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INTRODUCTION

The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee has developed this manual to outline the technical procedures for competition for all rounds in the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships and provide case studies of situations that may arise during the course of the competition. Whenever possible, technical procedures have been developed in order to provide consistency across competition sites. This manual contains four sections:

- Procedures for administrating the events at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites.
- Procedures for administrating the events at the Final Championship Competition site;
- Relay policy for the competition; and
- Case studies, to assist coaches by reviewing and answering questions generated by situations.

This manual should be used in conjunction with the 2021 NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track and Field Pre-Championships Manual, the 2021/2022 NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Men's and Women's Rules Book, and NCAA Bylaw 31 of the 2020-21 NCAA Division I Manual, which pertain to the administration of NCAA Championships. These publications will provide information about the general policies governing NCAA Championships. In many instances, technical procedures outlined herein reflect the authorized decision-making afforded to the Games Committee through the NCAA Track & Field/Cross Country Rules Book.

Readers should note that the Pre-Championships Manual offers details specific to the declaration process and the administration of the championships.

Although this manual and the other referenced publications attempt to cover all phases of Championship Competition, if questions arise before the event please feel free to contact NCAA Championship Manager, Jeff Mlynski. Once the competition begins, questions related to procedures not covered in this manual should be referred to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee.

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ADMINISTRATION OF PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

1. General Administration.

The administration of the Preliminary Championship Competition at each site is the responsibility of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee, the NCAA championships liaisons, and the director of athletics of the host institution. They will delegate duties and responsibilities and assign other personnel as necessary to ensure the efficient and effective administration and promotion of each Preliminary Championship Competition site. The following shall be used for assistance in the capacities indicated:

- a. The Meet Director. The meet director will be appointed by the director of athletics of the host institution.
- b. The Games Committee. The three-person Games Committee will consist of two representatives assigned by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee and the meet director at each site. The Games Committee will serve as the site review committee and have the responsibility to make any decisions or determinations within the published rules and this Technical Manual necessary to protect the integrity of each Preliminary Championship Competition and the qualifying process for the Final Championship Competition.
- c. The Meet Physician. The official meet physician will be appointed by the host meet director at each site and shall be on site during all aspects of the competition to perform the duties prescribed in Rule 12-18.a.b.c. and Rule 12-19.
- d. The Referees. All Referee positions will be appointed by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee and have the authority prescribed in Rule 12-4.1.a.b.c.d.e.f.g.h. and Rule 12-4.1.c) The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee will seek to appoint at least two referees to each of the Preliminary Championship Competition sites who will also serve as referees at the Final Championship Competition site. There will be NO jury of appeal. The final decision will rest with the referees (a minimum of two (2) referees are required to address and agree on a final decision per Rule 13-7.1.c).

2. Qualifying for the Championships.

Qualification to the Championships is defined in the 2021 Pre-Championship Manual.

Qualification to the Preliminary Championship Competition is based on the descending order performance list for the current outdoor season, segregated by east and west sites, and prepared solely from the mandatory submission of meet results during the season and adhering to the qualifying regulations. For each individual event contested at each of the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, the top forty-eight (48) declared student-athletes will be accepted into the competition. For each relay event contested at each of the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, the top twenty-four (24) declared relay teams will be accepted into the competition. The stated maximums are absolute and will not be extended as a result of ties.

Any descending order list ties, by mark, for the last position to be accepted will be resolved by examining, of those tied, the second best valid qualifying meet performance submitted during the current outdoor season, and so on until there is no basis for a mark comparison. For a tie not resolved after all available mark comparisons, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor who achieved the original tying performance mark later in the season. For a tie still not resolved, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor who achieved the second best valid qualifying meet performance mark later in the season,

and so on until there is no basis for date comparison. As a last resort, the tie for the last qualifying position will be decided by the toss of a coin. An example of this tie-breaking procedure is presented in the Case Studies section of this manual.

After acceptance into the meet in any and all events, compliance with Rule 14-2.a.b.c. "Failure to Participate," is required.

Advancement from the Preliminary Championship Competition to the Final Championship Competition.

At each Preliminary Championship Competition site, in each event contested, no more than twelve (12) competitors or twelve (12) relay teams shall advance from a Preliminary Championship Competition site to the Final Championship Competition site. The stated maximums are absolute and will not be extended.

Qualifying for the Combined Events at the Final Championship Competition.

The Heptathlon and Decathlon events are not contested at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites. Qualification to the championships in these two events is accomplished through a competitor's position on the national descending order performance list for the current outdoor season prepared solely from the mandatory submission of meet results during the season and adhering to the qualifying regulations. The top twenty-four (24) declared student-athletes in each of these two events will be accepted into the national championships for competition at the Final Championship Competition site. Declaration for these two events is completed during the one and only declaration period, which is prior to the Preliminary Championship Competition. The stated maximums are absolute and will not be extended as a result of ties.

Any descending order list ties, by mark, for the last position to be accepted in the Heptathlon or Decathlon will be resolved by examining, of those tied, the second best valid qualifying meet performance mark submitted during the outdoor season, and so on until there is no basis for a performance mark comparison. For a tie not resolved after all available performance mark comparisons, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor who achieved the original tying performance mark later in the season. For a tie still not resolved, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor who achieved the second best valid qualifying meet performance mark later in the season, and so on until there is no basis for date comparison.

Once all of the above tie-breaking methods have been exhausted, ties will be resolved by examining, of those tied, the competitor(s) who has received more points than the other competitor(s) in the greater number of events. If a tie still exists, the competitor(s) with the highest number of points in any one event will win the tie. If still tied, the competitor(s) who have the highest number of points in a second event will win the tie. If a tie still remains, a third event will be examined and so forth until there is no basis for point comparison. As a last resort, the tie for the last qualifying position will be decided by the toss of a coin.

3. Competition Format for Preliminary Championship Competition.

- a. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee retains its authority to set the competition procedures granted in the Rules. Distribution of competition procedures for the Preliminary Championship Competition, differing from those printed herein, will be made no later than packet pick-up for Preliminary Championship Competition. Tie-breaking procedures outlined in Section 2 of the Preliminary Championship Competition section of this manual will be used where applicable.
- b. The competition at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be conducted as a four-day event, with the men's and women's events alternating days throughout the schedule.

- c. The time schedule for the Preliminary Championship Competition sites will be established by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee, and published on the NCAA website.
- d. The events contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be the 100 Meters, 200 Meters, 400 Meters, 800 Meters, 1500 Meters, 5000 Meters, 10,000 Meters, 100 Hurdles (women), 110 Hurdles (men), 400 Hurdles, 3000 Steeplechase, 4x100 Relay, 4x400 Relay, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus, Javelin, and Hammer.
- e. In all running events which start in lanes, lanes one (1) through eight (8) will be used in all rounds when both sites do not have nine lanes. If both sites have nine legal lanes, lanes two (2) through nine (9) will be used in all rounds. First round running event heats and lanes will be determined using Rules 15-11.2.a.b.c.1) 2) 3) 4), 15-11.3.a.. First round flight grouping and order of competition in horizontal field events will be based on entry performance using Rules 13-4.1. and 13-4.2.. Ties for the final position within a given flight will be broken by each competitor's next-best seasonal mark.
- f. For all events except the High Jump and Javelin, the maximum allowable spike length shall be 7 millimeters (quarter-inch). For the High Jump and Javelin, the maximum allowable spike length shall be 9 millimeters (3/8 inch). Allowable spikes are published in the participant manual for each site. See Rule 14-4.6. regarding measuring of spike length.

4. Lane Assignments.

- a. Unless otherwise indicated in this manual, all lanes in the first round of competition in all events, at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, including the only round, will be drawn by lot.
- b. In all rounds after the first round, lanes will be assigned as prescribed in Rule 15-11.3.b.1) 2) a.b., unless alternate provisions are specified in this technical manual.

In the 100 Meters, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles, and 800 Meters the preferred lane order is as follows:

*If one or both Preliminary Championship Competition site facilities are an eight-lane track:
5, 4, 6, 3, 7, 2, 8, 1.

*If both Preliminary Championship Competition site facilities are a nine-lane tracks: 5, 6, 4, 7,
3, 8, 2, 9.

In the 200 Meters, 400 Meters, 400 Hurdles, 4x100 Relay, and 4x400 Relay, the preferred lane order is as follows:

East - University of North Florida:

- **200m. 400m. 400 Hurdles. 4x100 and 4x400:** 6, 7, 5, 8, 4, 3, 9, 2

West – Texas A&M University:

- **200m. 400m. 400 Hurdles. 4x100 and 4x400:** 6, 7, 5, 8, 4, 3, 9, 2

5. Heats, Flights, Qualifying Procedures and Stagers.

The provisions and procedures prescribed in Rules 15-11.2.a.b.c.1) 2) 3) 4), 15-11.3.a., 13-4.1. and 13-4.3. regarding the formation, grouping, competition order, cancellation, or redrawing of heats or flights will apply in each round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site unless alternate provisions are specified in this section. Changes to heats or flights, predetermined by declaration, will be made only with Games Committee authorization. In the case of a tie(s) for the last qualifying position

from a first round to a quarter-final round in any running event, Rule 15-10.4. shall apply. If not enough positions are available to advance all tying runners, the advancer shall be determined by a runoff. A runoff is not subject to Rule 14-2.a.b..

a. 100 Meters, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles, 200 Meters, 400 Meters, and 400 Hurdles.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a first round and a quarter-final round.

The **first round** will consist of six (6) heats of eight (8) competitors. Twenty-four (24), the top three (3) from each heat plus the next best six (6) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the first round to the quarter-final round.

The **quarter-final round** will consist of three (3) heats of eight (8) competitors. Twelve (12), the top three (3) from each quarter-final round heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the quarter-final round to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) **Lane assignments for first round** heats will be drawn by lot in accordance with Rule 15-11.3.a.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) **Lane assignments for the quarter-final round** will be assigned by preferred lane, based on first round place and performance marks using Rule 15-11.3. (2.a.b.).

- (4) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites in the 100 Meters, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles, 200 Meters, 400 Meters, and 400 Hurdles, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **first round** of each event, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **fourth heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **fifth heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **sixth heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

In the **quarter-final round** of each event, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

b. 800 Meters.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a first round and a quarter-final round.

The **first round** will consist of six (6) heats of eight (8) competitors. Twenty-four (24), the top

three (3) from each heat plus the next best six (6) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the first round to the quarter-final round.

The **quarter-final round** will consist of three heats of eight (8) competitors. Twelve (12), the top three (3) from each quarter-final round heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the quarter-final round to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) **Lane assignments for first round** heats will be drawn by lot in accordance with Rule 15-11.3.a.

Heat order will be drawn by lot in all rounds.

- (3) **Lane assignments for the quarter-final round** will be assigned by preferred lane, based on first round place and performance marks using Rule 15-11.3. (2.a.b.).
- (4) A one-turn staggered start from individual lanes will be used in both rounds.
- (5) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **first round**, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **fourth heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **fifth heat** will check-in with clerk no later than five (5) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **sixth heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

In the **quarter-final round**, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

c. 1500 Meters.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a first round and a quarter-final round.

The **first round** will consist of four (4) heats of twelve competitors. Twenty-four (24), the top five (5) from each heat plus the next best four (4) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the first round to the quarter-final round.

The **quarter-final round** will consist of two (2) heats of twelve (12) competitors. Twelve (12), the top five (5) from each quarter-final round heat plus the next best two (2) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the quarter-final round to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) Starting positions in all rounds will be drawn by lot in accordance with Rule 15-11.3.a. and Rule 15-11.3.b.1).

Heat order in all rounds will be drawn by lot in all rounds.

- (3) A single waterfall start will be used in all rounds.
- (4) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, is included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **first round**, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **fourth heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than the published scheduled start time of the event.

In the **quarter-final** round, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

d. 3000 Steeplechase.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a quarter-final round.

The **quarter-final round** will consist of three (3) heats of sixteen (16) competitors. Twelve (12), the top three (3) from each quarter-final round heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the quarter-final round to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) Starting positions in all rounds will be drawn by lot in accordance with Rule 15-11.3.a. and Rule 15-11.3.b.1).

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) A single waterfall start will be used.
- (4) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, is included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **quarter-final round**, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

e. 5000 Meters.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a semi-final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of two (2) heats of twenty-four (24) competitors. Twelve (12),

the top five (5) from each semi-final round heat plus the next best two (2) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) Starting positions in all rounds will be drawn by lot in accordance with Rule 15-11.3.a. and Rule 15-11.3.b.1).

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) A double-waterfall start will be used, with sixteen (16) competitors assigned to the main waterfall start across the entire width of the track and eight (8) competitors assigned to the one-turn staggered waterfall start.
- (4) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **semi-final round**, competitors in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Competitors in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than the published scheduled start time of the event.

f. 10,000 Meters.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a semi-final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of one heat of forty-eight (48) competitors. Twelve (12), the top twelve (12) from the semi-final round heat, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) A double-waterfall start will be used. The fastest sixteen (16) competitors, based upon their declared entry performance will be assigned to the front row of the main waterfall start across the entire width of the track. The next eight (8) fastest competitors, based upon their declared entry performance will be assigned to the front row of the one-turn staggered waterfall start. The next sixteen (16) fastest competitors, based upon their declared entry performance will be assigned to the second row of the main waterfall start across the entire width of the track and the remaining competitors will be assigned to the second row of the one-turn staggered waterfall start. There will be no more than sixteen (16) competitors on either row of the main waterfall start.
- (3) Starting positions within each row, on each waterfall start, will be assigned by declared entry performance. The competitor with the fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position one on the main waterfall start. The competitor with the second-fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position two on the main waterfall start, and so on through the sixteenth (16th) fastest declared entry performance. The competitor with the seventeenth (17th) fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position one on the front row of the staggered waterfall start. The competitor with the eighteenth (18th) fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position two on the front row of the staggered waterfall start and so on through the twenty-fourth (24th) fastest declared entry performance.

The competitor with the twenty-fifth (25th) fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position one on the second row of the main waterfall start. The competitor with the twenty-sixth (26th) fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position two on the second row of

the main waterfall start and so on through the fortieth (40th) fastest declared entry performance. The competitor with the forty-first (41st) fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position one on the second row of the staggered waterfall start. The competitor with the forty-second (42nd) fastest declared entry performance will be assigned to position two on the second row of the staggered waterfall start and so on through the forty-eighth (48th) fastest declared entry performance.

- (4) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **semi-final round**, competitors will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

g. 4x100 Relay and 4x400 Relay.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a quarter-final round.

The **quarter-final round** will consist of three (3) heats of eight (8) teams. Twelve (12), the top three (3) from each quarter-final round heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the quarter-final round to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) **Lane assignments for quarter-final round** heats will be drawn by lot in accordance with Rule 15-11.3.a.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied for both sites, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

In the **quarter-final round**, teams in the **first heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Teams in the **second heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than ten (10) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Teams in the **third heat** will check-in with the clerk no later than five (5) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

h. Long Jump and Triple Jump.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site in each event, a first round.

The **first round** of each event, at each site, will consist of four (4) flights of twelve (12) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best marks, after tie breaking, using Rule 13-2-4. and Rule 13-5.6. will qualify from the first round at each site to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

Each competitor will be allowed three (3) attempts in the first round.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list of performances for each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

Competitors with declared descending order list performances ranked thirty-seventh (37th) through forty-eighth (48th) will be assigned to flight one, declared descending order list performances ranked twenty-fifth (25th) through thirty-sixth (36th) will be assigned to flight two, declared descending order list performances ranked thirteenth (13th) through twenty-fourth (24th) will be assigned to flight three, and declared descending order list performances ranked first (1st) through twelfth (12th) will be assigned to flight four.

Flights one and two of each event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues followed by flights three and four which will be contested simultaneously.

- (3) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (4) Standardized flight check-in times will be applied for both sites in the Long Jump and Triple Jump as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

Each flight will be allowed a thirty (30) minute flight-specific warm-up. There is no general warm-up period.

In the Long Jump and Triple Jump, **flights one and two** must check-in not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one and flight two competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

Flights three and four must check-in with the clerk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight three and flight four competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area no later than thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time off the event.

i. Discus, Hammer, and Javelin.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site in each event, a first round.

The **first round** of each event, at each site, will consist of three (3) flights of sixteen (16) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-2-4. and Rule 13-5.6., will qualify from the first round at each site to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

Each competitor will be allowed three (3) attempts in the first round.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list of performances for each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

Competitors with declared descending order list performances ranked thirty-third (33rd) through forty-eighth (48th) will be assigned to flight one. Competitors with declared descending order list performances ranked seventeenth (17th) through thirty-second (32nd) will be assigned to flight two, and declared descending order list performances ranked first (1st) through sixteenth (16th) will be assigned to flight three.

- (3) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

- (4) Standardized flight check-in times will be applied for both sites for the Discus, Hammer, and Javelin as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

Each flight will be allowed a thirty (30) minute flight-specific warm-up. There is no general warm-up period.

In the Discus, Hammer, and Javelin, **flight one** must check in not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event.

Flight two must check in not later than thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight two competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

Flight three must check-in with the clerk not later than one (1) hour and forty (40) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight three competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area one (1) hour and forty (40) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

j. Shot Put.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a first round.

The **first round** at each site will consist of four (4) flights of twelve (12) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-2.4. and Rule 13-5.6, will qualify from the first round at each site to the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

Each competitor will be allowed three (3) attempts in the first round.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list of performances for each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

Competitors with declared descending order list performances ranked thirty-seventh (37th) through forty-eighth (48th) will be assigned to flight one, declared descending order list performances ranked twenty-fifth (25th) through thirty-sixth (36th) will be assigned to flight two, declared descending order list performances ranked thirteenth (13th) through twenty-fourth (24th) will be assigned to flight three, and declared descending order list performances ranked first (1st) through twelfth (12th) will be assigned to flight four.

- (3) Flights one and two of the event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues followed by flights three and four which will be contested simultaneously.
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (5) Standardized flight check-in times will be applied for both sites in the Shot Put as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

Each flight will be allowed a thirty (30) minute flight-specific warm-up. There is no general warm-up period.

In the Shot Put, **flights one and two** must check-in not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one and flight two competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

Flights three and four must check-in not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight three and flight four competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area fifteen (15) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

k. High Jump.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a semi-final round.

The **semi-final round** at each site will consist of two (2) flights of twenty-four (24) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-2-4. and Rule 13-5.7.a.b.c.1) 2)a.b.c. and possibly a jump-off, will qualify from the semi-final round at each site to the final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list alternating left to right. If this process results in two or more competitors from the same institution and gender assigned different flights, affected competitors will be swapped left to right to assign all competitors from the same institution and gender to the same flight.
- (3) Flights one and two of the event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues.
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (5) The competition will begin in both jumping pits at the same time. The raising of the bar to a new height will occur in both jumping pits simultaneously.
- (6) 'Five-alive' will NOT be utilized.
- (7) Overall competition will continue until all competitors have attempted and completed their trials for at least one bar height and there are twelve (12) or fewer competitors remaining in the competition, counting both jumping pits.

The 'one-hour' time limit indicated in Rule 16-1.6. will be in effect.

- (8) Standardized check-in times will be applied for both sites in the High Jump as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site. Each flight will be allowed a one (1) hour warm-up period.

Flight one and flight two competitors must check in not later than one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one and flight two competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

- (9) The opening height and increments on each jumping pit for each gender will be the same at both

the East and West Preliminary Championship Competition sites: eight (8) centimeters below the lowest declared ranked performance mark at either Preliminary Championship Competition site.

- (10) The increment progression on each jumping pit, for each gender, at each site will be: three (3) increases of five (5) centimeters, followed by increases of three (3) centimeters.

I. Pole Vault.

- (1) One round will be contested at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, a semi-final round.

The **semi-final round** at each site will consist of two (2) flights of twenty-four (24) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-2.4. and Rule 13-5.7. a.b.c.1) 2)a.b.c. and possibly a jump-off, will qualify from the semi-final round at each site to the final round at the Final Championship Competition site.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list alternating left to right. If this process results in two or more competitors from the same institution and gender assigned different flights, affected competitors will be swapped left to right to assign all competitors from the same institution and gender to the same flight.
- (3) Flights one and two of the event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues.
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (5) The competition will begin in both jumping pits at the same time. The raising of the bar to a new height will occur in both jumping pits simultaneously.
- (6) 'Five-alive' will NOT be utilized.
- (7) Overall competition will continue until all competitors have attempted and completed their trials for at least one bar height and there are twelve (12) or fewer competitors remaining in the competition, counting both jumping pits.

The 'one-hour' time limit indicated in Rule 16-1.6. will be in effect.

- (8) Standardized check-in times will be applied for both sites in the Pole Vault as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each site.

Each flight will be allowed a one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minute warm-up period.

Flight one and flight two competitors must check in not later than one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one and flight two competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

- (9) The opening height on each jumping pit, for each gender, will be the same at both the East and West Preliminary Championship Competition sites: twenty (20) centimeters below the lowest declared performance mark at either Preliminary Championship Competition site.
- (10) The increment progression on each jumping pit, for each gender, at each site will be: two (2) increases of fifteen (15) centimeters, followed by two (2) increases of ten (10) centimeters,

followed by increases of five (5) centimeters.

5. Breaking Ties for Qualifying Positions from Preliminary Championship Competition Sites to Final Championship Competition Site

Running Events – In the case of a tie by reported mark for the final qualifying position to the Final Championship Competition site that would increase the number of qualifiers above twelve (12), the tie is broken using the procedure outlined in Rule 15-12.3., actual time based on 1/1,000th of a second. If a tie cannot be broken using this method, the timer shall re-read the photograph(s) to determine if the original read was correct. If a tie cannot be broken using this method and the competitors were in the same heat, the timer shall re-read the photograph to determine if the tie can be broken by the visual finishing positions of the competitors. If the tie cannot be broken using this method or if the original tying competitors were not in the same heat, the competitor who placed higher within their heat will qualify to the Final Championship Competition site. If a tie cannot be broken using this method, the competitor with the best mark of the current outdoor season prior to the current round of the competition will qualify to the Final Championship Competition site. If a tie cannot be broken using this method, the competitors who are tied will run-off to break the tie. If a student-athlete chooses not to participate in the run-off, they will not be subject to Rule 14-2.a.b, and the remaining student-athlete with the tying performance will not have to compete in a run-off and will qualify to the Final Championship Competition site.

Horizontal Field Events – In the case of a tie by best mark for the final qualifying position to the Final Championship Competition site that would increase the number of qualifiers above twelve (12), the tie will be broken using the procedure outlined in Rule 13-5.6., next best effort in the competition. If a tie cannot be broken using this method, the competitors who are tied will each make one additional attempt until the tie is resolved.

Vertical Field Events – In the case of a tie by place for the final qualifying position to the Final Championship Competition site that would increase the number of qualifiers above twelve (12), the tie will be broken using the jump-off procedure outlined in Rule 13-5.7.a.b.c.1) 2)a.b.c., normally applied to tie breaking for first place. This jump-off will continue until the tie is broken in order to obtain a distinct twelfth (12th) place.

6. Coaching Box/Area.

A coaching box/area, outside the area of competition, will be established for each field event. The Games Committee will determine the location of the coaching box/area(s). Only coaches with proper coaching box/area credentials may access a respective coaching box/area.

ADMINISTRATION OF FINAL CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION

1. General Administration.

The information in the section of this manual under the heading Administration of Preliminary Championship Competition – General Administration is also applicable, where appropriate, to the Final Championship Competition.

2. Competition Format for Final Championship Competition Site.

- a. The NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee retains its authority to set the competition procedures granted in the Rules. Distribution of competition procedures for the Final Championship Competition, differing from those printed herein, will be made no later than packet pick-up for Preliminary Championship Competition. Tie-breaking procedures outlined in section 2 of the Preliminary Championship Competition section of this manual will be used where applicable.
- b. The Final Championship Competition is conducted as a four-day event.
- c. The time schedule for the competition will be established by the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee and published on the NCAA website.
- d. Prior to the start of competition, questions related to procedures not covered in this manual should be referred to the NCAA Championships Manager, Jeff Mlynski, at the NCAA National Office. Once the competition begins, questions related to procedures not covered in this manual should be referred to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee.
- e. For all events except the High Jump and Javelin, the maximum allowable spike length shall be seven (7) millimeters (quarter-inch). For the High Jump and Javelin, the maximum allowable spike length shall be nine (9) millimeters (3/8 inch). Allowable spikes will be published in the participant manual. See Rule 14-4.6. regarding measuring of spike length.

3. Lane Assignments.

- a. In the semi-final round at the Final Championship Competition site, lanes will be assigned based on a competitor's place from the applicable quarter-final round of the event held at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites.
- b. In the 100 Meters, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles, and 800 Meters, the preferred lane order will be: 5, 6, 4, 7, 3, 8, 2, 9, 1.

In the 200 Meters, 400 Meters, 400 Hurdles, 4x100 Relay, and 4x400 Relay, the preferred lane order will be: 6, 7, 5, 8, 4, 9, 3, 2, 1.

In the semi-final round and final round of running events that do not start in lanes, assignment to starting-line position will be drawn by lot.

4. Heats, Flights, Procedures.

In the case of a tie(s) for the last qualifying position from a semi-final round to a final round in any running event, Rule 15-12.3. shall apply. If not, enough positions are available to advance all tying runners, the advancer shall be determined by a runoff. If a student-athlete chooses not to participate in the run-off,

they will not be subject to Rule 14-2.a. b. and the remaining student-athlete with the tying performance will advance.

a. 100 Meters, 100 Hurdles, 110 Hurdles.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested, a semi-final round and a final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of three (3) heats of eight (8) competitors. Nine (9), the top two (2) from each heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round.

The **final** round will consist of one section of nine (9) competitors.

- (2) **Heat assignments for the semi-final round** will be determined by a competitors finish in the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site. Rule 15-11.2c and Rule 15-11.3.b.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Competition site, with two (2) first place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) second place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Competition site, with two (2) second place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) third place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Competition site, with two (2) third place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The three (3) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Competition site, with two (2) of the six (6) next best time advancers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) **Lane assignments for the semi-final round** will be drawn by lot among like place finishers and/or advancers assigned to a semi-final round heat.

The two (2) first place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the first and second most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be five (5) and six (6).

The two (2) second place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the third and fourth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be four (4) and seven (7).

The two (2) third place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the fifth and sixth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be three (3) and eight (8).

The two (2) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the seventh and eighth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be two (2) and nine (9).

- (4) **Lane assignments for the final** round will be assigned by preferred lane, based on semi-final round place and performance marks using Rule 15-11.3. (2.a.b.).
- (5) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied in the 100 Meters, 100 Hurdles, and 110 Hurdles, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual.

In the **semi-final** and **final** round of each event, competitors must check-in with the clerk no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. At the time of check-in clerks will inform the competitors of when they must report back to clerking to be escorted to the final call room.

b. 200 Meters, 400 Meters, 400 Hurdles, 4x100 Relay, and 4x400 Relay.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested, a semi-final round and a final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of three heats of eight (8) competitors. Nine (9), the top two (2) from each heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round.

The **final round** will consist of one section of nine (9) competitors.

- (2) **Heat assignments for the semi-final round** will be determined by a competitors finish in the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) first place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) second place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) second place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) third place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) third place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The three (3) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) of the six (6) next best time advancers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) **Lane assignments for the semi-final round** will be drawn by lot among like place finishers

and/or advancers assigned to a semi-final round heat.

The two (2) first place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the first and second most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be six (6) and seven (7).

The two (2) second place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the third and fourth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be five (5) and eight (8).

The two (2) third place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the fifth and sixth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be four (4) and nine (9).

The two (2) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the seventh and eighth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be three (3) and two (2).

- (4) **Lane assignments for the final round** will be assigned by preferred lane, based on semi-final round place and performance marks using Rule 15-11.3. (2.a.b..
- (5) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied in the 200 Meters, 400 Meters, 400 Hurdles, 4x100 Relay, and 4x400 Relay, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual.

In the **semi-final** and **final** round of each event, competitors must check-in with the clerk no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. At the time of check-in clerks will inform the competitors of when they must report back to clerking to be escorted to the final call room.

c. 800 Meters.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested, a semi-final round and a final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of three heats of eight (8) competitors. Nine (9), the top two (2) from each heat plus the next best three (3) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round.

The **final round** will consist of one section of nine (9) competitors.

- (2) **Heat assignments for the semi-final round** will be determined by a competitors finish in the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semifinal round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) first place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) second place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) second place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) third place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) third place finishers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

The three (3) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) of the six (6) next best time advancers assigned to each of the three (3) semi-final round heats.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) **Lane assignments for the semi-final round** will be drawn by lot among like place finishers and/or advancers assigned to a semi-final round heat.

The two (2) first place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the first and second most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be five (5) and six (6).

The two (2) second place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the third and fourth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be four (4) and seven (7).

The two (2) third place finishers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the fifth and sixth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be three (3) and eight (8).

The two (2) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round assigned to a heat of the semi-final round, will be assigned to the seventh and eighth most preferred lanes. Those two lanes will be two (2) and nine (9).

- (4) **Lane assignments for the final round** will be assigned by preferred lane, based on semi-final round place and performance marks using Rule 15-11.3. (2.a.b..

- (5) A one-turn staggered start from individual lanes will be used in both rounds.

- (6) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied in the 800 Meters, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual.

In the **semi-final** and **final** round of the event, competitors must check-in with the clerk no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. At the time of check-in clerks will inform the competitors of when they must report back to clerking to be escorted to the final call room.

d. 1500 Meters.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested, a semi-final round and a final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of two heats of twelve (12) competitors. Twelve (12), the top five (5) from each heat plus the next best two (2) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round.

The **final round** will consist of one section of twelve (12) competitors.

- (2) **Heat assignments for the semi-final round** will be determined by a competitors finish in the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

The four (4) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semifinal round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) first place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) second place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) second place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) third place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) third place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) fourth place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) fourth place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) fifth place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) fifth place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) of the four (4) next best time advancers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) Starting positions will be drawn by lot in both rounds.
- (4) A single waterfall start will be used in both rounds.
- (5) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied in the 1500 Meters, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual.

In the **semi-final** and **final** round of the event, competitors must check-in with the clerk no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. At the time of check-in clerks will inform the competitors of when they must report back to clerking to be escorted to the final call room.

e. 3000 Steeplechase.

- (1) Two rounds will be contested, a semi-final round and a final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of two (2) heats of twelve (12) competitors. Twelve (12), the top five (5) from each heat plus the next best two (2) times, after tie breaking, will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round.

The **final round** will consist of one section of twelve (12) competitors.

- (2) **Heat assignments for the semi-final round** will be determined by a competitors finish in the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site.

The four (4) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semifinal round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) first place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) second place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) second place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) third place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) third place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) fourth place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) fourth place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) fifth place finishers from the quarter-final round at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) fifth place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The four (4) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each Preliminary Championship Competition site, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championship Competition site, with two (2) of the four (4) next best time advancers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

Heat order will be drawn by lot.

- (3) Starting positions will be drawn by lot in both rounds.
- (4) A single waterfall start will be used in both rounds.
- (5) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied in the 30000 Steeplechase, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual.

In the **semi-final** and **final** round of the event, competitors must check-in with the clerk no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. At the time of check-in clerks will inform the competitors of when they must report back to clerking to be

escorted to the final call room.

f. 5000 Meters and 10,000 Meters.

- (1) One round will be contested in each event, a final round.

The **final round** will consist of one section of twenty-four competitors.

- (2) Starting positions and alley assignments will be drawn by lot.
- (3) A double waterfall start will be used in each event, with sixteen (16) competitors assigned to the main waterfall start across the entire width of the track and the remaining eight (8) competitors assigned to the staggered waterfall start.
- (4) In the **final** round of the event, competitors must check-in with the clerk no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event.

g. Long Jump and Triple Jump.

- (1) One competition will be contested in each event, with a semi-final round and a sequential final round.

The **semi-final round** of each event will consist of two (2) flights of twelve (12) competitors. The competitors with the nine (9) best marks, after tie-breaking using Rule 13-5.6., will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round and compete in reverse order of performance from the semi-final round.

Each competitor will be allowed three (3) attempts in the semi-final round.

In the **final round**, qualifiers will compete on the same runway on which they competed during the semifinal round per Rule 13-4.2 and compete in reverse order of performance from the semi-final round.

- (2) Scoring is determined per Rule 13-2.8, by all marks during this semi-final round and final round in the competition.
- (3) Flight assignments for the **semi-final round** will be determined from competitor placing at each Preliminary Championship Competition site. Competitors placing first (1st) through sixth (6th) at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be assigned to flight one and competitors placing seventh (7th) through twelfth (12th) at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be assigned to flight two.
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

Flights one and two of each event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues.

- (5) Competitors in **flight one and flight two** of the Long Jump and Triple Jump must check in with the clerk a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of each event. Flight one and flight two competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event.

Flights will be allowed a thirty (30) minute warm-up period. There is no general warm-up period.

The **final round** will start a maximum of ten (10) minutes after the completion of the last attempt in the semi-final round.

h. Shot Put.

- (1) One competition will be contested, with a semi-final round and a sequential final round.

The **semi-final round** will consist of two (2) flights of twelve (12) competitors. The competitors with the nine (9) best marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-5.6., will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round and compete in reverse order of performance from the semi-final round in one flight.

Each competitor will be allowed three (3) attempts in the semi-final round.

The **final round** of the Shot Put will be conducted on one (1) pre-determined circle, which shall be the same circle used for flight one of the Shot Put.

- (2) Scoring is determined per Rule 13-2.8, by all marks during this semi-final round and final round in the competition.

- (3) Flight assignments for the semi-final round will be determined from competitor placing at each Preliminary Championship Competition site. Competitors placing first (1st) through sixth (6th) at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be assigned to flight one and competitors placing seventh (7th) through twelfth (12th) at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be assigned to flight two.

Flights one and two will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues.

- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

- (5) Competitors in **flight one and flight two** of the Shot Put must check in with the clerk a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event. Flight one and flight two competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event.

Flights will be allowed a thirty (30) minute warm-up. There is no general warm-up period.

The **final round** will start a maximum of ten (10) minutes after the completion of the last attempt in the semi-final round.

i. Discus, Hammer and Javelin.

- (1) One competition will be contested in each event, with a semi-final round and a sequential final round.

The **semi-final round** of the Discus, Hammer, and Javelin will each consist of two (2) flights of twelve (12) competitors. The competitors with the nine (9) best marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-5.6., will qualify from the semi-final round to the final round.

Each competitor will be allowed three (3) attempts in the semi-final round.

In the **final round**, qualifiers will compete in reverse order of performance from the semi-final

round in one flight.

- (2) Scoring is determined per Rule 13-2.8, by all marks during this semi-final round and final round in the competition.
- (3) Flight assignments for the semi-final round will be determined from competitor placing at each Preliminary Championship Competition site. Competitors placing seventh (7th) through twelfth (12th) at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be assigned to flight one and competitors placing first (1st) through sixth (6th) at each Preliminary Championship Competition site will be assigned to flight two.
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (5) Competitors in **flight one** of the Discus, Hammer, and Javelin, must check in with the clerk a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of each event. Flight one competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event.

Competitors in **flight two** of the Discus, Hammer and Javelin, must check in with the clerk a minimum of twenty (20) minutes after the published scheduled start time of each event. Flight two competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area twenty (20) minutes after the published scheduled start of the event.

Each flight will be allowed a thirty (30) minute flight-specific warm-up. There is no general warm-up period.

The **final round** will start a maximum of ten (10) minutes after the completion of the last attempt in the semi-final round.

j. High Jump

- (1) One round will be contested, a final.

The **final round** will consist of one flight of twenty-four (24) competitors on a single jumping pit.

- (2) The competition order will be drawn by lot.
- (3) Competitors in the High Jump must check in with the clerk a minimum of one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event. Competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event.

High Jump competitors will be allowed a one (1) hour warm-up period.

- (4) 'Five-alive' will NOT be utilized.

The 'one-hour' time limit indicated in Rule 16-1.6. will be in effect.

- (5) Starting heights and increments will be set by the Games Committee after the qualifiers from the Preliminary Championship Competition have been determined and published prior to packet pickup at the Final Championship Competition site.

NOTE: *Consideration will be given to other major championship qualification standards, but*

ultimately will be determined by what is in the best interest of the NCAA championships.

k. Pole Vault.

- (1) One round will be contested, a final.

The **final round** will consist of one flight of twenty-four (24) competitors on a single jumping pit.

- (2) The competition order will be drawn by lot.
- (3) Competitors in the Pole Vault must check in with the clerk a minimum of one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event. Competitors will be escorted by a clerk to the competition area one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event.

Pole Vault competitors will be allowed a one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minute warm-up period.

- (4) 'Five-alive' will NOT be utilized.

The 'one-hour' time limit indicated in Rule 16-1.6 will be in effect.

- (5) Starting heights and increments will be set by the Games Committee after the qualifiers from the Preliminary Championship Competition have been determined and published prior to packet pickup at the Final Championship Competition site.

NOTE: Consideration will be given to other major championship qualification standards, but ultimately will be determined by what is in the best interest of the NCAA championships.

l. Combined Events – Heptathlon and Decathlon

The Heptathlon and Decathlon order of events will be as indicated in Rule 13-1-5.a.& c..

Decathlon and Heptathlon competitors must check in with the clerk a minimum of forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of their respective Decathlon or Heptathlon first event of the day.

Competitors in the Decathlon and Heptathlon will be allowed a thirty (30) minute warm-up on the track prior to the start of their respective first event of the day.

100 Meters

- (1) The **Decathlon 100 Meters** will consist of three (3) sections of eight (8) competitors. Section assignments will be on the basis of seasonal best performance in a Decathlon 100 Meters as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the eight (8) fastest performances will be assigned to a section, the next eight (8) fastest competitors to a section, and the remaining eight (8) competitors to the remaining section.

- (2) Lane assignments and section order will be drawn by lot.

100/110 Hurdles

- (1) The **Heptathlon 100 Hurdles** and **Decathlon 110 Hurdles** each will consist of six (6) sections of four (4) competitors using alternate lanes 2, 4, 6, 8. Hurdles will be set in all nine lanes.

Sections in the **Heptathlon 100 Hurdles** will be assigned on the basis of qualifiers' seasonal best performance in the Heptathlon 100 Hurdles, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the four (4) fastest performances will be assigned to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, and the remaining four (4) competitors to the remaining section.

Section assignment in the **Decathlon 110 Hurdles** will be assigned on the basis of qualifiers' seasonal best performance in the Decathlon 110 Hurdles, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the four (4) fastest performances will be assigned to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, the next four (4) fastest competitors to a section, and the remaining four (4) competitors to the remaining section.

(2) Lane assignments and section order will be drawn by lot.

200 Meters

(1) The **Heptathlon 200 Meters** will consist of three (3) sections of eight (8) competitors. Section assignment will be on the basis of seasonal best performance in a Heptathlon 200 Meters, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the eight (8) fastest performances will be assigned to a section, the next eight (8) fastest competitors to a section, and the remaining eight (8) competitors to the remaining section.

(2) Lane assignments and section order will be drawn by lot.

400 Meters

(1) The **Decathlon 400 Meters** will consist of three (3) sections of eight (8) competitors. Section assignment will be on the basis of seasonal best performance in a Decathlon 400 Meters, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the eight (8) fastest performances will be assigned to a section, the next eight (8) fastest competitors to a section, and the remaining eight (8) competitors to the remaining section.

(2) Lane assignments and section order will be drawn by lot.

800 Meters

(1) The **Heptathlon 800 Meters** will consist of two (2) sections. The competitors with the top twelve (12) scores after completion of the Heptathlon Javelin will be assigned to the second section, and the remaining competitors will be assigned to the first section.

(2) A two-alley waterfall start will be used.

Starting positions and alley assignments will be drawn by lot. In each section, two-thirds of the competitors will be assigned to the main waterfall start, and the remaining one-third of the competitors will be assigned to the staggered waterfall start (Rule 15-1.7).

NOTE: If, after completion of the Heptathlon Javelin, there are sixteen (16) or fewer competitors remaining in the Heptathlon competition, the Heptathlon 800 Meters will be conducted in one section with all remaining competitors. A two-alley waterfall start will be used based on the number of competitors remaining in the Heptathlon and starting positions and alley assignments

will be drawn by lot. Two-thirds of the competitors will be assigned to the main waterfall start, and the remaining one-third of the competitors will be assigned to the staggered waterfall start (Rule 15-1.7.).

1500 Meters

- (1) The **Decathlon 1500 Meters** will consist of one section of the competitors remaining in the competition after completion of the Decathlon Javelin.
- (2) A single waterfall start will be used.

Starting positions will be drawn by lot, based on the number of competitors remaining in the Decathlon competition after completion of the Decathlon Javelin.

Long Jump

- (1) The **Decathlon Long Jump and Heptathlon Long Jump** each will consist of two (2) simultaneous flights of twelve (12) on separate, but similar competition venues.
- (2) Flight assignment and competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

Discus

- (1) The **Decathlon Discus** will consist of two (2) sequential flights of twelve (12) competitors.
- (2) Flight one of the Decathlon Discus will consist of the top twelve (12) decathletes based on their seasonal best performance in a Decathlon Pole Vault competition, as verified by TFRRS. Flight two of the Decathlon Discus will consist of the remaining twelve (12) competitors.

Competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

- (3) The second flight of the Decathlon Discus will be allowed a thirty (30) minute warm-up period, which may be shortened upon agreement of the competitors in the flight.

Javelin

- (1) The **Decathlon Javelin** will consist of two (2) sequential flights of twelve (12) competitors.

Flight one of the Decathlon Javelin will consist of the competitors from flight one of the Decathlon Pole Vault. Flight two of the Decathlon Javelin will consist of the competitors from flight two of the Decathlon Pole Vault.

Competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

- (2) The second flight of the Decathlon Javelin will be allowed a thirty (30) minute warm-up period, which may be shortened upon agreement of the competitors in the flight.

- (3) The **Heptathlon Javelin** will consist of two (2) sequential flights of twelve (12) competitors.

Flight assignment and competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

- (4) The second flight of the Heptathlon Javelin will be allowed a thirty (30) minute warm-up period, which may be shortened upon agreement of the competitors in the flight.

Shot Put

- (1) The **Decathlon Shot Put and Heptathlon Shot Put** each will consist of two (2) simultaneous flights of twelve (12) competitors on separate, but similar, competition venues.

Flight assignment and competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

High Jump

- (1) The **Decathlon High Jump and Heptathlon High Jump** each will consist of two (2) simultaneous flights of twelve (12) competitors on separate, but similar, competition venues.
- (2) Flights in the **Decathlon High Jump** will be assigned on the basis of qualifiers' seasonal best performance in the Decathlon High Jump, as verified by TFRRS. Competitors with the twelve (12) best performances will be assigned to a flight, and the remaining competitors will be assigned to a flight.

Flights in the **Heptathlon High Jump** will be assigned on the basis of qualifiers' seasonal best performance in the Heptathlon High Jump, as verified by TFRRS. Competitors with the twelve (12) best performances will be assigned to a flight, and the remaining twelve (12) competitors will be assigned to a flight.

Competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

- (3) Five-alive will not be utilized.
- (4) The Decathlon High Jump and Heptathlon High Jump each will pass 1 cm above the meet record. The current meet record in the Heptathlon High Jump is **1.89m**. The current meet record in the Decathlon High Jump is **2.18m**.

Pole Vault

- (1) The **Decathlon Pole Vault** will consist of two (2) simultaneous flights of twelve (12) competitors on separate, but similar, competition venues.

Flight assignment will be based on seasonal best performance in a Decathlon Pole Vault competition, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the top twelve (12) best performances will be assigned to flight one and a jumping pit and the remaining twelve (12) competitors will be assigned to flight two and a jumping pit.

NOTE: Those competitors previously assigned to flight one of the Decathlon Discus will be the twelve (12) competitors with the twelve (12) best Decathlon Pole Vault performances.

- (2) Competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (3) Five-alive will not be utilized.
- (4) The Decathlon Pole Vault will pass 1 cm above the current Decathlon Pole Vault meet record of **5.40m**

5. Coaching Box/Area.

A coaching box/area, outside the area of competition, will be established for each field event. The Games Committee will determine the location of the coaching box/area(s). Only coaches with proper coaching box/area credentials may access a respective coaching box/area.

RELAY PERSONNEL AND PERFORMANCE POLICY

1. Each institution will declare one relay team for each relay event for the Preliminary Championship Competition from those on the qualified descending order list. That declared relay team's performance will be used for selection and seeding purposes. All other relay teams on the descending order list from that institution must be scratched.
2. All relay alternates must be declared separately and not later than the close of packet pick-up at the Preliminary Championship Competition. At the Final Championship Competition, the relay alternates are those named and declared during packet pick-up at the Final Championship Competition site. A relay alternate is a student-athlete not already in the Preliminary Championship Competition in any event. Please see Rule 15-8.2. for further information on relay replacement policies.
3. The four members of the relay team who actually competed and earned a Final Championship Competition qualifying position will be the 'declared' relay team for that institution in the Final Championship Competition and will be the only individuals for which NCAA championship travel reimbursement will be provided. NCAA travel reimbursement will not be provided to relay alternates, even if they compete in the championship.

The performance achieved in the Preliminary Championship Competition will be used as the seed place in the Final Championship Competition.

4. An athlete on a declared relay, who is replaced with a relay alternate or substitute, may still compete in any event(s) in which they had previously been accepted into the championship.

CASE STUDIES

Breaking a tie for the last accepted position to the Preliminary Championship Competition.

SITUATION 1: After declaration, 45 are declared for the west competition site in the Men's 100 Meters with a mark of 10.48 or better. Six additional are declared with a best descending order list mark of 10.49. Will all six be accepted into the West Preliminary Championship Competition?

RULING: No. Only 48, total, will be accepted into the West Preliminary Championship Competition. That means, only three of the tying six will be accepted. The second best valid qualifying meet performance mark submitted through the mandatory meet result reporting system will be examined for each of the six. Assume the second best meet submissions are 10.51, 10.56, 10.57, 10.56, 10.51 and 10.63. The two individuals with the second best of 10.51 are accepted, and the tie breaking procedure continues, but only involves the two individuals with submissions of 10.56. If one of those had a third valid qualifying submission, and the other did not, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor who achieved the original tying mark later in the season.

SITUATION 2: After declaration, 44 are declared for the west competition site in the Women's High Jump with a mark of 1.78 or better. No one has a submitted best meet mark of 1.77. Two are declared with a submitted best meet mark of 1.76. Fifteen additional are declared with a best descending order list mark of 1.75. Will all fifteen be accepted into the West Preliminary Championship Competition?

RULING: No. Only 48, total, will be accepted into the West Preliminary Championship Competition. That means, only two of the tying 15 will be accepted. The second best valid qualifying meet performance mark submitted through the mandatory meet result reporting system will be examined for each of the fifteen. Assume that after examining the 3rd best qualifying meet performance mark submitted, three

still remain tied and there are no other available marks to compare. This mark is the last used as tie-breaking for comparative purposes. The performance date of their original mark that created the tie is then examined to determine who achieved the mark later, in order to determine which two are accepted into the Preliminary Championship Competition. If a tie still exists, it is resolved by examining the performance date of the 2nd mark and, if needed, the 3rd mark in order to eliminate one. If the examination of the performance date of the 3rd mark does not result in a break of the tie, the tie for the last qualifying position will be decided by the toss of a coin.

Injury/Medical Situations.

SITUATION 1: A student-athlete declared on the final regular-season descending-order list has a nagging injury. The coach, after declaring the student-athlete into the Preliminary Championship Competition, decides that student-athlete could use the rest instead of competing; therefore, the coach does not send the student-athlete to start their event. Can the student-athlete advance to the Final Championship Competition?

RULING: No. Scratching a student-athlete from any event, for any reason at any point after the declaration deadline, eliminates the student-athlete from all remaining competition in any and all rounds of the Championship, including availability as a substitute or alternate for a relay.

SITUATION 2: A student-athlete declared on the final regular-season national descending-order list has a nagging injury. Knowing that they must compete in the Preliminary Championship Competition to have any opportunity to advance to the Final Championship Competition, the student-athlete makes the effort to compete at the Preliminary Championship Competition, but does not finish in the top twelve in their event. Can the student-athlete advance to the Final Championship Competition as an at-large student-athlete, using their best regular-season performance?

RULING: No. Advancement from the Preliminary Championship Competition is only through qualifying in that individual event or events. There is no at-large pool for selection into the Final Championship Competition.

SITUATION 3: A student-athlete on the final regular-season national descending-order list has an injury. The coach does NOT declare the student-athlete into the Preliminary Championship Competition and the student-athlete does not compete. Can the student-athlete, in any way, compete at the Final Championship Competition?

RULING: Yes, but **only** as a listed relay alternate on a qualifying institution's relay team.

SITUATION 4: An institution scratches a student-athlete in an open event prior to the medical scratch deadline but would like to bring the student-athlete back as a possible alternate in the relay. Is this permissible?

RULING: Yes, but only if institution can provide a medical note stating rationale for why they cannot compete in a certain open event but are able to compete in a relay event. (e.g. medical reason does not allow them to jump in the long jump, but they are medically able to run).

Relay Situations.

SITUATION 1: Of the four student-athletes listed on the Preliminary Championship Competition declaration form for the 4x100 (or 4x400) Relay, three have injuries that prevent them from competing in the Preliminary Championship Competition. The coach knows the relay team cannot advance to the

Final Championship Competition if they do not compete and qualify at the Preliminary Championship Competition. Can the coach use other student-athletes to fill the spots on the relay?

RULING: Yes, since the institution owns the mark, the team can use any eligible student-athlete from the institution's team roster as long as they are already competing in the Preliminary Championship Competition or were listed as alternates on the teams relay card during packet pick-up. The four individuals who do form the relay team will become the 'declared' team for purposes of advancement to the Final Championship Competition.

SITUATION 2: A coach uses two alternates on his qualifying 4x100 Relay in the first round of the Preliminary Championship Competition, and the team advances to the Final Championship Competition. What team members are declared for the Final Championship Competition? Who can run in the Final Championship Competition?

RULING: The four student-athletes who actually ran and qualified in the first round of the event are the 'declared' team to the Final Championship Competition. The performance this team achieved in the first round competition will be the seed used in the Final Championship Competition. At the Final Championship Competition, the alternates are any eligible student-athletes named and declared during packet pick-up at the Final Championship Competition. In addition, a substitute pool of anyone who is already in the competition, originating with the Preliminary Championship Competition, is available for use on the relay.

SITUATION 3: Of the four qualifying student-athletes for the Final Championship Competition in the 4x100 (or 4x400) Relay, three sustain injuries after the relay team has qualified. Can the coach use other student-athletes to fill the three spots on the relay in the Final Championship Competition?

RULING: Yes. The coach can use any eligible student-athlete listed as an alternate on the team's relay card during packet pick-up at the Final Championship Competition. In addition, a substitute pool of anyone who is already in the competition, originating with the Preliminary Championship Competition, is available for use on the relay.

Failure to Participate in an Event.

SITUATION 1: A student-athlete highly-ranked on the final regular-season descending-order list, competes in the first round of the 1500 Meters and advances to the next round. After the first round, the student-athlete (or coach) believes they have fulfilled the requirement of competing, and decides not to run in the next round of the 1500 Meters. Can the student-athlete advance to the Final Championship Competition?

RULING: No. Scratching a student-athlete from any event, for any reason at any point after the declaration deadline, eliminates the student-athlete from all remaining Championship competition in any and all rounds of the Championship.

SITUATION 2: A student-athlete who is entered in more than one event willfully abandons or withdraws from at least one of those events. What procedure exists for the student-athlete to return to competition in another event?

RULING: The student-athlete must follow the procedure as outlined in Rule 12-18.c. in order to determine the possibility of returning to competition. This procedure includes application of the failure to participate rule (Rule 14-2.a.b.c.d.e.f.).

Field Events / Combined Events.

SITUATION 1: A student-athlete is declared in the Long Jump, High Jump, and Heptathlon. During the

competition at a Preliminary Championship Competition site, she fails to qualify in the Long Jump, which was on the first day of competition. She fails to participate in the High Jump, which is on the second day of competition. Is the student-athlete able to participate in the Heptathlon, which is contested only at the Final Championship Competition?

RULING: No. The rules governing 'failure to participate', therefore disqualification from further competition in the meet, apply. The multiple rounds, even though at different sites and about a week apart, are all part of the Championship. There is only one declaration for the entire Championship. The multiple rounds and qualifying procedures are for the entire Championship. 'Failure to Participate' and the penalties associated with it are applicable for the entire Championship.

SITUATION 2: A student-athlete is declared in the Long Jump and Heptathlon. During the competition at a Preliminary Championship Competition site, she qualifies in the Long Jump. During the period of time between the conclusion of the Preliminary Championship Competition and the Final Championship Competition, the committee receives notification, before the deadline for medical scratches, that the qualifier is a medical scratch in the Long Jump. Is she still able to compete in the Heptathlon?

RULING: No. A medical scratch is all-inclusive. There is no event selectivity. The same would also occur for a scratch from the Heptathlon, even though the event was not contested during the first round.

Advancement.

SITUATION: Following the conclusion of each Preliminary Championship Competition, the qualifying list for the Men's 100 Meters for the Final Championship Competition shows 24 student-athletes. These are the top twelve from each of the two Preliminary Championship Competition sites. During the period of time between the conclusion of the Preliminary Championship Competition site competition and the Final Championship Competition, the committee receives notification, before the deadline for medical scratches, that a qualifier is a medical scratch and therefore will not be competing at the Final Championship Competition. How is this position as a qualifier to the Final Championship Competition filled?

RULING: The position vacated by any type of scratch is not filled. For events contested in the Preliminary Championship Competitions, only those who earn a position in the Final Championship Competition through a qualifying round, are eligible to compete at the Final Championship Competition site and cannot be replaced. This provision is not applicable to the Heptathlon and Decathlon since these events are not contested at the Preliminary Championship Competition sites.