

USATF OFFICIALS BEST PRACTICES

TIME LIMITS - FIELD EVENTS (minutes)

Event	Rules	Event Type	Total # of Athletes Remaining at the Start of a Height or Round ¹			Consecutive Attempts	1st Attempt in the Competition	Notes
			4 or More	2 or 3	1			
High Jump	USATF	Individual	1	1.5	3 [#]	2	1	1. Athletes remaining in competition include those who could be involved in a 1st place jump-off * "1 remaining" applies only if the athlete has <u>won</u> the competition ** 1st attempt at new bar height <u>is not</u> "consecutive" # Add one minute if athlete has won the competition <u>and</u> is attempting a World Record or record relevant to the competition NA -- Not addressed All events - Athletes may pass an attempt before, but not after, the start of their time limit
		Combined	1	1.5	2	2	1	
		Masters	1	1.5	3	2	1	
		Youth	1	1.5	3	2	1	
	NCAA	Individual	1	1.5	3*	2**	1	
		Combined	1	1.5	2	2	1	
NFHS	All	1	3	5*	2	NA		
Pole Vault	USATF	Individual	1	2	5 [#]	3	1	
		Combined	1	2	3	3	1	
	NCAA	Individual	1	2	5*	3**	1	
		Combined	1	2	3	3	1	
	NFHS	All	1	3	5*	3	NA	
	Throws & Horizontals	USATF	Masters	1	1	1	2	1
All Other			1	1	1	2	1	
NCAA		All	1	1	1	2	1	
			1	1	1	2	NA	

ABSENCE FROM COMPETITION - FIELD EVENTS

If an Athlete has been Excused	And the Event is	And the Rules are	And you're Conducting	Then the Head Official Shall	
No	Any	USATF	Prelims or	Call athlete "Up" in order, allow time to expire, record a "Pass"(180.10c)	
		NCAA & NFHS	Finals	Call athlete "Up" in order, allow time to expire, record a failure or miss (8-1.2.c; 16-	
Yes	Vertical Jumps	USATF & NCAA	Finals	Allow attempts out of order or in succession. If not present for a trial before the bar is raised, call the athlete "Up" in order, allow time to expire, & record a "Pass". Competition continues in the excused athlete's absence, and they shall compete at the existing height upon their return, being allowed the number of attempts they had remaining when excused. Youth: same as above plus Games Committee sets time limits for excused athletes. (180.10.a/c & 302.5; 8-1.3.b & 16-1.3.b)	
				NFHS	Allow attempts out of order, including in succession. Excuse the athlete for the time limit set by the Games Committee; do not call the athlete "Up" while excused. If the authorized absence time has expired, record a "Pass" for remaining attempts; then raise the bar or close and score the event. (6.2.3b)
		USATF		Open & Masters	Allow an attempt out of the regular order for one round at a time (but no more than one attempt in any round). If not present for a trial, call the athlete "up", allow time to expire, and record a "Pass" (180.9.a/c; 180.4.a)
				Youth	Allow attempts out of order/in succession before excusal or after return. Athlete must return before conclusion of all other prelim. attempts if excused during prelims, or before conclusion of all other final attempts if excused during finals; if not, trials are forfeited and the prelims or finals are closed. (302.5.o)
	Throws or Horizontal Jumps	NCAA		Prelims	Allow attempts out of order or in succession within the designated flight (reassignment to another flight is not allowed). If not present for a trial after all others are complete, call athlete "up", allow time to expire, record a "Pass" for remaining attempts, & close prelims for that flight or close event (8-1.3.a, 16-1.3.a)
				Finals	Call the athlete "up" in order, allow time to expire, & record a "Pass." There are no excusals during finals; athletes leave the venue at their own risk. (8-1.3.a, 16-1.3.a)
		NFHS		Prelims or Finals	Allow attempts out of order, including in succession. Excuse the athlete for the authorized time limit set by the Games Committee. If the absence time has expired, call the athlete "up", allow time to expire, and record a "Pass" for remaining attempts; then close the prelims and set up the finals, or close the finals and score the event. (6.2.5/9/10/11 & 7.2.12/13/14)
	If an athlete does not report prior to the 1st athlete's attempt in the competition	Any Open Field Event	USATF	Prelims or Finals	Allow the athlete to compete, but with no warm-ups at the venue. May take remaining trials, but not trials missed. May not compete in throws or horiz. jumps if arrival is after completion of prelims. In vertical jumps may take trials at the height of the bar at the time of arrival. (180.10.a,b)
			NCAA, NFHS		Not allow the athlete to compete (NCAA 5.2.2 & 13-2.2; NFHS 4.1.3)
Combined Events		All	See info directly above. Call athlete up, allow time to expire & record a Pass. After 3 consecutive passes - athlete has abandoned competition & may not compete in any following C.E. events; notify Referee (200.8; 4.2.2c)		