membership and number to score.
62. In regional and national LDR championships only registered teams may compete to score and for awards.