

USATF Rule Change Summary for 2021

** Item deserves particular interest or attention

	Rule	Description
	115	Delete National Technical Official as a Rule Book Officiating position.
**	142.3	Competitor exclusion from participation if not properly checked-in. Justifiable reason.
	143.3	W.A. compliance for sole of shoe thickness. 20mm. TJ, 800+ = 25mm. Many exceptions.
**	162.11	'Stand-up' command at the start is not always a 'green card'.
	162.12	F.S. for hand losing contact w/ground excludes request to abort start.
**	162.12	Clarifies that S.Y.S. activation must be acted upon and evaluated.
	162.15	Clarifies true external (non-competitor action) cause for a F.S.
**	162.17	Delete 'reasonable time' and add 'at once and without delay' for competitor action.
**	180.12	All competitor adjustments are within the allotted time limit. Justifiable reason.
**	180.12	0.5 minutes still in effect for Masters. See alternate table in Appendix.
	181.9	Jump-off example explanation for first place re-written. <i>Affects First Place Only</i>
	181.19	Rear slope of plant box in compliance with W.A.
**	184	LJ / TJ take-off board redesign. Use of plasticine.
**	185.5	Define TL / TJ foul as 'breaking the plane' with shoe or foot. ** November **
**	187.1	Clarify 'stationary position'. Must occur inside of circle. Delineates intent of rule.
	187.13	Eliminate conflict with 187.10 about number of implements presented for weigh-in.
	193.1	Re-organization of rule sections. Clarifies 'walking back'.
	RW	Several items of clarification regarding the use of certain words. No rule changes.
	262.3	Eliminate specifically stated requirements for records. i.e. # of schools, printed program.
**	300.1	Authorization to have a mixed age-group event.
**	302.5	All implements now exempt from loss of identity. No common usage.
**	302.5	Assistance to set-up field event marks authorized and controlled.
	302.5	Clarify time required to return to an event after absence to compete in another.
**	302.5/6	New condition for allowing additional warm-up in HJ / PV after start of competition.
	302.5	Clarify the ending of a HJ / PV competition with an absent competitor.
**	302.5	Supervised warm-up required. Single directional use of runways mandated.
	303.1	Seeding requirement revision and specific placement of seeds in longer races.
	320	Masters age definition. Restate starting age to be 25.