



MEMORANDUM

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VIA EMAIL

TO: All NCAA Track and Field/Cross Country Officials

FROM: Mark Kostek, secretary-rules editor
NCAA Men's and Women's Track and Field Rules Committee

SUBJECT: Time Limit Clarification of Rules 8-1.2(d) & 16-1.2(d)

It has been brought to the attention of the NCAA Rules Committee that there has been some confusion regarding the event time limits in the vertical jumps.

In an effort to minimize or eliminate this issue, please implement this correction that was issued originally on January 13, 2023.

Time Limit

ARTICLE 2 a. In the throwing events, a competitor shall be charged with a foul if they do not initiate a trial within one minute after their name has been called, in addition to the event judge making a visual indication.

Note: As a guide, and in an effort to ensure all competitors in the weight throw have equal time per event, the time clock will start when the athlete steps onto the concrete pad prior to initiating their attempt

b. In the horizontal jumping events and the High Jump, a competitor shall be charged with a foul if they do not initiate a trial within one minute after the pit, crossbar or standards have been prepared or set, and after their name has been called, in addition to the event judge making a visual indication.

c. In the Pole Vault, a competitor shall be charged with a foul if they do not initiate a trial within one minute after their name has been called, in addition to the event judge making a visual indication.

d. In the High Jump and Pole Vault, when there are two or three competitors remaining in the competition at the start of a bar height ~~(or when a competitor is taking consecutive attempts at the same bar height while other competitors remain in the competition)~~, high jumpers shall have one and one half (1.5) minutes and pole vaulters shall have two minutes to initiate a trial.

When a competitor is taking consecutive attempts at the same bar height while other competitors remain in the competition, high jumpers shall have two (2) minutes and pole vaulters shall have three (3) minutes to initiate a trial.

Except for the Combined Events, after all other competitors have failed, a competitor who has won the event shall be allowed three minutes for the High Jump and five minutes for the Pole Vault to initiate a trial. One minute shall be allowed for the first trial of a competitor first entering the competition.

In the Combined Event High Jump, each competitor shall be allowed two minutes between consecutive attempts even when they are the only remaining competitor.

In the Combined Event Pole Vault, each competitor shall be allowed three minutes between consecutive attempts even when they are the only remaining competitor.

Note: The number of competitors remaining in the competition includes those who could be involved in a jump-off for first place.

e. If visible time indicators are not used, the event timer shall give a warning by raising, and holding overhead, a yellow flag for the final 15 seconds of the time allowed. When time has expired, the yellow flag shall be lowered.