

## Wednesdays 2026 State T/F Officials Guide/Agenda

### at SF-HW Press Box-Coaches Level at 6:00 – Welcome Event Judges

- I. Welcome, intro, & pre-agenda from Randy, Kristina, Aaron, Dan, (SDHSAA) Casey, (HW) exchange phone numbers, Tim's cell = 605-203-1754
- II. This is the main agenda for our meeting – Randy will utilize his computer and display screen throughout... I will have mine as well
- III. Listed within this document are some track and field reference points/rules, use as needed
- IV. Wear your SDHSAA wt. polos, orange hat from Randy, officials'/puddy/black jacket/black vest (T-S if chilly) – not the volunteer hat
  - a. 3-day pants attire: **Khaki Thursday, Gray Friday, and Black Saturday** – Randy is providing a specific **Orange SDHSAA Officials hat**
  - b. Warning is at our coaches meeting for competitors' uniforms – no stocking hats or earmuffs
  - c. We are NOT going to disqualify for jerseys not tucked in and shorts rolled in or out. Preventative officiating should be the ordinance for all running/field events officials, event judges, and volunteers at the start line
  - d. Inhaler – if used during competition must have a physician's statement, not prescription
    - i. I will have Bob pick up the statements at the coaches meeting and have the coach write what events the athlete is in
  - e. Coaches Box vs Athletes only area, 1-per coach team, 2 boxes = still 1 coach, athlete comes to coach (cannot cause "undue delay")
    - i. Athlete/Coach can view electronic devices in this area. Refer to #16 of my pre-coaches meeting docs (**Meta AI glasses illegal**)
  - f. Headbands of any kind are OK unless objectionable, headband can be over ears, and can have tails. Durags are legal.
  - g. Team Deduction – 1-point for athlete wearing the wrong number, no number, coaches conduct, coach on the infield without permission, if a coach coaches both boys and girls, the 1-point deduction comes off the team where and when the infraction occurred. If an athlete shows up at an event without a number, officials will not deny them to compete, however, if so, this is a 1-point team deduction because they are not wearing their assigned competitor number.
    - i. Athlete competing in both PV and HJ (same time), competitive # will be on the back for both events (includes track as well)
  - h. Starters – go over (rule book 5.7-14, and case book starts) – **Jason/Jim Dorman will/are invited to attend this meeting as well**
    - i. FAT at site and can run both ways. 200m **can be** reversed at the SDHSAA State Meet. No recalls
    - ii. Meet Referee/Field Referees will utilize handheld anemometers..... consistent 8 MPH to change directions. 15-minute decision time needed to change. Meet Director, Games Committee and Meet Referee will make this decision on the track and field. Field Referees will help make decisions for their specific event.
  - i. Head Umpire – run umpire meetings at Meile cabin with Curve/Zone Officials & Meet Referee. We want all Officials, umpires, inspectors to be on the same page. Umpire meeting times are, Thursday at 10:30, Friday 9:00 and Saturday 9:30
    - i. Yellow Flag... ask what happened, hammer home hurdle rule and the 30-meter relay exchange zone
    - ii. You personally go to the yellows, group up all umpires that saw the infraction, determine, if so, if we have a DQ
  - j. Adverse weather = Follow provided protocol, 30-minute rule – we will discuss the forecast for Th-F-Sat
  - k. Pre-Meet Coaches Meeting - all SDHSAA paid officials must attend. #1 - **Wednesday** 7:30pm at NE grandstands, #2 - Thursday at 9:30am at NE grandstands. **Thursday** - field events start at 10:30 and running at 11:00. **Friday** no need for a coaches meeting, field events start at 9:00, running events at 9:30. **Saturday** no need for a coaches meeting, field events start at 9:00 and running at 10:00
    - i. Officials should be present at venue: Wednesday = 5:45pm, Thursday = 8:30am, Friday = 7:30am, Saturday = 7:30am. Or sooner... (decisions need to be made so Casey/Crew can have his people set up events and get track ready for the day.
  - l. FAT, know procedure at site "NO TIES", rule 3.8 of rule book. Erik and I will take care of this...
  - m. Reversing races and/or field events, make sure you know the procedure/process. **200m can be reversed at State meet if appropriate**
  - n. Head Field Referees and Judges must check event prelims and finals for accuracy, rule 6.2.19 sit-B in casebook, 4.7.1,2,3 in the rule book, both very important), sign off with signature and time event ended...don't miss anyone, take 9 + ties for 9<sup>th</sup>... so maybe 10?
- V. Go Over Coaches Packet – link provided <https://sodakhsaa.wpenginepowered.com/activity/track-field-championships/>
  - a. No number or wrong number is 1 pt. team deduction, refer to item "g" above
  - b. Meet Referee must get a written note from the official that witnessed the infraction for a coaches 1 pt. deduction
    - i. Meet Referee meet with a coach if requested at Runners Check-In Site, West entrance of the HW Field House – Jim D's area
  - c. Meet Referee can view a FAT photo review, coach can only see it after the meet is over with Meet Referee, no other videos should be viewed by any official to make a ruling or decision, utilize meet management video only (this meet or any SDHSAA meet)
  - d. Know the diff between ties in finals/prelims. 2.2.1-4 also 5.8.1-4 or 6.3.1-4 of rule book
    - i. Note: Casebook 5.5.6 situation A-C
  - e. Starting heights – should be on event sheet along with progression to finish and records provided (follow state formula)
    - i. (PV-HJ) Height will be determined by taking the 12th place qualifiers height and subtract 3 inches (PV) 1 inch (HJ) from that 12th place qualifier in **each class each year** to designate the starting height for the State Track Meet
  - f. Verify all records, HJ/PV measure first, rest of field events measure after throw/jump
- VI. All officials review HFHS rulebooks (3), SDHSAA Track and Field Website and all links within this doc
- VII. Reference the remaining materials/documents as needed
  - a. My Pre-Meet Coaches Document
  - b. HW/Conference/Region/ State Meet Points of Emphasis and pic collection
  - c. Caspers Clarifications: Pics, links and others from group
- VIII. Answer any questions or concerns from Officials, Meet Director, Event Judges, and SDHSAA Office Staff and Workers
- IX. Split up into groups: Starters, Steve will take the lead                      Referees/Umpires/Judges Mark and JD will take the lead

## Specific Officials Responsibilities:

Note: Games Committee decision on approved markers along with warm up/ hurdle time on the track and for field events

SDHSAA=Track/Field Handbook – Website - Event Links - RB = NFHS Rules Book - CB = NFHS Case Book - OM = NFHS Officials Manual

- **6 Starters** Marc M. AA Girls, Eric F. AA Boys, Robert K. A Girls, Steve C. A Boys, Randy T. B Girls, Bob M. B Boys
  - a. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for Starters (Starters check for AI Glasses)
  - b. Section 3.6 RB
  - c. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility
  - d. Review OM
- **1 Head Meet Referee** – Tim C, Responsible for ALL track and field competition
  - a. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for Referee
  - b. Section 3.4, 3.19 RB
  - c. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility
  - d. Review OM
- **1 Assistant Referee/Head Umpire** – Mark W, Responsible to Meet Referee and all track competition
  - a. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for Umpire
  - b. Section 3.11 RB
  - c. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility
  - d. Review OM
- **4 Umpires - Zone/Curve:** 1) Jim A, 2) Ervin G, 3) Bo B, 4 - Finish-Tina B-Responsible to Head Umpire & all track competition
  - a. Jim, Ervin, Bo, and Tina will help Chad check/certify weight forms/poles
  - b. 4 umpires are responsible for correct hurdle placement-all directions-correct height-pull wt.-G=forward, B =backwards
  - c. <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Gh3MzVVyYir0s9ApQKVffmiHF5zxh5iD/view> = Track Markings
  - d. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rNiEa1ezv\\_u1AAhSXouGwt6e-KOGHzFR/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rNiEa1ezv_u1AAhSXouGwt6e-KOGHzFR/view) = Hurdle Information
  - e. Tina – responsible for notifying starters track is ready, 20-meter common green fronts/ends, lap-bell (assign helpers)
  - f. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for Umpire, Section 3.11 RB (all umpires are required to have event sheets in hand)
  - g. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility, OM as well (umpires check each lane each race)
  - h. Directly answers to Head Meet Referee for all track competition. Responsible for all umpires/inspectors, white/yellow flags, and track athletes on the track during competition. Basically, all track goings-on
- **1 Throwing Referee/Head Field Referee much like HW** – JD E, Responsible for Shot Put, Discus, and Javelin
  - a. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for shot put, discus, and javelin
  - b. Section 3.10 and 3.19, all of rule 6 RB
  - c. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility
  - d. Review OM Note: Check/Approve uniforms and shoes/spikes before each flight/event
- **1 Horizontal Referee** – Bob D, Responsible for Long Jump and Triple Jump
  - a. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for long jump and triple jump
  - b. Section 3.10 and 3.19, all of rule 6 RB
  - c. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility
  - d. Review OM Note: Check/Approve uniforms and shoes/spikes before each flight/event
- **1 Vertical Referee** – Chad G, Responsible for High Jump and Pole Vault – pole vault competitors can weigh in at home or site day of
  - a. SDHSAA Handbook, T/F Resources for high jump and pole vault
  - b. Section 3.10 and 3.19, all of rule 6 RB Note: Check/Approve uniforms and shoes/spikes before each flight/event
  - c. Reference the CB for situational scenarios specific to your responsibility
  - d. Page 45-53 (Time Limit) error = 3 minutes for consecutive attempts – stay with 5 min. – 60-minute rule
  - e. Chad and the pole vault folks need help getting this event up and going on time (Umpires...all hands-on deck please)

**Important Field Event Information:** 1) If a competitor has the possibility of breaking a record, be at venue site and witness/verify the measurement. PV-HJ measure records before, rest measure records after. 2) All field events have specific procedures. Refer to the SDHSAA website, T/F Resources, Specific Procedures. YOU/EVENT JUDGES MUST KNOW THESE. Shot/Discus/Javelin = 1-2-3-4, 1-2-3-4, 5-6-7-8, 5-6-7-8, 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 in prelims, 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 = 3 times in finals. HJ/PV 5-Alive, TJ/LJ, order in which contestants are listed (worst to best), 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8 = 3 times in prelims, 9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 = 3 times in finals, in the throws and jumps, add #10 if there is a tie for 9<sup>th</sup> into finals, reminder, best jumper/thrower throws/jumps last, they have earned that privilege. (All day, 6, throws/jumps count for placing)

Note: Jury of Appeals - set by SDHSAA

Note: All Officials are responsible for NFHS Rulebooks (3) and SDHSAA information

## Officials Event Schedule

Take a pic of this with your phone

### Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>:

- Arrive to HW venue at 5:45pm for our 6:00-7:15pm meeting in the Press box, Coaches Level
- Attend with me the first of two coaches meeting at 7:30pm NE grandstands of HW
  - This is your time to address all coaches with specifics you have for your responsibility....

### Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast on your own – Sheraton at 7:30-8:30am
- Arrive at venue at 8:30am – help set up for the day – this is when teams arrive as well
  - Umpires help Chad certify poles and whatever is needed to get this event going on time
- Open track for warm-ups at 8:30am
- Second of two coaches meeting at 9:30 NE HW grandstands, all officials attend
  - This is your time to address all coaches with specifics you have for your responsibility....
- Umpires meeting at Meile cabin at 10:30am, #1 of #3
- Hurdle/block warm-ups at 10:20am - warm up on home stretch – all other warm ups to Scheels area
- Officiate the meet: Field Events start at 10:30 and Running Events start at 11:00
- All SDHSAA officials meeting in the Field House directly after meets end

### Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast on your own – Sheraton at 6:30-7:30am
- Arrive at venue at 7:30am – help set up for the day – this is when teams arrive as well
- Open track for warm-ups at 7:30am
- No coaches meeting needed today or tomorrow
- Umpires meeting at Meile cabin at 9:00am, #2 of #3
- Officiate the meet: Field Events start at 9:00am and Running Events start at 9:30am
- All SDHSAA officials meeting in the Field House directly after meets end

### Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>:

- Breakfast on your own – Sheraton at 6:30am – 7:30am
- Arrive at venue at 7:30am – help set up for the day – this is when teams arrive as well
- Open track for warm-ups at 7:30am
- No coaches meeting needed
- Umpires meeting at Meile cabin at 9:30am, #3 of #3
- Hurdle/block warm-ups at 9:20am - warm up on home stretch – all other warm ups to Scheels area
- Officiate the meet: Field Events start at 9:00am and Running Events start at 10:00
- All SDHSAA officials meeting in the Field House directly after the final event – wrap up – take pic
- Thanks for all your hard work – drive safe

## Important links/track information for reference:

<https://sodakhsaa.wpenginepowered.com/activity/track-field/> = NFHS and SDHSAA rules and regulations

<https://sodakhsaa.wpenginepowered.com/activity/track-field-officials/> = SDCCTFOA Website Link from the SDHSAA

<https://sodakhsaa.wpenginepowered.com/activity/track-field-championships/> = SDHSAA Championship Central

[Casper's Clarifications – SDHSAA](#) = Ongoing T/F Interpretations

<https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/SD/SiouxFalls/HowardWoodDakotaRelaysVolunteers> - very good link that provides responsibilities for all volunteers as they work a big meet

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zw9sV9GI1etxr8CAj0\\_TCbdxmFBrnWzW/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1zw9sV9GI1etxr8CAj0_TCbdxmFBrnWzW/view) = Casey's HW Pre-Meet Agenda

### Important notes to add/Rule Changes to note:

- 11 new rules apply to 2026 – Main ones...
  - 4-6-5 - permits an appropriate health care professional to evaluate a downed competitor without resulting in a DQ
  - 4-6-6c - athletes are NOT permitted to wear ANY type of audio or video device to record or transmit in a race, trial or in restricted areas. **Meta AI Glasses – discussion how to handle this rule**
  - 6-8-6 - 60-minute rule = 2 min in PV and 1 1/2 minutes in HJ
- Meta AI Glasses – Illegal
- Bedazzled running spikes/shoes – legal unless they have strings of dazzles/beads hanging on their shoes/spikes
- Fly-By handoff - <https://simplifaster.com/articles/fly-bly-exchange-revisited-relay-handoff/> - legal if done correctly, main issue is interference inside or outside of their assigned lane (interference)
- Spikes – 3/16" pyramid or smaller on runways, apron and track – mondo javelin runway – 9mm or 3/8"/Games Committee decision – check before event and random checks – give them some time to change and if they are not there within the time limit it counts as a trial
- Batons (Howard Wood Providing Batons – SDHSAA will also provide gold batons) – must be legal, reference rule 5.4.3, check at south tent staging area – illegal baton is DQ
- Outgoing runner must be **IN** (fronts) the 20-meter or 30-meter exchange zone – athlete must know this

### Coaches Adds:

- Use your phone for HW/SDHSAA-coaches info-handbook-Casper's clarification's – do your homework
- All field events are lasered
- Athletes must check in with event judge** – 20 minutes to return, after the clock expires, bar goes up or foul try
- Athlete must complete with a legal uniform – do not allow your athlete to wear warmups during competition – if you deviate from your legal school issued top and bottom, understand that opens up the possibility of illegal top or bottom = a DQ**
- Wrong # is DQ at HW or minus 1 point at SDHSAA state meet
- Remind your relay runners to never pick up another team's baton
- Unsporting/Unacceptable conduct is DQ...taunting, disrespect, throwing baton
- 800-meters or greater runner must step back from start line – 2 to 3 steps
- Batons and starting blocks provided – must use them – do not bring your own to the starting line
- Javelins must have a rubber tip
- Have your athlete refrain for using their phone/head phones/ear buds/AI glasses in the completion area/at the start/while instructions are given/when an adult is talking to them or to the group – leave their phones at the camp

### Official Adds:

- 20 minutes max to be excused from a field event – after clock expires, bar goes up or foul try
- Know your workers list and make sure all are there, if not, contact Casey/Randy
  - Meet with your event judge personally and go over all.... Insuring a well-run event with no DQ's
- Make sure your event sheets are correct and communicate all with your event judge correct protocol
- Umpires – in charge of all track surroundings and goings-on... make sure all hurdles are on the correct colors and height

- Umpires – should have a few DQ cards, however Mark will fill them out and I will sign them if we actually have a DQ
- Umpires – help where needed to make sure the field events and running events start on time
- Do not over officiate
- Be nice/polite to everyone.... everyone, especially our athletes
- You complete and do your specific job so someone else does not have to do it for you
- Listen and learn...work together...don't be a know-it-all
- Follow Howard Wood Games Committee rules/regulations and SDHSAA Games Committee rules/regulations
- Have fun and be Professional...Look Good-Feel Good-Play Good

**Other Specific Meet Notes:**