**National/Master Review**

**Includes Track & Field, LDR, Para Athletics, Marshal and Combined Events Situations**

**Purpose:** Master and National level officials are expected to have a good fundamental knowledge of USATF rules. Many will serve as event head officials and will be working major championship meets where situations will arise which are not clear-cut and will require logic and common sense in dealing with unique circumstances.

Be advised that this is one of several parts that you need to complete for being certified as a National or Master level official.

Be sure to contact your Certification Chair for all requirements that need to be met.

**Instructions Use:** The Answers and Rule Numbers cited in this Review are based on the 2024 USATF Rule Book, https://www.usatf.org/governance/rule-books. Reviews may be taken online or on paper. Both versions can be found at: <https://noc.mach2k.net/> If taking the review by paper you will need to send your completed review, done on a separate sheet of paper, to your certification chair. If you take the review online results of non-open ended questions will be sent to you and your certification chair. Your certification chair will review the open ended questions and return final results to you.

From this list of situations, **National** level officials should answer a minimum **Five** (**5**) questions and **Master** level officials should answer a minimum **Eight (8)** questions.

Starters should answer **at least one** “Starter” question. Your Certification Chair may have specific situations for you to answer or require more than the minimum.

Be sure to check with your Certification Chair prior to submitting this review. Certification Chairs have the option of administering this review orally.

**Suggestions:** This review may be answered individually or in a group setting.

Taking the Review in a group setting allows for open discussion gaining viewpoints of others.

**Important Notes:** 1) Be sure to include rule references that you use to come to your conclusion.

2) You may find it useful to download the [World Athletic Rulebook C.1 & C.2](https://worldathletics.org/about-iaaf/documents/book-of-rules) and the [Marshal Best Practices](https://www.flipsnack.com/USATF/marshaling/full-view.html).

**Evaluation:** Your Certification Chair will review your answers and may ask you to do further research into one or more of your answers.

**Point Totals:** National Level 5 points each question for a total of 25 points. **21 points** to pass.

Master Level 5 points each question for a total of 40 points. **36 points** to pass.

1) (Throws) A: What is an efficient way to create a javelin sector? B: Is it true that the javelin runway shall be 33.5 meters long?

2) (Vertical Jumps) Youth athletes in the HJ or PV want to: A . Use a shoe for a marker. B. Use 3 to 4 pieces of tape to assist them with their approach to the bar. C. As an official what are your options and what would you communicate to the athlete(s)?

3) (Race Walk) A. When a red card is issued whom shall the card be given to for recording in a Race Walk event? B. Are there any backup officials that red cards can be given to? C. What happens if three different judges have red cards on the same athlete?

4) (Weight Throw) While observing various weight implements before the competition, you notice: A. One of the implements has a round handle. B. One implement has what appears to be a hammer handle. C. One implement handle has no permanent connection point.

5) (Throws) An athlete approaches you with an implement that has already been inspected and approved and wishes to make a minor adjustment to the harness and/or the connection.

6) (Throws) When you are checking the venue for throws for the circle, you notice the lines extending outside the ring are worn off and need repainting. Without paint and enough time, you put white tape in its place, extending out from the ring. A. Where do you put the lines? B. During the competition, the athlete is exiting the ring with his right foot planted in the back half of the ring. While walking out, his first step with his left foot outside the ring lands in front of the extended lines (towards the sector). The judge calls an exit foul, the athlete (or coach) protests. How do you handle this?

7) (Throws) You are head official for the shot put. You checked the tape on each of the athletes to make sure all their heavily taped fingers worked independently of each other and are not taped together. All athletes checked out legally except for one who said that they had a medical condition that required him to tape three (3) of his fingers together. His coach comes to you with the same information, pleading for permission to tape his fingers together. How do you handle this situation?

8) (Para Starter) You notice an ambulatory visually impaired (T-11) athlete not using starting blocks in the 200m. A. As a starter (or recall) what instructions should you relay to the athlete? B. Would you allow the athlete to compete or not? Explain your answer. C. What could you do (or not) to help assist this athlete to compete in the 200m?

9) (Youth Para Program) A. In an attempt to finish a track meet due to darkness and/or weather conditions, meet management wants to combine wheelchair athletes with ambulatory athletes in the same race as long as the wheelchair athletes are placed in the outside lanes. How would you respond to this action?

10) (Lap Scorer) You are in charge of 7 appointed lap scorers for a 10K road race that will have 43 athletes running in the event. A. How will you assign your scorers to the athlete? B. How will you handle the final lap for each athlete? C. How would you handle the situation if one of your lap scorers needs to leave in the middle of the race due to a family emergency?

11) (Umpire) You are the head umpire responsible for 5 assigned umpires. A. What instructions would you give your umpires in how to correctly fill out the infraction/violation forms? B. Would you allow your umpires to be responsible for technique rules in any Race Walk events?

12) (LDR) At a large LDR competition, meet management wishes to use finish line tape for the winner of each competition. A. How would you have the individuals (And tape) placed at the finish line? B. What issues could come up and should you be mindful of at the finish line?

13) (LDR) A. How would you ensure that the course markings are accurately marked, safe, and communicated to the organizing body? B. If you had a limited number of Umpires, where would you place them on the course to provide the best observation, and why? C. How would you handle the course if a portion of it was close to a busy intersection?

14) (Marshal) A. The athlete/officials access gate to the track is 5 meters into the turn, just past the common finish line. As the Marshal, how would you handle this logistic issue? B. Who is responsible for monitoring an athlete’s trip to the restroom in the middle of their competition?

15) (Marshal) Spectators are lined up along a 36” high fence, adjacent to lane 9, for the 100m and 110m hurdle races. The fence is anchored into an 8” curb that is 12” outside of lane 9. There is a 3 or 4 person start team for these races. Crowd control is currently an issue. What are the options?

**1**6) (Starter) In a long-distance race that is using a waterfall start, several athletes lunge forward after the starter says “On your Marks” before firing the starting pistol. A. How would you and your recall starters handle this situation? B. What options do you have?

17) (Starter) A. An athlete in the 100m raises his hand to abort the start after the command “Set” has been issued to the field. As the starter or recall, what are your options? B. If the athlete does not provide a valid reason to the Starter for their actions what are your options? C. If the same athlete raises his hand or stands up a second time, what are your options?

18) (Wind Gauge) What are your responsibilities as a wind gauge operator? A. Where do you place the gauge next to the track.? B. Where do you place the gauge next to the Long Jump/Triple Jump runway? C. What would your concerns be if there is a heavy crosswind? D. When do you start the gauge during the 200m?

19) (Verticals) How would you rule the following situations in the High Jump? A. After a cleared height, the athlete exits the pit and helps to steady the bar. B. After a cleared height and the athlete exits the pit, the bar falls from the uprights. C. During an attempted height, the athlete aborts his jump and runs through the take-off area but does not cross the plain of the bar. He has ten seconds left for his attempt.

20) (Verticals) How would you rule the following situations in the Pole Vault? A. During an attempt, the pole is properly planted in the box, and the bent pole touches the vaulting pad. B. During an attempt, the vaulter runs outside the white lines marking the runway. C. During an attempt, the pole is broken. D. During a cleared attempt the pole hits the standard causing the crossbar to fall.

21) (Verticals) A. For the indoor High Jump, numerous athletes need to use the banking of the oval track for their approach. B. Masters Pole Vault: an athlete clears the bar but does no release the pole while standing in the pit.

22) (Horizontals) How would you handle the following? A. During a jump attempt, the athlete’s shoe is halfway outside of the take-off board. B. The entire shoe is outside the take-off board. C. During a triple jump phase, their shoe scrapes the ground (sleeping leg). D. The athlete jumps before reaching the board.

23) Youth Athletics- How would you handle the following? A. A High Jump athlete needs assistance in placing their marks before the competition. B. How many marks is the athlete allowed to use and what size mark is allowed? C. The individual that is providing assistance to their athlete does not have a field-of-play credential.

24) (Umpire) How should you handle these situations? A. You observe that a competitor has run in a lane other than the assigned lane. B. A relay baton has been passed outside the exchange zone

25) (Umpire) A. Describe the duties of the Chief Umpire. B. Describe the duties of the umpire.

26) (Clerk/Call Room) How would you handle these situations? A. Additional competitors wish to be added to heats after the first round of competitors are ready to start in the first round and has been designated by the number to compete in each heat as well as qualifiers for the next round.

27) (Clerk/Call Room) What are the responsibilities of the Clerk of Course?

28) (Combined Events) For masters combined events, how do you place two or more athletes that achieve an equal number of points for any place in the competition?

29) (Combined Events) How would you handle these situations?

A. If hand timing is being used.

B. What is the time period between the first and second day of competition?

C. How would you run the Throws Pentathlon? How many days?