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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 2022 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 Championships competition sites. This manual contains four sections:

- Procedures for administrating the events at the First Round Sites of the Championships.
- Procedures for administrating the events at the Final Championships Site.
- Relay policy for the Championships; and
- Case studies, to assist coaches by reviewing and answering questions generated by situations.

This manual should be used in conjunction with the 2022 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 2021-22 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 the Championships, if questions arise prior to the start of the Championships, contact NCAA Championship Manager, Jeff Mlynski. Once the Championships begin, questions related to procedures not covered in this manual should be referred to the Games Committee at the respective site.

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## QUALIFYING FOR THE NCAA DIVISION I MEN'S AND WOMEN'S OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

### 1. Qualifying to the Championships.

Qualification to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships is accomplished through a competitor's position on the descending order performance list for the current outdoor season, segregated by east and west First Round Sites of the Championships, and prepared solely from the mandatory submission of meet results during the season and adhering to the qualifying regulations for the Championships. For each individual event contested at each of the First Round Sites of the Championships, the top forty-eight (48) declared student-athletes, per gender in each event will be accepted into the Championships. For each relay event contested at each of the First Round Sites of the Championships, the top twenty-four (24) declared relay teams, per gender in each event will be accepted into the Championships. The stated maximums are absolute and will not be extended as a result of ties.

Any descending order list ties, by performance mark, for the last position to be accepted will be resolved by examining, of those tied, the second best valid qualifying meet performance mark submitted during the current 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(s) who achieved the original tying performance mark later in the season. For a tie still not resolved, acceptance will be awarded to the competitor(s) 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 Championships in any and all events, compliance with Rule 14-2.a.b.c. "Failure to Participate," is required.

### 2. Qualifying for the Combined Events at the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

The Heptathlon and Decathlon events are not contested at the First Round Sites of the Championships. Qualification to the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field 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 for the Championships. The top twenty-four (24) declared student-athletes in each of these two events will be accepted into the Championships for competition at the Final Championships Site. Declaration for both the Heptathlon and Decathlon is completed during the one and only declaration period, which is prior to the First Rounds of the Championships. The stated maximums are absolute and will not be extended as a result of ties.

Any descending order list ties, by performance 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. Advancement from First Round Sites of the Championships to the Final Championships Site.

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

## ADMINISTRATION OF FIRST ROUND SITES OF THE CHAMPIONSHIPS

1. General Administration.

The administration of the First Round Sites of the Championships, 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(s). They will delegate duties and responsibilities, and assign other personnel as necessary to ensure the efficient and effective administration and promotion of each First Round Site of the Championships. The following shall be used for assistance in the capacities indicated:

- a. Meet Director. The meet director will be appointed by the director of athletics of the host institution at each First Round Site of the Championships.
- b. Games Committee. The three-person Games Committee at each First Round Site of the Championships, will consist of two site 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 First Round Site of the Championships and the qualifying process for the Final Championships Site.
- c. Meet Medical Doctor. The official meet medical doctor will be appointed by the host meet director at each First Round Site of the Championships 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. Referee(s). All Referee positions will be appointed by the NCAA track and field national officials assignor with approval from the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee with the authority prescribed in Rule 12-4.1.a.b.c.d.e.f.g.h. and Rule 12-4.1.c) The NCAA track and field national officials assignor with approval of the NCAA Division I Men's and Women's Track and Field and Cross Country Committee will appoint at least two referees to each of the First Round Sites of the Championships who will also serve as referees at the Final Championships 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. Competition Format for the First Round of the Championships.

- 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, differing from those printed herein, will be made no later than packet pick-up at the First Round Sites of the Championships. Tie-breaking procedures outlined in Section 2 of the First Round Sites of the Championships section of this manual will be used where applicable.
- b. The competition at each First Round Site of the Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships 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.org website.
- d. The events contested at each First Round Site of the Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships do not have nine (9) lanes. If both First Round Sites of the Championships have nine (9) 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 declared entry performance marks 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 performance 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 First Round Site of the Championships.  
See Rule 14-4-6. regarding measuring of spike length.

## 3. Lane Assignments.

- a. Unless otherwise indicated in this manual, all lanes in the first round of competition in all running events, at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 will be as follows:

\*If one or both First Round Sites of the Championships has an eight-lane track: 5, 4, 6, 3, 7, 2, 8, 1.

\*If both First Round Sites of the Championships have 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 will be as follows:

East – Indiana University:

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

West – University of Arkansas:

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

#### 4. Heats, Flights, Qualifying Procedures and Staggers.

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 First Round Site of the Championships 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 (2) rounds will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships 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 the first round.

- (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.).

Heat order will be drawn by lot in the quarter-final round.

- (4) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied at both First Round Sites of the Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (2) rounds will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships 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 the first round.

- (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.).

Heat order will be drawn by lot in the quarter-final round.

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

- (5) Standardized heat check-in times will be applied at both First Round Sites of the Championships, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (2) rounds will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, a first round and a quarter-final round.

The **first round** will consist of four (4) heats of twelve (12) 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 Championships 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 in all rounds.

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

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 (1) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, is included in the Participant Manual developed for each First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (1) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (1) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships Site.

- (2) A double-waterfall start will be used. The fastest sixteen (16) competitors, based upon their declared entry performance mark 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 mark 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 mark will be assigned to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) row of the main waterfall start across the entire width of the track and the remaining competitors will be assigned to the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) 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 mark. The competitor with the fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position one (1) on the main waterfall start. The competitor with the second-fastest (2<sup>nd</sup>) declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position two (2) on the main waterfall start, and so on through the sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark. The competitor with the seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position one (1) on the front row of the staggered waterfall start. The competitor with the eighteenth (18<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position two (2) on the front row of the staggered waterfall start and so on through the twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark.

The competitor with the twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position one (1) on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) row of the main waterfall start. The competitor with the twenty-sixth (26<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position two (2) on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) row of the main waterfall start and so on through the fortieth (40<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark. The competitor with the forty-first (41<sup>st</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position one (1) on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) row of the staggered waterfall start. The competitor with the forty-second (42<sup>nd</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark will be assigned to position two (2) on the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) row of the staggered waterfall start and so on through the forty-eighth (48<sup>th</sup>) fastest declared entry performance mark.

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

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 (1) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Participant Manual developed for each First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (1) round will be contested in each event at each First Round Site of the Championships, a first round.

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

Competitors with declared descending order list performance marks ranked thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) through forty-eighth (48<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight one (1), declared descending order list performance marks ranked twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) through thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight two (2), declared descending order list performance marks ranked thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) through twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight three (3), and declared descending order list performance marks ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight four (4).

Flights one (1) and two (2) of each event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues followed by flights three (3) and four (4) 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (1) and two (2)** must check-in not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one (1) and flight two (2) 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 (3) and four (4)** must check-in with the clerk no later than thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight three (3) and flight four (4) competitors will be escorted by clerks to their assigned competition area no later than thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event.

i. **Discus, Hammer, and Javelin.**

- (1) One (1) round will be contested in each event at each First Round Site of the Championships, a first round.

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

Competitors with declared descending order list performance marks ranked thirty-third (33<sup>rd</sup>) through forty-eighth (48<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight one (1). Competitors with declared descending order list performance marks ranked seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) through thirty-second (32<sup>nd</sup>) will be assigned to flight two (2) and declared descending order list performance marks ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixteenth (16<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight three (3).

- (3) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (4) Standardized flight check-in times will be applied at both First Round Sites of the Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (1)** must check in not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one (1) 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 (2)** must check in not later than thirty (30) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight two (2) 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 (3)** 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 (3) 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 (1) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, 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 performance marks, after tie breaking using Rule 13-2.4. and Rule 13-5.6, will qualify from the first round at each First Round Site of the Championships to the semi-final round at the Final Championships Site.

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

Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list of performance marks for each First Round Site of the Championships.

Competitors with declared descending order list performance marks ranked thirty-seventh (37<sup>th</sup>) through forty-eighth (48<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight one (1), declared descending order list performance marks ranked twenty-fifth (25<sup>th</sup>) through thirty-sixth (36<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight two (2), declared descending order list performance marks ranked thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) through twenty-fourth (24<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight three (3), and declared descending order list performance marks ranked first (1<sup>st</sup>) through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) will be assigned to flight four (4).

- (2) Flights one (1) and two (2) of the event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues followed by flights three (3) and four (4) 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

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 (1) and two (2)** must check-in not later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight one (1) and flight two (2) 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 (3) and four (4)** must check-in not later than fifteen (15) minutes after the published scheduled start time of the event. Flight three (3) and flight four (4) 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 (**1**) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, a semi-final round.

The **semi-final round** at each First Round Site of the Championships will consist of two (2)

flights of twenty-four (24) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best performance 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 First Round Site of the Championships to the final round at the Final Championships Site.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list of performance marks, alternating left to right. If this process results in two (2) 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 (1) and two (2) 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 (1) 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

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

**Flight one (1) and flight two (2)** 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 (1) and flight two (2) 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 First Round Sites of the Championships: eight (8) centimeters below the lowest declared ranked performance mark at either First Round Site of the Championships.
- (10) The increment progression on each jumping pit, for each gender, at each First Round Site of the Championships will be: three (3) increases of five (5) centimeters, followed by increases of three (3) centimeters.

#### **I. Pole Vault.**

- (1) One (1) round will be contested at each First Round Site of the Championships, a semi-final round.

The **semi-final round** at each First Round Site of the Championships will consist of two (2)



flights of twenty-four (24) competitors. The competitors with the twelve (12) best performance 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 First Round Site of the Championships to the final round at the Final Championships Site.

- (2) Flight assignment will be determined from the declared ranked descending order list of performance marks alternating left to right. If this process results in two (2) 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 (1) and two (2) 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 (1) 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 at both First Round Sites of the Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

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

**Flight one (1) and flight two (2)** 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 (1) and flight two (2) 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 First Round Sites of the Championships: twenty (20) centimeters below the lowest declared performance mark at either First Round Site of the Championships.
- (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 First Round Sites of the Championships to Final Championships Site

Running Events – In the case of a tie by reported performance mark for the final qualifying position from a First Round Site of the Championships to the Final Championships 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 Championships 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 Championships 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 Championships Site.

Horizontal Field Events – In the case of a tie by best performance mark for the final qualifying position from a First Round Site of the Championships to the Final Championships 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 broken in order to obtain a distinct twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) place.

Vertical Field Events – In the case of a tie by place for the final qualifying position from a First Round Site of the Championships to the Final Championships 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 (1<sup>st</sup>) place. This jump-off will continue until the tie is broken in order to obtain a distinct twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) 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 CHAMPIONSHIPS SITE

### 1. General Administration.

The information in the section of this manual under the heading Administration of First Round Sites of the Championships – General Administration is also applicable, where appropriate, to the Final Championships Site.

### 2. Competition Format for Final Championships 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 Championships Site, differing from those printed herein, will be made no later than packet pick-up for First Round Sites of the Championships. Tie-breaking procedures outlined in section 2 of the First Round Sites of the Championships section of this manual will be used where applicable.
- b. The Final Championships Site is 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 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.org website.
- d. Prior to the start of the Championships, 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 Championships begin, 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 for the Final Championships Site. See Rule 14-4.6. regarding measuring of spike length.

### 3. Lane Assignments.

- a. In the semi-final round at the Final Championships Site, lanes will be assigned based on a competitor's place from the applicable quarter-final round of the event held at the First Round Sites of the Championships.
- 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 (2) 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 (1) 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 First Round Site of the Championships. Rule 15-11.2c and Rule 15-11.3.b.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 (1st) and second (2nd) 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 (3rd) and fourth (4th) 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 (5th) and sixth (6th) 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 (7th) and eighth (8th) 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 Final Championships Site 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 (2) 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 (1) 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 (1st) and second (2nd) 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 (3rd) and fourth (4th) 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 (5th) and sixth (6th) 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 (7th) and eighth (8th) 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 Final Championships Site 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 (2) 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 (1) 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Site of the Championships, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of three (3) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 (1st) and second (2nd) 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 (3rd) and fourth (4th) 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 (5th) and sixth (6th) 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 (7th) and eighth (8th) 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 Final Championships Site 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 (2) 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 (1) 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 First Round Site of the Championships.

The four (4) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semifinal round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships Site, with two (2) fifth place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The two (2) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each First Round Site of the Championships, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships 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 Final Championships Site 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 (2) 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 (1) section of twelve (12) competitors.

- (2) **Heat assignments for the semi-final round** will be determined by a competitors place in the quarter-final round at each First Round Site of the Championships.

The six (6) first place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships Site, with three (3) first place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) second place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships Site, with three (3) second place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The six (6) third place finishers from the quarter-final round at the First Round Sites of the Championships, will be drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships Site, with three (3) third place finishers assigned to each of the two (2) semi-final round heats.

The three (3) next best time advancers from the quarter-final round at each First Round Site of the Championships, will be combined together and drawn by lot into one of two (2) semi-final round heats at the Final Championships Site, with three (3) of the six (6) 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 3000 Steeplechase, as detailed below. The site-specific check-in schedule, based on the event schedule, will be included in the Final Championships Site 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 (1) round will be contested in each event, a final round.

The **final round** will consist of one (1) section of twenty-four (24) 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 one-turn 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. 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.

**g. Long Jump and Triple Jump.**

- (1) One (**1**) 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 performance 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 semi-final 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 performance marks achieved during the semi-final round and final round in the competition.
- (3) Flight assignments for the **semi-final round** will be determined by a competitor's placing at each First Round Site of the Championships. Competitors placing first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) at each First Round Site of the Championships will be assigned to flight one (1) and competitors placing seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) at each First Round Site of the Championships will be assigned to flight two (2).
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.

Flights one (1) and two (2) of each event will be contested simultaneously on two (2) separate, but similar competition venues.

- (5) Competitors in **flight one (1) and flight two (2)** of the Long Jump and Triple Jump must check in with the clerk a minimum of fifty (50) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of each event. Flight one (1) and flight two (2) 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 **(1)** 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 performance 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 (1) section.

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 (1) of the Shot Put.

- (2) Scoring is determined per Rule 13-2.8, by all performance marks achieved during the semi-final round and final round in the competition.
- (3) Flight assignments for the semi-final round will be determined from a competitor placing at each First Round Site of the Championships. Competitors placing first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) at each First Round Site of the Championships will be assigned to flight one (1) and competitors placing seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) at each First Round Site of the Championships will be assigned to flight two (2).

Flights one (1) and two (2) 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 (1) and flight two (2)** of the Shot Put must check in with the clerk a minimum of fifty (50) minutes prior to the published scheduled start of the event. Flight one (1) and flight two (2) 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 (1) 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 performance 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 (1) section.

- (2) Scoring is determined per Rule 13-2.8, by all performance marks achieved during the semi-final round and final round in the competition.
- (3) Flight assignments for the semi-final round will be determined by a competitor's placing at each First Round Site of the Championships. Competitors placing seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) through twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) at each First Round Site of the Championships will be assigned to flight one (1) and competitors placing first (1<sup>st</sup>) through sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) at each First Round Site of the Championships will be assigned to flight two (2).
- (4) The competition order within each flight will be drawn by lot.
- (5) Competitors in **flight one (1)** of the Discus, Hammer, and Javelin, must check in with the clerk a minimum of fifty (50) minutes prior to the published scheduled start time of each event. Flight one (1) 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 (2)** of the Discus, Hammer and Javelin, must check in with the clerk a minimum of twenty-five (25) minutes after the published scheduled start time of each event. Flight two (2) 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 (1) round will be contested, a final round.

The **final round** will consist of one (1) section 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 twenty (20) 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 First Round Sites of the Championships have been determined and published prior to packet pickup at the Final Championships 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 (1) round will be contested, a final round.

The **final round** will consist of one (1) section 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-five (35) 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 First Round Sites of the Championships have been determined and published prior to packet pickup at the Final Championships 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.*

#### **I. 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 qualifiers' seasonal best performance mark 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** will each consist of six (6) sections of four (4) competitors using alternate lanes 2, 4, 6, 8. Hurdles will be set in all nine (9) lanes.

Sections in the **Heptathlon 100 Hurdles** will be assigned on the basis of qualifiers' seasonal best performance mark in a Heptathlon 100 Hurdles, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the four (4) fastest performance marks 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 mark in a Decathlon 110 Hurdles, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the four (4) fastest performance marks 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 qualifiers' seasonal best performance mark in a Heptathlon 200 Meters, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the eight (8) fastest performance marks 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 qualifiers' seasonal best performance mark in a Decathlon 400 Meters, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the eight (8) fastest performance marks 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 (2nd) section, and the remaining competitors will be assigned to the first section (1st).

- (2) A two (2) 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 (1) 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 (1) 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** will each consist of two (2) simultaneous sections of twelve (12) on separate, but similar competition venues.
- (2) Section assignment and competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

#### *Discus*

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

Competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

- (3) The second (2nd) section 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 section.

#### *Javelin*

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

Section one (1) of the Decathlon Javelin will consist of the competitors from section one (1) of the Decathlon Pole Vault. Section two (2) of the Decathlon Javelin will consist of the competitors from section two (2) of the Decathlon Pole Vault.

Competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

- (2) The second (2nd) section 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 section.

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

Section assignment and competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

- (4) The second (2nd) section 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 section.

### *Shot Put*

- (1) The **Decathlon Shot Put and Heptathlon Shot Put** will each consist of two (2) simultaneous sections of twelve (12) competitors on separate, but similar, competition venues.
- (2) Section one (1) of the **Decathlon Shot Put** will consist of the top twelve (12) Decathletes based on their seasonal best performance mark in a Decathlon High Jump competition, as verified by TFRRS. Section two (2) of the Decathlon Shot Put will consist of the remaining twelve (12) competitors.

Competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

- (3) Section one (1) of the **Heptathlon Shot Put** will consist of the top twelve (12) Heptathletes based on their seasonal best performance mark in a Heptathlon High Jump competition, as verified by TFRRS. Section two (2) of the Heptathlon Shot Put will consist of the remaining twelve (12) competitors.

Competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

### *High Jump*

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

*NOTE: Those competitors previously assigned to section one (1) of the Decathlon Shot Put will be the twelve (12) competitors with the twelve (12) best Decathlon High Jump performance marks.*

Sections in the **Heptathlon High Jump** will be assigned on the basis of qualifiers' seasonal best performance mark in a Heptathlon High Jump competition, as verified by TFRRS. Competitors with the twelve (12) best performance marks will be assigned to a section one (1), and the remaining twelve (12) competitors will be assigned to section two (2).

Competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.

- (3) Five-alive will not be utilized.
- (4) The Decathlon High Jump and Heptathlon High Jump each will pass one (1cm) centimeter 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 sections of twelve (12) competitors on separate, but similar, competition venues.



Section assignment will be based on the basis of a qualifiers' seasonal best performance mark in a Decathlon Pole Vault competition, as verified by TFRRS. The competitors with the top twelve (12) best performance marks will be assigned to section one (1) and a jumping pit, and the remaining twelve (12) competitors will be assigned to section two (2) and a jumping pit.

*NOTE: Those competitors previously assigned to section one (1) of the Decathlon Discus will be the twelve (12) competitors with the twelve (12) best Decathlon Pole Vault performances.*

- (2) Competition order within each section will be drawn by lot.
- (3) Five-alive will not be utilized.
- (4) The Decathlon Pole Vault will pass one (1 cm) centimeter 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 a maximum of one relay team for each relay event for their respective First Round Site of the Championships 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 First Round Sites of the Championships. At the Final Championships Competition, the relay alternates are those named and declared during packet pick-up at the Final Championships Site. A relay alternate is a student-athlete not already in the competition at the First Round Sites of the Championships 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 at the First Round of the Championships and earned a Final Championships Site qualifying position will be the 'declared' relay team for that institution at the Final Championships Site and will be the only individuals for which NCAA championships travel reimbursement will be provided. NCAA travel reimbursement will not be provided to relay alternates, even if they compete in the championships.

The place achieved by a relay team at a First Round Site of the Championships will be used as the seed place in the semi-final round at the Final Championships Site.

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 championships.

### **Breaking a tie for the last accepted position into the Championships.**

SITUATION 1: After declaration, forty-five (45) are declared for the West First Round Site of the Championships in the Men's 100 Meters with a mark of 10.48 or better. Six (6) additional are declared with a best descending order list mark of 10.49. Will all six (6) be accepted into the West First Round Site of the Championships?

RULING: No. Only forty-eight (48), total, will be accepted into the West First Round Site of the Championships. That means, only three (3) of the tying six (6) will be accepted. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) best valid qualifying meet performance mark submitted through the mandatory meet result reporting system will be examined for each of the six (6). Assume the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) best meet submissions are 10.51, 10.56, 10.57, 10.56, 10.51 and 10.63. The two (2) individuals with the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) best of 10.51 are accepted, and the tie breaking procedure continues, but only involves the two (2) individuals with submissions of 10.56. If one (1) of those had a third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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, forty-four (44) are declared for the West First Round Site of the Championships 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 (2) are declared with a submitted best meet mark of 1.76. Fifteen (15) additional are declared with a best descending order list mark of 1.75. Will all fifteen (15) be accepted into the West First Round Site of the Championships?

RULING: No. Only forty-eight (48), total, will be accepted into the West First Round Site of the Championships. That means, only two (2) of the tying fifteen (15) will be accepted. The second (2<sup>nd</sup>) best valid qualifying meet performance mark submitted through the mandatory meet result reporting

system will be examined for each of the fifteen (15). Assume that after examining the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) best qualifying meet performance mark submitted, three (3) 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 the season, in order to determine which two (2) are accepted into the West First Round Site of the Championships. If a tie still exists, it is resolved by examining the performance date of the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) mark and, if needed, the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) mark in order to eliminate one (1). If the examination of the performance date of the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) 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 Championships, 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 Championships Site?

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 Championships, 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 First Round of the Championships to have any opportunity to advance to the Final Championships Site, the student-athlete makes the effort to compete at their respective First Round Site of the Championships but does not finish in the top twelve in their event. Can the student-athlete advance to the Final Championships Site as an at-large student-athlete, using their best regular-season performance?

RULING: No. Advancement from the First Round of the Championships is only through qualifying in that individual event or events. There is no at-large pool for selection to the Final Championships Site.

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 Championships and the student-athlete does not compete. Can the student-athlete, in any way, compete at the Final Championships Site?

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 individual 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 individual 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). Note, that a medical scratch prior to the medical scratch deadline disqualifies a student-athlete from competing in ALL individual events.

### **Relay Situations.**

SITUATION 1: Of the four student-athletes listed on the Championships declaration form for the 4x100 (or 4x400) Relay, three have injuries that prevent them from competing at the First Round Site of the Championships. The coach knows the relay team cannot advance to the Final Championships Site if they do not compete and qualify at their respective First Round Site of the

Championships. 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 at the First Round of the Championships or were listed as alternates on the team's relay card during packet pick-up at their respective First Round Site of the Championships, or a Decathlon/Heptathlon student-athlete who has been previously accepted into the Championships for competition at the Final Championships Site. The four individuals who do form the relay team will become the 'declared' team for purposes of advancement to the Final Championships Site.

**SITUATION 2:** A coach uses two alternates on his qualifying 4x100 Relay in the quarterfinal round of the First Round of the Championships, and the team advances to the Final Championships Site. What team members are declared for the Final Championships Site? Who can run at the Final Championships Site?

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

**SITUATION 3:** Of the four qualifying student-athletes for the Final Championships Site 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 at the Final Championships Site?

**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 Championships Site. In addition, a substitute pool of anyone who is already in the competition, originating with the First Round Sites of the Championships, 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 quarter final 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 Championships Site?

**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 Championships competition in any and all rounds of the Championships.

**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 competition at a First Round Site of the Championships, 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 Championships Site?

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

SITUATION 2: A student-athlete is declared in the Long Jump and Heptathlon. During the competition at a First Round Site of the Championships, she qualifies in the Long Jump. During the period of time between the conclusion of the First Round of the Championships and the Final Championships, 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 competition at each First Round Site of the Championships the qualifying list for the Men's 100 Meters for the Final Championships Site shows twenty-four (24) student-athletes. These are the top twelve (12) from each of the two First Round Sites of the Championships. During the period of time between the conclusion of the First Round of the Championships and the Final Championships, 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 Championships Site. How is this position as a qualifier to the Final Championships Site filled?

RULING: The position vacated by any type of scratch is not filled. For events contested at the First Round Sites of the Championships, only those who earn a position at the Final Championships Site through a qualifying round, are eligible to compete at the Final Championships Site and cannot be replaced. This provision is not applicable to the Heptathlon and Decathlon since these events are not contested at the First Round Sites of the Championships.