**Combined Events  
For Coordinators and Referees   
(Grades 1 & 2)**   
**Certification Rules Review  
Purpose:** This is NOT A TEST. It's a REVIEW. It's meant to make you familiar with the Rule Book, what's in it and how it's set up. It evaluates your ability to read a rule and correctly interpret it. To save you a significant amount of time, the specific rule numbers are given. Hopefully, after taking the Review, you will feel that you are a much more knowledgeable official.

**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 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.

**Suggestions:** 1) Taking the Review in a group setting that allows open discussion or with other officials is encouraged. 2) New and less experienced officials should try to work with a "mentoring" official. 3) "Specialty" officials who mainly work in the same areas at most meets should take the review with other officials, benefit from shared experiences and the knowledge of all.

**Important Notes:** 1.) Be sure to read the rule that is referenced carefully, just one word may make the difference in a question or answer choice. 2.) Don't "over read." Take the questions at face value. Don't think "but what if …". The questions are not meant to trick anyone.

**Scoring: 42Combined Events Coordinator:** **(and NOT a Referee)** – Complete questions # 1 thru # 23. Maximum score = 62. **Minimum Passing Score** - **Grade 1** (50 points), Grade **2** (56 points)

**Combined Events Referee:**  – Complete all questions - #1 thru # 27. Maximum score = 82.

**Minimum Passing Score** - **Grade 1** - (66 points), **Grade 2** – (74 points)

# PART I – Multiple Choice Questions (Total: 12 points)

**Six questions, each worth 2 points –**

1. In the Combined Events Vertical Jumps, a competitor shall be given \_\_\_ minute(s) in the high jump and \_\_\_\_ minute(s) in the pole vault between consecutive jumps even if he or she is the only competitor remaining in the competition. Rule 180

A. 1 & 1

B. 2 & 3

1. 4 & 5
2. 3 & 5
3. 1.5 & 2

2. The height of the 80m hurdles for the 11-12 girls pentathlon is: Rule 302

A. 30 inches

B. 33 inches

C. 35 inches

D. 36 inches

E. 39 inches

3. An athlete in a decathlon throws the discus 42.74m. The following **WA Scoring Table** can be found on the NOC website. How many points would this athlete receive? \_\_\_\_\_

Performance Points

A. 42.80 722 B. 42.75 721

C. 42.70 720

D. 42.65 719

4. In the Combined Events competitions, if there are \_\_\_ or more competitors, it is recommended that more than one facility be used for field events. Rule 200

A. 14

1. 15
2. 16
3. 17

5. In the Combined Event Women’s Heptathlon, there is a false start in the 200. What card is shown to the athlete who committed the false start? Rule 200

A. Green

B. Red Diagonal

C. Yellow / Black Diagonal Halved

D. Yellow

6. The order of the Indoor Men’s Heptathlon first day events is: Rule 223

1. 60m Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, Shot Put
2. 60m, High Jump, Long Jump, Shot Put
3. 60m Hurdles, Shot put, Long Jump, High jump
4. 60m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump

# PART II – True/False Questions (Total: 20 points)

**10 questions, each worth 2**

7 .The first false start in the Combined Events will be charged to the field. A subsequent false start in that event by any competitor results in a disqualification. Rule 200

True / False

8. The incremental increase in the Combined High Jump and Pole Vault in Open Men's and Women's Track and Field Championships shall be uniform throughout the competition at 3cm and 10cm, respectively. Rule 200

True / False

9. Preferably five or more, and never less than three competitors shall be placed in a heat or flight. Rule 200

True / False

10. If more than one field event flight is warranted in a Combined Event, the athletes must be split on a random basis as determined by either the Combined Event Referee or games committee. Rule 200.5b

True / False

11. Although it is recommended that there be at least 30 minutes between the events during combined events competitions, only the referee can change this. Rule 200

True / False

12. There is no way to break a tie in a Combined Events in Masters Competition Rules 332

True / False

13. The order of events in the **USATF Youth** 13-14 boys’ pentathlon are 100m Hurdles, Shot Put, High Jump, Long Jump, and 1500m. Rule 301

True / False

14. The order of events for the **USATF** **Masters** **Women’s o**utdoor Pentathlon is Long Jump, Javelin Throw, 200m, Discus Throw, and 1500m. Rules 200 and 331

True / False

15. If the Combined Events competition is held for a longer period than defined in Rules 200.1 and 200.2, then a Combined Events points record cannot be claimed. Rule 200

True / False

16. All **USATF** decathlons – open men and women, youth and masters – have the same order of events. Rules 200, 302 and 331

True / False

# PART III – Situational Essays (Total: 30 points)

6 **questions, each worth 5 points. Answers must be forwarded to your certification chair.**

**Note:** The essay questions below reflect complex situations that have several things to consider. Be certain to address such things as: What information do you need, who would you talk to, and what questions would you ask? What rules are pertinent to the situation? What are possible options to remedy the situation? What option would you select and why?

1. A **USATF** competitor in the Heptathlon reports for the 200m at the end of the first day but only takes one step out of the blocks. Is she allowed to compete in the long jump the next day? How is the 200m scored? (**5 points**)

1. In the first round of the decathlon discus an athlete pulls a leg muscle and so passes the rest of his throws and goes to get medical attention. He does not return until the high jump has started. He never checked in but does arrive before he is called to jump. Should he be allowed to continue or has he abandoned the competition? What proactive steps might you take as coordinator? If the jumps at the starting height have been completed, does that make any difference in your decision? (**5 points)**

1. During a **USATF** decathlon pole vault, only one athlete cleared 4.70m. You discover that the head judge has allowed the athlete to choose his own height since he was the only athlete remaining in the competition. He chose to go up by 5cm, making 4.75m but missing at 4.80m. What are the issues involved with this scenario? What can be done to resolve it? What could have been done to prevent it? (**5 points**)
2. Fill in the table below showing the time allowed for combined events. What is the time limit for each situation? (**5 points**)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Number of athletes in**  **competition at start of a height** |  | **USATF High Jump** | **USATF Pole Vault** | **USATF**  **Long Jump**  **& Throws** |
| **More than 3** |  |  |  |  |
| **2-3** |  |  |  |  |
| **1** |  |  |  |  |
| **Consecutive Attempts** |  |  |  |  |

1. At the end of a decathlon competition you have two athletes with identical scores of 8160 in a non-master event. The following table shows their scores in each event. Who should get the higher place? Give your reasons why. Now score the event as a Master event. Who gets the high place. (**5 points**)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Event** | **Athlete A** | **Place** | **Athlete B** | **Place** |
| **100m** | 874 | 3 | 838 | 7 |
| **Long Jump** | 863 | 4 | 932 | 1 |
| **Shot Put** | 820 | 8 | 849 | 5 |
| **High Jump** | 794 | 4 | 705 | 8 |
| **400m** | 830 | 7 | 850 | 5 |
| **110m Hurdles** | 930 | 1 | 874 | 9 |
| **Discus** | 707 | 11 | 849 | 3 |
| **Pole Vault** | 728 | 9 | 649 | 11 |
| **Javelin** | 795 | 7 | 836 | 1 |
| **1500m** | 817 | 4 | 778 | 8 |
| **Total** | 8160 |  | 8160 |  |

22. How could you obtain the opening heights for High Jump and Pole Vault competition in the Combined events? Consider the athletes Master’s Women, Open Men and Youth Pentathlon. (3 points)

1. After the javelin throw in the heptathlon at a Championship meet, the scores are as follows. You are to run two heats of the 800 meters. The top eight places score. How would you divide the heats and why? Which heat would run first? What kind of start would you utilize? (**5 points**)

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Place After Javelin** | **Competitor** | **Score** |
| **1** | Avery Agnew | 5476 |
| **2** | Betsy Bigelow | 5373 |
| **3** | Cathy Chisholm | 5236 |
| **4** | Dorothy Dalton | 5113 |
| **5** | Elizabeth Eaton | 5074 |
| **6** | Frances Finley | 5016 |
| **7** | Gretchen Green | 4995 |
| **8** | Heather Hailey | 4968 |
| **9** | Ingrid Ingram | 4952 |
| **10** | Janet Jamison | 4884 |
| **11** | Karen Keating | 4866 |
| **12** | Lauren Leslie | 4816 |
| **13** | Megan Morgan | 4757 |
| **14** | Norah Nelson | 4727 |
| **15** | Olivia Olsen | 4700 |
| **16** | Paige Patterson | 4686 |
| **17** | Rachel Russell | 4645 |
| **18** | Sarah Smith | 4641 |
| **19** | Tammy Thompson | 4594 |
| **20** | Ursula Unger | 4581 |
| **21** | Violet Valentine | 4539 |
| **22** | Wanda Williams | 4433 |
| **23** | Yolanda Young | 4329 |

**This concludes the** **Combined Event Coordinator Review**.

**Combined Events Referee Review – Continue through the end of the test (#25).**

# PART V – Referee Situational Essays (Total: 20 points)

**You must complete the following 4 questions, each worth 5 points. Answers must be forwarded to your certification chair**

24. As you complete the high jump on the first day of the decathlon, you receive a report that a thunderstorm will arrive at the stadium in about 25 minutes and is expected to last for over an hour. What options are available for running the 400m? What option do you feel is best and why? What arrangements would need to be made to make this happen in the meet? (**5 points**)

*25.* Competitor “A” is not at the venue warming up.  The event begins and Competitor “A” is listed 4th on the Flight Sheet.  In the 1st Round, Competitor #5 has just completed their attempt.  Competitor “A” arrives and reports to the Head Event Jud*ge.****The head Event Judge looks to you for guidance. (5 points)***

26. An athlete is entered in the decathlon and open high jump. The decathlon long jump and open high jump are in competition at the same time. During the long jump, the athlete asks head long jump judge to jump one spot ahead of his scheduled spot because he will be up soon in the high jump. The judge agrees, and the athlete makes his long jump attempt, which is his best attempt of the competition. Did the head judge handle this situation correctly? If not, what are your options as the referee? (**5 points**)

27. At the National U-20 Outdoor Championship, the Combined Events Javelin is contested in two (2) flights. Electronic measurement is utilized in Flight #1, but as Flight #2 begins, the electronic measurement becomes inoperable and there is no back-up system.  **What should you do? (5 points)**